

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
November 15, 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: Tammy Ham and Lutz Wallem.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2010. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Four Roads Project Update

Peter Joseph reviewed the “punch list” items yet to be completed by the contractor on Parker, Bog Brook and Maltais Farm Roads. A substantial amount of the paving has been completed. Next spring there may be some maintenance work to be done however; this is well within the warranty period of the project.

Preliminary Budget Review

Peter Joseph reviewed twelve pages, line by line, of the preliminary 2011 budget with the Board. There was some discussion as to how many municipal police departments belong to the Plymouth Area Jurisdictional Association and what the total cost to all of the participating members is. The Association will be in place for at least another year but may dissolve after that. There was an extended discussion regarding step and a COLA increases and a pay for performance bonus as well as the increasing costs of healthcare. There was discussion about increasing the employee contributions to the cost of healthcare. Peter Joseph also suggested having the Superintendent or members of the School Board attend a Selectmen’s meeting to discuss the funding and function of the School Resource Officer (SRO). Tammy Hamm commented that even if the school doesn’t fund any part of the SRO, she would hate to see this position disappear for lack of funding. The SRO has made a very valuable contribution to the lives of many school children over the last year. Peter Moore and Patricia McTeague replied that they understand the value of the position however; they feel that the school should be funding at least a portion of it.

Town Manager’s Report

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the Delegation and Commissioner of the Grafton County Government Nursing Home are seeking a \$200,000 supplemental appropriation to fund five new full time positions at the facility. This request is the result of a recent negative review by the Department of Health and Human Services. The review stated that the Nursing Home was

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understaffed resulting in a lack of quality healthcare at the facility. While the Board supports the appropriation and a higher standard of care for our seniors, they expressed frustration at the lack of planning by the County management yet again.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tammy Ham informed the Board that the Shoot for the Smiths fundraiser for the Smith family is coming up on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The family is really in need of the support of the community as one of the family members has terminal brain cancer. She added that the Lincoln and Woodstock Fire Departments are raising money and are playing a rival game in the tournament. There is also a spaghetti dinner and a silent auction fundraiser.

Mrs. Hamm also informed the Board that there is a petition going around Town (she did not draft it) to have Superintendent Cosgriff removed from his duties and/or not to renew his contract. She added that legally, he cannot be removed by petition but the actual position itself can be terminated. The Townspeople are hoping to send the School Board a message. The contract is going to be discussed at an upcoming School Board meeting. The petition will be submitted to the Board at their next meeting. Lutz Wallem mentioned that he spoke with someone at the Department of Education who would like to have copies of correspondence between the Town and the School Board.

Mr. Wallem, as Chairman of the Energy & Water Committee, updated the Board on the status of the Committee. He informed them that the Committee did not meet in the summer as there was lack of interest or at least participation. He prefers not to continue holding meetings until there is some interest from the community. Peter Joseph commended Mr. Wallem's service to the Town. Peter Moore added that if the Committee does disband, Mr. Wallem is now a conduit for some very useful information. He asked that Mr. Wallem bring in any information he has so that it can be made available to residents at the Town Hall or it can be posted on the Town website. The Board thanked Mr. Wallem and the entire Committee for all of their efforts and service to the Town.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 8:10pm. The Board then reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week ending November 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: ____/____/____

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