

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2014
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH

Board of Selectmen Present: O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague, and Tamra Ham.

Staff Present: Town Manager Burbank, Finance Manager, Helen Jones, and Recording Secretary Wendy Tanner.

Public Present: Jayne Ludwig, Planning Board Chairman, Pat Romprey, Librarian Carol Riley, Recreation Manager Tara Tower, Planning Board member Paula Strickon, Ivan Strickon, Mike Scala, Emily Clark.

I. WORKSESSION TO REVIEW 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board conducted a work session from 4:45-5:30pm to discuss the Selectmen's 2015 Proposed Budget.

II. CALL TO ORDER

O.J. Robinson called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meeting as amended."

Motion: Tamra Ham

Second: Patricia McTeague

All in favor.

IV. MICHAEL SCALA, U.S. SENATOR KELLY AYOTTE'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT PRESENTATION TO 250TH COMMITTEE

Paula Strickon took pictures of the presentation.

Michael Scala stated that there are a number of towns that are celebrating their 250th anniversary and Senator Ayotte tries to get out to each of these towns to commemorate the celebration.

Michael Scala read the plaque and presented it to the members of the 250th Committee.

Town of Lincoln 250th Anniversary Committee Members present: Emily Clark, Ivan Strickon, Carol Riley, Tamra Ham

250th Anniversary Committee Members absent: Deanna Huot, Cindy Lloyd, Candy Long, Alyssa Yolda

V. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Public Participation – Pat Romprey & Jayne Ludwig

Town Christmas Party

The cost of the town party was discussed. Pat Romprey said the amount of people that are invited to the Town party has expanded since the party began years ago. Mr. Romprey thought the party should only be for the year round employees and their spouses. The BOS discussed the people that are invited and there was a discussion about whether part time seasonal employees should be invited.

Town Manager Burbank stated he has heard comments from a few other people that the Town Christmas Party was excessive. Mr. Burbank explained that the cost of running the party has increased. It has been removed from the budget until a formal discussion with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee has happened.

Chair Robinson said that they have looked at less expensive alternatives to having the party and have not come up with an acceptable alternative.

Dumpsters on Pleasant Street and Lincoln Center North

Town Manager Burbank stated he had contacted Mr. Bartlett at Lincoln Center North to investigate which one of his tenants is the violator of the 6 dumpsters, Mr. Burbank is waiting to hear back. Jayne Ludwig asked about the dumpster on Pleasant Street. The police department's opinion was that the dumpster was the least non-compliant in the Town of Lincoln. If Jayne Ludwig has any further information beyond what the police department already has, Jayne can go to the police department and cite specific incidents or facts. It is the police department's job to monitor the dumpsters and they are doing so.

Town Manager's Report

The Bridge at Loon

After talking to FEMA and HEB last Friday, they understand the sense of urgency the Town of Lincoln has. Concerns involving historical and mitigation issues have been satisfied and FEMA feels strongly that this will go to the final committee this week. They also felt strongly that there would be a final approval by the deadline of Dec 15, 2014. The letters from Senators Ayotte and Shaheen were helpful. Rick Kelley put us in contact with CNL lobbyist to express the urgency of the bridge from CNL's interest.

The sign ordinance enforcement

Joe Lahout met with Town Manager Burbank last Friday and by negotiation he took down 7 signs. He expressed support for what the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen are doing regarding the Sign Ordinance. Lahout felt that the signs at the Country Clothing & Ski Shop were grandfathered and did not need to come down. He is a tenant where the signs were removed.

The Outback Kayak may appeal their violation of displayed ATV's. Their issue is they do not have a sign on Main Street and they do not get enough exposure in the shopping center.

O.J. stated that one of the items discussed at the recent Planning Board meeting was ending grandfathering of non-compliant signs. So even if they were grandfathered at one time, it may come to an end soon. An integrated sign plan is a current option to multi business locations. The mural on the side of the building at Lahout's is a wall sign and that square footage has to be within the perimeter of the sign ordinance.

Feather flags

The town of Conway has banned feather flags. There was a sound of approval to the banning of feathered flags and it was suggested that the Planning Board consider this.

Zoning Change Warrant Article

Bill Conn asked to have his property on Connector Road changed from General Residential to General Use. Peter Govoni also wants his land changed to GU. These parcels were previously GU and there is no record of a change to GR. Bill Conn has asked to put it to a Town vote and the Planning Board will consider a Zoning Change Warrant Article at the March Town Meeting.

Repurposing Facility

There was discussion about a building at the Solid Waste Facility to house re-usable goods. This would be where people recycle used goods that are in working condition. We are waiting until we hear from Woodstock.

Email from Edmond Gionet about Audacity

We received an email from Edmond Gionet about the Audacity program. The BOS does not feel the need to have verbatim Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes. If you need to research by subject you can go back and find anything in the written minutes.

Water issues culverts, streams, Forest Ridge

Three Plummer Hill Drive residents sent a letter that is in need of a response. We would need to have the legal authority to act and the Town does not have the legal authority. The Town has asked Ray Korber to look at the water coming onto Plummer Hill Drive.

Town Manager Burbank stated that Ray Korber got back to him. Ray walked that brook and as a result, found a SWPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Permit) violation at Forest Ridge because of sediment coming into that stream. Ray Korber has agreed to be the third party reviewer for that development. As a result of that review there was urgency to get the contractor to put in two settlement ponds up there last week. As Ray reviewed the SWPPP they have not put the ponds in and have already started construction. Short term it has no issues for Plummer Hill Drive. The Town cannot legally replace a culvert on private land. We can address it on town owned property only.

The Board of Selectmen sympathize with the residents of privately owned Plummer Hill Road but the BOS does not believe that the town has the legal authority to spend taxpayers money to fix the culvert and sewer pipe on this private drive.

Community Drainage

Next week we should have Ray Korber's preliminary report. In general the Town Manager will be using Ray Korber at K.B. Partners for the Town's general engineering work. He will not take on private work while he is working for the community.

The BOS went back to working the budget

Entered non public at 7:30PM. The board came out of non public at 7:55PM.

V. ADJOURNMENT

After reviewing the weekly accounts payable and with no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion.

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: O.J. Robinson Second: Tamra Ham All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Tanner

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman O.J. Robinson

Tamra Ham

Patricia McTeague