

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2010

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

**Staff:** Town Manager Peter Joseph, Planning & Zoning Administrator Matt Henry, Public Works Director Bill Willey and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

**Members of the Public:** Cheryl Sayer.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 14, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion that the meeting minutes of June 14, 2010 be approved. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

## **III. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

### **21 Pleasant Street**

Cheryl Sayer, property owner of 21 Pleasant Street appeared before the Board to discuss her three years of back taxes outstanding. She informed the Board that she will pay the amount immediately and apologizes for the situation. The total cost of back taxes for the past three years plus the legal, recording and interest fees is \$7,659.06.

Peter Joseph explained that the Town Attorney had advised that the Town was not legally obligated to charge the 15% penalty but are permitted to change anything up to that amount. Mr. Joseph recommends a waiver of the penalty should Ms. Sayer make current all prior taxes, interest, fees, and costs to the Town for the deeding process. Peter Moore stated that the Board had come to an agreement that they had no interest in pursuing the penalty as long as Ms. Sayer paid the \$7,659.06 promptly.

In reference to Ms. Sayer's letter, Deanna Huot asked her whether the water pipes she had a problem with in the past were repaired and in working order. Ms. Sayer replied that everything had been fine over the past year and that it was two years ago that they had the problem. She added that they had paid for all of the damages to their property because of the frozen pipes and didn't look to the Town for any reimbursement. It costs them approximately two to three thousand dollars. There was some extended discussion on the situation surrounding the pipes. Bill Willey confirmed that the problem had been fixed and hadn't necessarily been the responsibility of the Town.

Patricia McTeague questioned whether the taxes would be paid on time from now on. Ms. Sayer replied that yes they would be. Peter Joseph added that as long as a check is postmarked by tomorrow, everything would be settled and the Town would turn the deed back over to her.

Ms. Sayer thanked the Board for their understanding and cooperation.

### **Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption**

Peter Joseph explained that there were several meetings held last year in conjunction with North Country Council on the proposed Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan. The plan is a FEMA document to be approved by FEMA upon completion. At this time, FEMA has conditionally approved the plan. Matt Henry presented the plan and explained that it was designed as a conceptual plan to mitigate risk to the Town. The plan assesses risk and provides an implementation and economic assessment in the event of a natural disaster. It addresses avalanches, droughts, earthquakes, wildfires, windstorms, severe storms, epidemics, terrorism, dam failures etc. If the Town does not have an adopted plan, there is a chance that the Town would not be eligible for FEMA funding in the event of a disaster. Matt Henry recommended that the Board adopt the plan. There was an in depth review and discussion of the plan. Mr. Joseph explained that there is no hard requirement for implementation of the plan's recommendations rather it is something the Board will want to revisit at least once a year to see what steps could be taken towards implementation. The Board thanked Mr. Joseph, Bill Willey, Chief Smith and Matt Henry for their work on the plan.

**MOTION: Deanna Huot made the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Lincoln received funding from the NH Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management under a Flood Mitigation Assistance Project Grant and assistance from North Country Council in the preparation of the Lincoln Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan; and**

**WHEREAS, several public planning meetings were held between April 9, 2009 to June 25, 2009 regarding the development and review of the Lincoln Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan; and**

**WHEREAS, the Lincoln Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan contains several potential future projects to mitigate hazard damage in the Town of Lincoln; and**

**WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public meeting was held by the Lincoln Board of Selectmen on June 21, 2010 to formally approve and adopt the Lincoln Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan.**

**Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

### **IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE SEWER USE ORDINANCE**

Peter Joseph explained the major revisions to the current Sewer Use Ordinance. The ordinance includes revised monitoring, tap installation, enforcement and penalties. There was some discussion on the changes. Bill Willey does not see any issues with the revisions to the ordinance as they really only enable the Town to enforce the regulations that are already existing.

**MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to open the public hearing on adopting the revisions to the Sewer Use Ordinance. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries and the hearing was opened at 6:25pm.**

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It was noted for the record that although the hearing was opened an hour later than noticed, no one appeared at any time during the meeting to attend the hearing. As there was no one at the meeting to speak on the ordinance, the following motion was made.

**MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to close the public hearing. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries and the hearing was closed at 6:30pm.**

The Board thanked Bill Willey for his hard work on this ordinance.

**MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to approve the revisions to the Sewer Use Ordinance to take effect June 22, 2010. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS AS PRESENTED**

### **Town Manager's Report**

Peter Joseph informed the Board that Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) paid a visit to him last week to inform the Town that PSNH is working with a company called Northern Pass. Northern Pass is a subsidiary held by 3-4 different utility companies to expand the main service from Southern NH to the Canadian border. They will be expanding the power line within the current right-of-way and installing another set of transmission lines to enable hydro transmissions from Quebec to NH and MA. Northern Pass is going through the regulatory process for an energy permit which actually has to be approved by the President of the United States. The project is also subject to a large-scale environmental review. There will be several public hearings that PSNH will have to conduct in the area throughout the process.

### **Beacon Abatement**

**MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to approve the abatement for the Beacon Motel Inc. located at 557 US Route 3 for the tax year 2009 in the amount of \$7,887 plus any applicable interest. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:20. The Board then reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week ending June 18 2010.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Chairman Peter Moore

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Selectman Patricia McTeague

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Selectman Deanna Huot