

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2010

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

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

Members of the Public: Charlie Cook.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2010

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 22, 2010 and April 4, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meetings.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion that the meeting minutes of March 22, 2010 be approved as presented. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2010 as amended. Peter Moore seconded the motion. Patricia McTeague abstained, as she was not present at the meeting. Motion carries.

III. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Review of Properties Scheduled for Tax Deeding

Peter Joseph explained that he has a list of residents that have not paid their property taxes. These residents have another month to settle the matter with the Town. Mr. Joseph added that Town Clerk Sue Whitman goes above and beyond to help residents avoid a lien on their property. The Board reviewed the list and will not take any action at this time. Mr. Joseph will keep the Board updated as the deadline approaches.

Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the, "4 Roads" infrastructure projected is scheduled to begin this week. There was a pre-construction meeting with the Town's contractors, Pichette Brothers and the Town's engineers, KV Partners. All parties are on the same page and the project is currently on schedule. Pichette Brothers is also utilizing many local resources.

The NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, NH DRED, is looking to place no parking signs along Route 3 at Fay State Forest and is looking for approval from the Board of Selectmen to do so. The no parking signs are from 6PM to 6AM. Chief Smith has reviewed the

proposal and from a safety perspective, has no issues with it. Peter Joseph mentioned that he also reviewed the proposal and believes it addresses some fairness and equity issues for the public use of State property in a positive way and he recommends the Board's approval of this request. The Board approved of NH DREDS request and made the following motion.

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to approve the State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development request to install no parking signs along Route 3 at Fay State Forest. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mr. Joseph would like someone from the Board of Selectmen to serve on the interview panel for the Planning and Zoning Administrator position. Patricia McTeague agreed to do so. One member from both the Planning and Zoning Boards will also sit on the panel. Interviews will be conducted next week.

Mr. Joseph presented the Board with a legal analysis on the NCCA tax exemption application as well as a list of outstanding projects and policies that he will be working on with the Board and Town staff over the course of the next few months.

Peter Moore mentioned that Paul Beaudin approached him about the Town considering a Town Solid Waste Ordinance, which requires approval from the Joint Solid Waste District Board. Peter Moore has a draft ordinance, which has been modified and is almost complete. Chairman Moore will forward the ordinance to the Joint Solid Waste District Board for review and approval.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS AS PRESENTED / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tom Smith and his wife Darlene Smith as well as their neighbor, Dave Dixon appeared before the Board to voice a complaint about their neighbor, Joe Chenard. Mr. Smith presented the Board with RSA 257 which pertains to the storage of junk. Mr. Smith stated that his property and business look out over Mr. Chenard's property which is an awful site to behold and is loaded with junk. Mr. & Mrs. Smith run the Mt. Liberty Motel and Cabins and rely on the tourist industry for their business. It is extremely hard to attract business when they see Mr. Chenard's property. Almost all of the Smith's business is web based rather than drive by. They are losing a great deal of business due to the mess. Mr. Smith stated that he has spoken with Mr. Chenard on many occasions over several years offering to assist in the clean up and even offering the use of his truck. He has tried to be neighborly and does not dislike Mr. Chenard, but he does need to look out for his business, especially in the current economy. He recently lost the business of a wedding celebration at the Mt. Liberty because the clients would have been too embarrassed to invite their wedding guests to a place across from a junkyard.

Mr. Smith commented that Mr. Chenard is violating almost everything in the Town's ordinance about the storage of junk. Mr. Chenard has at least nine unregistered vehicles on his property right next to the brook. Mr. Smith is concerned about his property value and losing business. He stated again that he has really tried to work with Mr. Chenard for a long time but Mr. Chenard continues to ignore his requests. Mr. Smith doesn't know what to do but is requesting that the

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Town look at this. He stated that he has visitors come from around the world and when they look across the street, they ask him about it and it's embarrassing. Also, Mr. Chenard's dog is constantly loose, getting into his garbage and making a mess. Further, it bothers Mr. Smith that Mr. Chenard is on the zoning and planning boards and yet continues to violate Town ordinances. He feels that Mr. Chenard should be setting an example because he represents the Town. He went on to say that he is unsure why actions haven't been taken against Mr. Chenard long ago. Mr. Smith would like a resolution to this situation.

Adjoining property owner, Mr. Dixon voiced his concern that the stockpile on Mr. Chenard's property, if the river were to flood, could have an environmental impact. Deanna Huot expressed her concern with any potential environmental issues at the site.

Peter Moore stated that a resolution to this issue will be sought after by the Town. The Board thanked Mr. & Mrs. Smith and Mr. Dixon for approaching the Board with their complaints and asked that Peter Joseph keep the complainants and the neighbors up to date on what action the Town decides to take.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 6:50PM. The Board then reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the weeks ending April 9th and April 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Steiner

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Patricia McTeague

Selectman Deanna Huot