

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2010

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

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

Members of the Public: Norma Roth Jackman, Charlie Cook, Tamra and Jon Ham, Lutz Wallem and Susanne Chenard.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion that the meeting minutes of October 4, 2010 be approved. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Norma Roth Jackman – Candidate for State Representative

Norma Roth Jackman introduced herself as a candidate for the State of New Hampshire House of Representatives. She handed out literature that explained her stance and leadership on current issues relevant to the North Country. Her primary goal is to gain the attention the North Country deserves and to fight for more jobs and more financing for the district. She gave her background and experience as an author, attorney and educator. She mentioned that she plans to fight for bringing high-speed rail to the North Country and would also like to take a fresh look at the Town of Lincoln's status as a donor town and the inequities that follow that status. If elected, she plans to return to each Town to find out what their specific needs are and welcomes each town's input. The Board thanked Mrs. Roth Jackman for meeting with them.

Tamra and Jon Ham

Tamra and Jon Ham wanted to make the Board aware of their concerns with the recent School Board meetings. They informed the Board that the Superintendent seems to have given or thrown away the majority of the tools and equipment that belong to the Industrial Arts Program. Several residents have attended the School Board meetings to ask the Board about it and have been denied the chance to speak at the meetings. The Superintendent is now splitting the industrial arts room into three classrooms. Mr. Ham mentioned that both the Fire Chief from Lincoln and Woodstock halted the operation as the Superintendent, who is doing the work himself, is not building to code. Rather than using what was the industrial arts classroom, students are being walked across the street to a rented space. Mr. Ham added that he knows of several people around Town that have received the program's equipment which was given to them by the Superintendent. Mrs. Ham stated that she believes a theft has taken place and that the police need to be involved. Peter Moore responded by saying that two years ago, money was allocated to the Industrial Arts Program. Deanna Huot added that she does not see how the School could use funds allocated for the Industrial Arts Program for something else.

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Peter Joseph added that Mr. and Mrs. Ham could discuss the matter with the Police Department but it may be an issue for the Attorney General. The Board expressed concerns with the School not applying for a building permit and not building to code as well as with the equipment being given away rather than sold. This money really belongs to the taxpayers. Peter Moore asked that Peter Joseph draw up a letter to the School Board respectfully inquiring about the matter.

IV. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

2010 Tax Rate

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the new tax rate is 9.20. It is up nine cents over last year. The Board discussed some of the potential tax rate increases that may be impacting the Town next year, such as the return of the SWEPT.

4 Roads Project Update

The delay in the completion of the 4 Roads Project was discussed as well as the fact that the contract has now overrun the proposed timeline. The contractors have been informed that this is unacceptable. Peter Joseph informed the Board that the project is on schedule and would be completed by the first or second week of November. If that is the case, everything will be considered to have gone ok. However, the \$130,000 allocated for engineering was based on a timeline and now that the timeline has been exceeded, KV Partners estimates that, if the Town would like them to continue working, it would cost another \$25,000 to close out the project. They are still well within the total budgeted amount. The Board agreed that the project oversight by Dick Colby and Ray Korber have been invaluable and have saved the Town a lot of money. Whether the Town would like to pursue liquidated damages is yet to be seen and will depend on whether the project is completed before wintertime and what change orders the contractor presents. The contractor will have to work every weekend to complete the job. Peter Joseph mentioned that residents in the area would not be happy about that. Patricia McTeague replied that the residents would be much more unhappy if the job is not finished this year. Peter Moore asked that Peter Joseph update the Board every week on the project.

Loon Mountain Road Update

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the Town and Loon hope to have both lanes of Loon Mountain Road opened by the end of this week.

Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph made the Board aware that Marilyn Sanderson and John Hettinger have prepared and submitted a LWCF (Land Water Conservation Foundation) grant application for the Riverwalk Trail project in the sum of \$25,000. If the Town receives the grant, it could be matched completely by funds from the RTP grant that the Town received earlier this year as well as by in kind labor. A decision will not likely be made until early next year. If the Town does receive the award, Peter Joseph will review the restrictions of the grant agreement prior to

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accepting the funds. The Board would like to thank Marilyn and John for the great deal of good work they do for the Town on their own time.

The Local Government Center contacted the Town last week to announce that the dental insurance rates would increase by 4.5% next year. The rate information from Primex should be received next week.

Peter Joseph provided the Board with a press release regarding the Northern Pass project. The project will likely be located within or adjacent to the existing PSNH transmission corridor that traverses the western portion of the Town. Everyone agreed that this is a great project for the State.

Mr. Joseph informed the Board that Helen Jones and himself put out an RFP for statistical update services for next year. This is considered the other half of the revaluation, as the Town currently does quarterly inspection updates every year. Peter Joseph will review the responses prior to making any budgetary decisions.

Peter Joseph then provided the Board with a copy of the notice of tax sale for Unit A210 at the Lodge at Lincoln Station. The minimum bid amount is \$54,365. Bids will be accepted until November 5th.

Peter Joseph discussed with the Board potentially setting up a meeting with the School Board regarding the school tax rate and school funding formula. Tamra Ham and Paul Beaudin have both expressed an interest in serving on the joint school funding committee. Susanne Chenard mentioned that Lutz Wallem might also be interested.

Extension to Build

Alfred Poulin applied for another six-month extension for rebuilding the structure at 83 Pollard Road. His letter to the Board explained that the property was not closed on until June 2010. Peter Moore stated that since Mr. Poulin's initial request last week, he has laid the foundation and has been working steadily. His building permit is good until June 7, 2011. Peter Moore suggested granting the extension as it looks like Mr. Poulin is going to continue building through the winter. The Board would like Matt Henry to stay on top of this project to ensure the house and foundation is built in the original footprint. It would be a lot less expensive to the homeowner to fix any issues with the foundation now prior to the house being completely built.

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to grant Mr. Alfred Poulin an additional six-month extension till April 8, 2011 to rebuild the structure located at 82 Pollard Road according to Article III Section C.4 (a-c) of the Town of Lincoln Land Use Plan Ordinance. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:15pm. The Board then reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week ending October 15, 2010.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Deanna Huot

Selectman Patricia McTeague