

**Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2011**

Board of Selectmen Present:

Chairman Peter Moore and Selectman O. J. Robinson

Staff Present:

Town Manager Peter Joseph and Interim Administrative Assistant Nancy Decoteau

Public Present:

Chester Kahn, Tammy Ham and Richard Thornton

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 as presented".

Motion: O.J. Robinson

Seconded: Peter Moore

All in favor.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Response to Grafton County Dispatch Service Survey

The Board reviewed a draft letter to Commissioner Raymond Burton regarding proposed changes to the financial accounting for County Dispatch Services.

The Board agreed with the language in the draft letter and requested a final copy be prepared for their signature.

General Discussion of Flood Damage Repair

Peter Joseph reviewed the status of all the projects citing that focus will now be on submitting a formal FEMA application for each project.

A general discussion with all those present followed regarding various issues associated with the projects.

Chester Kahn stated he has initiated the process with FEMA on the "Levy" and stressed his concern for mitigation to be handled swiftly.

Peter Joseph recommended a measured approach be taken to secure estimates and engineering plans from a qualified entity.

O.J. Robinson stated his agreement citing the fact that there are issues with the river channel, the base of the "Levy" and other aspects of the flooding damage that require an engineer to review and determine an appropriate plan of action.

O. J. Robinson asked regarding the clean up of debris along the riverbank.

After a brief discussion Peter Joseph stated that at this point any debris clean up the Town is responsible for will be included as part of the individual projects.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Peter Joseph reviewed his response to a request to perform maintenance on a private road. He indicated that the same issue was raised in 1996 and 2010 and that the Town is responding in the same manner.

The Board agreed that the Town should not perform any work on a private roadway.

Peter Joseph stated the structure fire at the Pemigewasset Condos in the Beechwood area of Loon Mountain on Saturday, September 17, 2011 resulted in the total loss of one unit with two adjoining units suffering major smoke and water damage. Peter Joseph stated the cause of the fire has not been determined and that no loss of life or injuries have been reported.

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Peter Joseph stated Lincoln Police responded to Woodstock to assist the Woodstock Police Department on Saturday evening, September 17, 2011 for a call that ultimately became a homicide case. Peter Joseph stated the Lincoln Police Department is not involved in the ongoing investigation.

Peter Joseph stated that the public assistance briefing with FEMA went very well on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Peter Joseph stated he expects to begin moving forward by performing site visits with the FEMA inspector assigned to handle the Town's claims. Peter Joseph stated he has a good understanding of the application process and reimbursement schedule FEMA outlined at the meeting.

After having discussions with DRA and the Town's contracted assessor, Peter Joseph recommended that two lots currently receiving separate tax bills should instead be treated as one individual lot.

The Board agreed and made the following motion:

MOTION: "To discontinue assessing Map 113 Lot 109000-00-00000 and Map 113 Lot 109000-00-00001 as two separate parcels and to assess them as one parcel as recommended by the Town's Assessor."

Motion: Peter Moore

Seconded: O. J. Robinson

All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Tammy Ham stated that the parking for the Highland Games went very well and commended those involved for doing such a good job.

Chairman Peter Moore asked for any other public input and hearing none the Board moved on.

The Board reviewed information provided by Tax Collector, Susan Whitman, requesting approval from the Board of Selectmen to update the list of approved Veterans Tax Credit recipients by removing five individuals determined to be ineligible as a result of the Department of Revenue review..

MOTION: "To update the Veterans Tax Credit recipient list as recommended by the Tax Collector."

Motion: O.J. Robinson

Seconded: Peter Moore

All in favor.

At 6:55pm the following motion was made:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: Peter Moore

Seconded: O.J. Robinson

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Decoteau

Approval Date 9 / 26 / 11


Chairman Peter Moore


Selectman O. J. Robinson