

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Deanna Huot and Selectman Patricia McTeague.

Staff: Town Manager Peter Joseph, Administrative Assistant Brook Steiner.

Members of the Public: Tamra Ham, Charlie Cook and Tara Bamford of North Country Council.

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

I. OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from February 1, 2010 and February 5, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meetings.

MOTION: Deanna Huot moved that the minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting be approved as amended. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague moved that the minutes of February 5, 2010 meeting be approved as amended. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

North Country Council Grant

Tara Bamford, Planning Director at North Country Council (NCC), appeared before the Board to propose partnering with the Town of Lincoln on a State of New Hampshire Energy Grant. She asked that the Town consider taking the lead as the applicant together with seven other partner communities in the grant application.

Ms. Bamford explained that NCC recently completed the Public Transit Plan for the region and one of the biggest recommendations of the Plan was to develop and implement a rideshare program. When NCC received notice of this energy grant which has no match requirement, Ms. Bamford thought that developing a rideshare program would be the perfect project to apply these funds to. Ms. Bamford plans to apply for \$75,000. Ms. Bamford informed the Board that NCC would handle all of the administration of the grant and that the Town would not have to do anything other than serve as a pass through for the money.

The Board had some questions regarding the necessity of a rideshare and what the potential grant funding would provide to the North Country. Ms. Bamford explained that she had developed the award winning, very successful Upper Valley Rideshare in Vermont which has become the model for this rideshare program. It is basically a

computerized carpool matching service for commuters. If awarded this funding, NCC would like to form North Country Rideshare, develop the program and then spin it off to the local transit programs. She added that NCC was recently awarded a transit grant for the initial steps which include developing a pilot program and commencing community outreach. Ms. Bamford explained that she does not think people in the North Country will sign up for a rideshare unless it has a local feel to it with ride sharing to local places. She added that NCC will do outreach in Campton, Lincoln, Sugar Hill, Franconia, Carroll, Woodstock and Bethlehem. NCC will host community events to sign people up for rideshare. They also plan to examine commuting patterns in the North Country and to even be on site where people work to sign them up.

Peter Joseph commented that the Town of Lincoln has to send many individuals that do not have a means of transportation to Littleton to the human services and health agencies to sign up for services. A rideshare program would really help these people out.

Ms. Bamford advised the Board that grant awards will be determined by whichever community's project incurs the greatest cost savings. She had a conservative estimate of a 2% cost savings or approximately \$132,000 just in gasoline.

Tamra Ham questioned whether there were any conditions to this grant award as most grants are awarded with stipulations. Ms. Bamford did not know of any conditions but stated that the Town should thoroughly review the grant to ensure that there are no unacceptable conditions. She added that if there were, NCC would not enter into the contract.

The Board agreed that North Country Rideshare sounded like a quality project and had no objection to the Town acting as the lead applicant. The Town Manager will work with NCC to finalize the paperwork.

Petition-

Tamra Ham advised the Board that she was told by the SAU that the petition she submitted was not valid and she was told she needed 219 signatures even though at the time she inquired about a petition, the SAU told her that she only needed 25 signatures. She explained that at this late hour, it would be impossible to come up with that many additional signatures. Charlie Cook suggested preparing a new petition and getting everyone at town meeting to sign it. She could then submit it right away for next year. Tamra Ham thought this was a good idea.

There was further discussion regarding having two petitions, one to request a special meeting of the School Board and the other as a special petition to discuss the apportionment of the School Board. Peter Moore explained that the advantage of a special meeting is that it could change the composition of the School Board in 2011 as opposed to waiting until the annual meeting which wouldn't change the composition until 2012. The Board supported Ms. Ham moving forward with the petition.

Charlie Cook offered to come up with some graphics to include in the Board of Selectmen's Annual Report relating to the school contributions issue. The Board thought this was a good idea and thanked Mr. Cook and Ms. Ham for their contributions regarding this matter.

Update on Statewide Education Property Tax

Peter Joseph informed the Board that there was another statewide education property tax hearing on two senate bills. The first being the, "Republican" bill to extend the current funding formula for two years and the second being the, "Democratic" bill to extend the formula three more years. Both bills would have the same effect on donor towns. Most communities are not in favor of the legislation for their own various reasons but there is no alternative at this point. Peter Joseph explained the bills in depth to the Board. This will be voted on February 10, 2010. Peter Moore asked that Peter Joseph please keep the Board informed and involved with these issues. The Board would like the Town of Lincoln to stay in the forefront on this issue. Peter Joseph had written letters to Representatives Ford and Gionet urging them to support HB1677.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commercial Hauler Disposal Bags

Tamra Ham expressed concern with the Solid Waste Facility's requirement that commercial haulers use clear trash bags and frustration that she was not allowed to dispose of her trash because it was not in clear bags. She explained that the policy will not work for her business because the clear bags are not strong enough and are not even made for use with a compactor.

Peter Moore explained the reason behind the requirement is that if commercial haulers dispose of anything illegal or not allowed in a compactor, the Town gets fined. He added that the District Solid Waste Board is working on an ordinance relating to this matter.

The Board will discuss the matter with Paul Beaudin to see if they can come up with a solution for Ms. Ham's business as well as businesses similar to hers.

NCC Grant

Charlie Cook made a comment to the Board that he thought, in regards to the NCC grant, that there are already multiple existing websites in New Hampshire to facilitate rideshares. He is not sure that this project should be high on the priority list for spending taxpayer dollars.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS AS PRESENTED

Final Review / Vote on Warrant Articles for 2010 Town Meeting

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Peter Joseph reviewed the warrants with the Board and explained all changes. Articles 1-4 require a vote to recommend from the Planning Board.

VOTE: Peter Moore called for a vote to recommend the budgeted figures in Articles 5-28 exclusive of Article 7. Vote carries unanimously in favor of recommending the budgeted figures.

The Board will meet again on Thursday, February 11, 2010 to vote on the final version of the Warrant.

Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph informed the Board that they have been invited to attend the Loon Mountain Homeowners Association annual meeting. Mr. Joseph plans to attend. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 4:30 at the Mountain Club. The Board will check their schedules and plan to attend if their schedules permit.

Mr. Joseph advised the Board on upcoming legislation to watch. SB 489, another gambling bill, was recently introduced. SB 489 calls for the same provisions for two gaming facilities in the North Country as last session's gaming bill did. Sponsors included Sen. Gallus and Rep. Gionet, among 10 others. Peter Joseph provided a copy of the bill for review. He plans to keep a copy in the office.

Holiday Schedule

The Board reviewed the Town's 2010 holiday schedule and approved it.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to adjourn at 7:25PM. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week ending February 5, 2010.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brook Steiner

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague