

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2010

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

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

Members of the Public: Charlie Cook

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of the July 26, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

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

III. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph reviewed the year to date budget expenditures with the Board. They reviewed each line item of the budget and overall the Town is where it should be financially for this time of year.

Peter Joseph updated the Board on the status of the statewide property tax. There have been several conference calls between the donor towns over the past week. Next week representatives of several of those towns will be meeting with the Commissioner of DRA to discuss billing options. After that meeting, Mr. Joseph will update the Board. Peter Moore mentioned putting a letter in with the tax bills explaining the changes. There was some extended discussion on the matter.

Mr. Joseph also provided the Board with the Fall 2010 Police Department Newsletter, which has the details of the Police Department's recent CALEA accreditation. He was very impressed with Chief Smith's presentation before the CALEA Board. The entire process was very educational. He explained that a municipality needs 80% compliance to receive CALEA accreditation and Lincoln had 85%. The Town of Lincoln is one of the 13 towns out of 250 towns in NH to be accredited. The newsletter also has information on the new Senior Citizen Database program that the Police Chief has developed to track residents who may need assistance in an emergency situation.

In other business, the first phase of the Riverwalk Trail is near completion. Signs and traffic control measures including boulders and gates will soon be installed by the Department of Public Works. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled thereafter.

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The Town's Household Hazardous Waste Collection day is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010. The third annual North Country Public Safety Awards will be held once again on October 29th at the Mount Washington Hotel. The Board will arrange a Town-sponsored table again this year. Peter Moore questioned whether Peter Joseph has heard anything from the Common Man regarding the lease or purchase of the Town's property abutting the restaurant. Peter Joseph replied that he does not expect to hear from them for a few months.

Other Business

On Paul Beaudin's behalf, Peter Moore questioned why the Town has dumpsters at the Police Department and Community Center when he believes the Public Works Department could take care of the trash removal every day. Peter Joseph replied that the Town does not have the staff to spend time on this especially as the trash pick up is relatively inexpensive. It is more economical to pay for dumpster service than to spend staff time picking it up. There is also the issue of storage. The Town needs a place to store the trash between pickups so it works out well to have the dumpster. Charlie Cook stated that he agreed with Mr. Beaudin and that trash removal should be part of the cleaning person's responsibilities. Patricia McTeague stated that the Town would have to pay more money to a cleaning person for those additional responsibilities.

Deanna Huot mentioned that she took a drive up Goodbout Road and she thinks the project is really going to look nice upon completion. She complemented Dick Colby's job performance. Also, she mentioned that the wood chipper has been added to the CIP. She went on to say that 2014 will be the 250th anniversary for the Town of Lincoln. She would like the Town to work with the Chamber on planning some events for that year and would like to purchase banners to put up a year or so in advance announcing the celebration. There was discussion about the need to form a planning committee. Deanna Huot also mentioned that a resident approached her about the Town purchasing the last piece of property available on Main Street (by the Rite-Aid) to put up a gazebo or create a Town park. Peter Joseph would like to see this land used for good local economic development rather than Town ownership. Perhaps the Town could be involved in encouraging good economic development, so another "medium box" retailer doesn't develop the vacant lot. Peter Moore commented that plans are underway for an 18 acre Town park along the river as part of the Village Center Park proposal. Ms. Huot also brought up the snowmaking policy. Peter Joseph replied that there is a draft that is being worked on and it will be brought before the Board upon completion.

Deputy Tax Collector

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the Town received a letter from the State informing the Town Clerk/Tax Collector that she needs to appoint a Deputy Tax Collector. The Deputy Tax Collector does not have to live in the Town of Lincoln. As Brook Rose is already working as a Clerk with Susan Whitman, she has agreed to be the Deputy Tax Collector. Peter Joseph stated that there are no additional duties that come with this

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position. The Board has no objections to the appointment of Brook Rose as Deputy Tax Collector for the Town of Lincoln.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:25pm. The Board then reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week ending August 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Patricia McTeague

Selectman Deanna Huot