

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2010

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman Peter Moore and Selectman Patricia McTeague

Excused Absence: Selectman Deanna Huot

Staff: Town Manager Peter Joseph, Recreation Director Tara Tower and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

Members of the Public: Tom and Darlene Smith, Pat Romprey, Charlie Cook, Tammy Ham and Joe Chenard.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Director's Update

Tara Tower appeared before the Board to give them an update on this past summer's programs as well as current and upcoming recreational programs. She informed the Board that there were increased numbers and revenue in the past seasons summer and winter programs. She informed them that renting an additional van for the 8 weeks of summer camp worked out really well. Loon Mountain also gave the Town an additional \$150 for using the Kanc Recreation building for their end of season party. Last winter's revenue for the Kanc Ski Area is up over \$1,000 and skier visits were also up. Peter Moore asked how the ticketing program went. Mrs. Tower replied that the ski patrol really liked the system because they had a chance to inform skiers about that days conditions/events etc at the time each person purchased their ticket which really makes the ski area safer. Tammy Ham commented that she also thought the ticket system was great however during the weekends and vacations one person was not able to handle processing so many tickets themselves so the Town may want to look at increased volunteers or staffing in the future. Peter Moore replied that the ticket system gives the Town accountability and he thinks the program is worth continuing. Peter Moore questioned whether there are any revised plans for snow making this year. Tara Towers replied that the policy has been worked on but is not finalized at this point and that there really aren't a whole lot of changes in it. Peter Joseph added that he has discussed with the Public Works Department digging test pits to see if there is any ground water availability for snow making at the Kanc Ski area. This would alleviate demand for treated water at peak times. The Board thought this was a great idea and Tara Towers will talk with Bill Willey about it this week.

Holiday Tree

The Board decided to put this discussion off until their next meeting when Deanna Huot could be there.

4 Roads Project Weekly Update

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the base paving is done on Maltais & Goodbout Roads and that the touch up work will be done on the entire project within the next two weeks. He added

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that Bill Willey has been telling the contractors to hold off on the days that aren't good for paving to ensure that the Town gets a top notch product.

Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph provided the Board with a response from Superintendent Michael Cosgriff to Mr. Joseph's letter of October 21, 2010. The Board briefly reviewed the letter. Mr. Joseph mentioned that the \$150,000 will be returned to the Town when the School is done with the roof project. Peter Moore questioned what Mr. Cosgriff said about the equipment that is no longer in the shop. Peter Joseph replied that there is no mention of that in the letter. Mrs. Ham mentioned that the School is renting a small space in the Price Chopper Plaza for a small engine repair class. It is a small space which gets quite crowded at times and there are currently three classes that use the space. Peter Moore stated that he would like to carefully review this letter to see whether it answers his questions. He added that the Board would not likely discuss the matter again.

In regards to the building permit, the School is not required to apply for site plan or even to follow the Town's land use ordinance but they are required to apply for a building permit. Mr. Cosgriff informed Mr. Joseph that he planned to apply for a permit however to date, he has not applied for one yet. Pat Romprey asked that this matter be put on the next meeting agenda for Board of Selectmen. Patricia McTeague would like to have the Fire Chief's input on where this project stands as far as the safety inspection is concerned.

Mr. Joseph updated the Board on the construction status of the Grafton County Corrections Facility. The construction is on schedule. Grafton County Commissioner Ray Burton and Executive Director Julie Clough have offered to attend a meeting of the Board of Selectmen if they would like, in order to provide an update on the Corrections Facility construction project and/or county operations. Mr. Joseph informed the Board that there is a live web cam of this project online at <http://www.hostacam.com/grafoncounty/Live000M.jpg>

Mr. Joseph informed the Board that the first meeting of the School funding review formula will be on Monday November 22nd between 3-5PM. Before that time the Board will have to designate a Selectman and a community member to sit on the review panel. To date, Lutz Wallem, Paul Beaudin and Tammy Ham have volunteered to serve as the community member on the panel. Superintendent Cosgriff has informed Mr. Joseph that the School Board will be proposing Rick Baker (who is not a resident of the district) as the neutral third party. Rick will need to be agreed upon by all members sitting on the review committee. The Board did not think Mr. Baker would be considered an uninterested party as he is a teacher in the school. Peter Moore commented that he thought the impartial third party should be someone totally unassociated with either Town or the school and if that means hiring someone, that may be the most appropriate course of action. The Board will wait until their next meeting to appoint a community representative to the panel.

Peter Joseph asked that one of the Selectman volunteer to count votes with him after the election tomorrow evening. The polls close at 7:00PM. Peter Moore volunteered and Patricia McTeague added that she would also help if needed.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that Coldwell Banker does not want to continue representing

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the Town of Lincoln's Business Park. They recently submitted a letter to the Board respectfully declining to represent the park now that their contract is up. Peter Moore would like to send a letter to Coldwell Banker from the Town thanking them for their efforts over the past four years. There was an extended discussion regarding the use of the park and the need to seek alternative representation for it.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Joe Chenard attended the meeting to discuss the clean up of his property with the Board. Mr. Joseph stated that Mr. Chenard had met with the Board mid August and at that time, the Board set the deadlines of August 31 and October 31 for removal of various automobiles and items to be removed from Mr. Chenard's properties. Mr. Joseph added that when he had visited the property in the beginning of September, the vehicles that were suppose to have been removed were removed and the others which were suppose to be registered were registered. However, when he inspected Mr. Chenard's property across from his house today, there were still unregistered vehicles there so only half of what the Board required be done was accomplished.

Peter Moore questioned what Mr. Joseph's determination was regarding whether all of the items on Mr. Chenard's property constitutes 500 square feet of junk machinery, which would then be considered a junkyard. Mr. Joseph replied that in the summer time many of the items were hidden but now that the leaves have fallen, the situation has definitely changed and there is more visible. However, a tape measure was not used to determine the square footage. In his estimate, if the items were compiled the area would be approximately 20x25.

Peter Moore questioned what vehicles are still on the "wood lot". Mr. Chenard replied that there is one truck there that he plans to repair and use for plowing. There is also a Dodge Van and two other vehicles that will be gone by tomorrow. He added that the RV is allowed to stay there and the box trailers are exempt according to State Statute. This is a total of four vehicles to be removed from the wood lot and two that will be repaired and registered in the next week and a half.

Tom Smith addressed the Board and said that now that the leaves have gone, the situation is much worse. His business is not open this time of year but it is the overall look of the Town that he and many other townspeople are concerned with. He stated that he feels this is really now the Town's issue to deal with. He added that he brought his concerns to the Board in 2006 and then again in April and August 2010 and he isn't sure why the issue hasn't been resolved yet.

Peter Moore agreed that the issue is a Town issue at this point and that the Board has met three times over the summer and wanted to give Mr. Chenard ample time to address the issue. Peter Moore questioned Mr. Joseph as to what the Town's legal course of action would be if needed. Mr. Joseph replied that the Town would have to issue a Cease and Desist order and from there, initiate court action if the order were violated. The Court would determine the validity of the Town's order if court action was required. The Board prefers to resolve this matter without taking any legal action if possible.

Pat Romprey questioned what, other than the vehicles, was Mr. Chenard asked to do on his

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property. Peter Moore replied that he was asked to reduce the amount of junk machinery on his property to less than 500 square feet or to make it not visible to the public eye. There was some discussion as to whether the 500 square feet was per “lot” or per “place”. Peter Joseph stated that the legal opinion he got was that it was by “place” not “lot”. Peter Moore questioned whether Mr. Chenard could screen his property. Mr. Chenard replied that if he lined up his three campers around the property, it would screen the lot. Mr. Romprey asked if Mr. Chenard put up a temporary screen, whether it would be acceptable and give him more time to clean up. Patricia McTeague replied that she would rather not see something temporary put up but would prefer the lot be cleaned up.

Mr. Chenard stated that he would be able to have the four vehicles removed from the wood lot by November 15th. Patricia McTeague questioned whether he could also have his driveway cleared by this same time. Mr. Chenard replied that he could. Peter Joseph and Patricia McTeague will inspect Mr. Chenard's property on November 15th.

Darlene Smith stated that when she has guests, she has to listen to them complain about Mr. Chenard's property. She added that if the driveway and general area that can be seen from their office was cleaned up, it would make her much happier as a business owner. Mr. Chenard replied that it would be taken care of.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Patricia McTeague