

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
May 10, 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: Nate Snow, Charlie Cook, Liz Lambregtse, John Hettinger, Marilyn Sanderson and Jayne O’Conner.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2010

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 26, 2010 Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion that the meeting minutes of April 26, 2010 be approved as amended. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.

III. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Town Manager’s Report

Peter Joseph updated the Board on several matters concerning the Town. He reported that Price Chopper’s grand opening would be held at 7:45am this coming Sunday morning. “The Imploders” on the cable channels TLC and TLC-HD will feature the demolition of the Lincoln mill buildings on the episode airing this Thursday night at 9:00pm. Mr. Joseph also provided the Board with a copy of the summary letter for the draft Grafton County 2011 Budget. The entire draft budget is available for review in the Town office. There will be a 4.7% net increase. The public hearing on the budget is May 24, 2010 which is next Monday.

Peter Joseph presented the Board with the Town Clerk’s update on motor vehicle revenue, which is up from last year, tax collection reports, and the tax lien list which was recorded last Friday. In 2009 \$220,000 was placed in a lien which is considerably less than previous years. The number of liens has also gone down substantially. The Town is in a much better financial state as far as incoming cash flow. The Town Clerk, Susan Whitman, would like the Board to recommend some of the parcels for deed waiver. The tax lien list is as follows. Pedro Tactacan, 36 Lodge Road #A201, Alan M. & Cheryl A. Sayer, 21 Pleasant Street, John & Susan Myers, 48 Cooper Memorial Drive, Forest Ridge NH LLC, 5 parcels of land only, GAM Surgical Specialists, 90 Loon Mtn Rd #962A which is in bankruptcy, Stone Company Custom, 16 Hemlock Drive, land only also in bankruptcy, Matt Harrington, 6 Burts Way, Eric Costa, 36 Lodge Road #A210, Ronald & Pierette Clermont, 65 Mansion Hill Drive, Peter C. & Joseph Chenard, 4 parcels of land only on US Rte 3 and Peter C. & Joseph Chenard, 11 Liberty Road and lastly Floyd Cawley, 17 Franklin Street. Each of these property owners has received 3 certified letters in the last 6 months reminding them of the outstanding taxes and fines.

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Mr. Joseph recommends a waiver of tax deeding for the 5 parcels owned by Forest Ridge NH LLC as they have environmental issues as noted by DES as well as a waiver on the two parcels in bankruptcy.

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to waive tax deeding on the 5 parcels of land owned by Forest Ridge NH LLC, 90 Loon Mtn. Rd #962A owned by GAM Surgical Specialists, which is in bankruptcy, and on 16 Hemlock Drive, land only, owned by Stone Company Custom, also in bankruptcy. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Nate Snow / White Water Park Proposal

John Hettinger, Village Core Committee representative introduced Nate Snow, Athletic Director of the White Mountain School. Mr. Hettinger informed the Board that Mr. Snow gave a great presentation to the Village Core Committee about developing a portion of the Pemigewasset River as a white water park. Mr. Snow explained to the Board that white water park development is not necessarily his area of expertise but he thinks the idea has merit in that the Town of Lincoln is in a unique situation to take advantage of its recreational resources. The idea could be a great economic resource for the Town as it has an amazing white water resource.

He explained that one of the most popular places to kayak in NH is Lincoln with a season lasting at least from March to May in between the ski and summer seasons. Virtually every major ski town out West from Colorado to California has created a white water park. There are 25 in the West and there isn't one in New England. It would really put Lincoln on the map to have the first white water park. Mr. Snow explained the technical aspects of developing the park and that projects can range in costs, time and investment anywhere from very simple improvements all the way up to a multi million dollar artificial white water park. This is a developing industry and there is a wide range of possibility. A park has the potential to draw a number of businesses and there is also a world cup for white water rafting. Mr. Snow recently spoke with Rick Kelly, from Loon and he seemed very interested in the idea. Often times, in creating a park, there is a lot of grant funding available for making the river safer and more recreationally viable. John Hettinger added that this would be something that would develop over a number of years.

Mr. Snow stated that access to the river is the most important issue and the Village Core Committee has really done a lot of work to improve it. If the Town is interested in pursuing this idea, there is land access, environmental, and engineering hurdles that will have to be looked at.

Peter Moore commented that the Board looked at Mr. Snow's proposal a few months ago. He questioned whether Mr. Snow had any idea how many people this would attract. Mr. Snow replied that it would really depend on what was created and that having a defined access would increase traffic to possibly 50 people on a crowded day. Peter Moore questioned whether a kayak park would be compatible with the local swimming holes. Mr. Snow replied that generally, it is very compatible with swimming and is easily a shared resource. The Board thought Mr. Snow's idea was a very viable and exciting proposal for the Town. Ms. O'Conner commented that as far as economic development is concerned, the park would be extremely marketable especially if it was the first in New England. Charlie Cook commented that, as a member of the Budget Committee, he would like to see the Town put some money behind the kayak park. The Town is very supportive of

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the park and would like Mr. Snow to move forward in developing a Town study group/committee for the project. The Board thanked Mr. Snow and everyone that attended the meeting to show their support for the project.

Abatements

After some discussion regarding abatements, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to approve the recommended abatements for the tax year 2009 for the following parcels:

1. Faye H. Sell of 91 Easterly Road, Unit 1, Tax Map 133, Lot 9, in the amount of \$318.85 plus applicable interest.
2. Donald Samuel Thompson of 36 Lodge Road, Unit B316, Tax Map 117 Lot 121-B316 in the amount of \$89.37 plus applicable interest.
3. David P. Arsenault of 36 Lodge Road, unit A312, Tax Map 117 Lot 121-A312 in the amount of \$70.33 plus applicable interest.
4. Maria C. Viana of 132 Coolidge Falls Road, Tax Map 127, Lot 14 in the amount of \$366.95 plus applicable interest.
5. Chiara Govoni of 22 Big Coolidge Road, Unit 3, Tax Map 127, Lot 84 in the amount of \$26.51 plus applicable interest.

Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.

IV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3 II(d)

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to go into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d) at 7:15pm. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to come out of the Non-Public Session at 7:50pm. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 8:05pm. The Board then reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week ending May 7, 2010.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brook Steiner

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Patricia McTeague

Selectman Deanna Huot