

**Town of Lincoln**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
June 4, 2012

**Board of Selectmen Present:** O.J. Robinson and Tamra Ham.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Peter Joseph, Planning & Zoning Administrator Michael Asciola, and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

**Excused Absence:** Selectman Patricia McTeague.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O.J. Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

## **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL -MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:** "To approve the minutes of May 21, 2012 as presented."

**Motion:** Tamra Ham **Second:** O.J. Robinson **Motion carries.**

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

### **Planning & Zoning Administrator**

New Planning and Zoning Administrator Michael Asciola attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Board. The Board welcomed Michael and stated that they look forward to working with him.

### **Personnel Complaint**

Woodstock resident, Patrick Griffin attended the meeting to discuss a complaint he had about a recent interaction with Solid Waste Facility Manager, Paul Beaudin. Mr. Griffin explained that he wasn't planning to bring this incident to the Board's attention until he found out that Mr. Beaudin filed an incident report with the Police Department. He wanted to relay his side of the story to the Board and ask that he be treated fairly and not be harassed by Mr. Beaudin. He stated that he has never broken any of the Facility's rules and that when he tossed a garbage bag ten feet into the dumpster, Mr. Beaudin threatened him and yelled at him. He went on to question Mr. Beaudin's judgment in recent activities at the Facility and brought several examples to the Board's attention.

O.J. Robinson stated that overall Paul Beaudin runs a very efficient operation for both the towns of Woodstock and Lincoln. He does a good job and the Board has commended him for this. He stated that he hopes the rules at the Facility would be enforced across the board and added that he has never received special treatment. He does not believe there is a rule specific to tossing a bag of garbage but that the towns trusts their employees to use their judgment. Peter Joseph questioned whether Mr. Griffin was looking for the Board to undergo any formal proceedings in this matter. Mr. Griffin replied that he is not and that he just wants to be left alone when he goes to the Facility. Tamra Ham mentioned that the Town of Lincoln cannot take any action on their own, however she can work with the Town of Woodstock to schedule a meeting of the Lincoln Woodstock Solid Waste Board if Mr. Griffin so requests. Mr. Griffin felt that this was not necessary at this time. He thanked the Board for listening and apologized for there even being an incident to have to discuss.

## **Consideration of Request for Water/Sewer Tap Fee Credits – Loon Mt. Recreation Corp.**

Peter Joseph provided the Board with documents that Rick Kelley provided him from the Town of Lincoln dated 1987 relating to the sewer and water tap fees paid by Loon Mt. Recreation Corp. for their employee housing, the Henry Fox House. The Henry Fox House was dismantled in the spring of 2005 and thus a portion of the fees should have been credited back to them yet Mr. Kelley informed Peter that there was no refund issued. Peter explained that Loon Mt. Rec. Corp. would like to donate these credits to the North Country Center for the Arts (NCCA) so they can apply them to their water and sewer tap fees at the new theater.

Peter Joseph stated that the Board has credited these fees to other parties in the past and he read the town ordinance which enables them to do so. The Board didn't see any issues with transferring the credits as they fully support the NCCA but asked that Peter Joseph confirm that the credits were not already credited to another one of Loon Mt. Recreation Corp.'s expansions. The Board would also like to be sure that NCCA received their credits for their former location before approving the transfer. Peter Joseph will look into these matters and report back to the Board on Monday.

On a separate matter concerning water tap fees, Peter Joseph questioned whether the Board is in favor of waiving the fees for waterless urinals. The Board would like to encourage the use of environmentally friendly products in the Town and thus made the following motion:

**MOTION: “To allow water tap fees to be waived on waterless urinals.”**

**Motion: O.J. Robinson      Second: Tamra Ham      Motion carries.**

## **Application for Current Use Approval – Peter Govoni**

Peter Joseph informed the Board that Peter Govoni is requesting the addition of a parcel to an adjacent lot that is already in current use and meets the 10 acre minimum.

**MOTION: “To accept and approve the current use application of Peter Govoni to add parcel 110-014 to current use.”**

**Motion: Tamra Ham      Second: O.J. Robinson      motion carries.**

## **Town Manager's Report**

### **Update on Properties Scheduled for Tax Deeding**

Peter Joseph informed the Board that all of the parcels slated for tax deeding have had their outstanding taxes paid except for the Jori and Lincoln Development LLC properties.

### **Loon Mountain Bridge Project**

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the meeting with the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, H.E.B. Engineers, and the Town went smoothly. The engineers are currently applying for hazard mitigation grants on behalf of the Town.

### **Update on Recent Storm**

Peter Joseph updated the Board on the storm over the past weekend. An emergency alert was issued due to the threat of flooding. In the absence of Police Chief Smith, Peter met with Dispatch and Fire Chief Rosolen on Saturday to devise a plan in case of flooding. They also spoke with the Public Works

Department, Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Transportation. Bridges and high points of the river were closely monitored but there weren't any problems to report. He added that the process was a good exercise for all parties involved.

O.J. Robinson questioned whether there was any infiltration from the levy. Peter Joseph replied that nothing was visible from the front side and he had not heard of any problems.

### **Tax Warrant**

The Board signed the tax warrant presented by Tax Collector Susan Whitman. The tax bills will be sent out this week.

### **Abatement Requests**

**MOTION: "To grant the abatement request of the Beacon Motel Inc, tax map 104-006, with a new value of 1,947,700 and an abatement of 1,249,400."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham            Second: O.J. Robinson            Motion carries.**

**MOTION: "To deny the abatement request of the Beacon Motel Inc, tax map 104-005, as it is consistent with other non-buildable or accessory lots."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham            Second: O.J. Robinson            Motion carries.**

**MOTION: "To deny the abatement request of Lachon Realty Group, tax map 117-030-3, as there was no error or inequity presented."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham            Second: O.J. Robinson            Motion carries.**

**MOTION: "To deny the abatement request of Herbert Lahout Shopping Center Inc, tax map 118-075, as it is in line with values for this type of building."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham            Second: O.J. Robinson            Motion carries.**

**MOTION: "To grant the abatement request of Herbert Lahout Shopping Center Inc., tax map 118-076, with a new value of 1,565,600."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham            Second: O.J. Robinson            Motion carries.**

### **Lincoln Center North Parking Lot**

O.J. Robinson mentioned that he has heard several complaints about the parking lot at Lincoln Center North. The lot is on private property yet the condition of it is quickly becoming a safety issue thus the Town may need to address it. Vehicles are swerving to avoid the potholes and paying less attention to pedestrians. The Board asked that Peter Joseph discuss the matter with the owner to see if there are any plans to address the situation.

### **Fire Department Update**

Tamra Ham informed the Board that the Fireman's Auxiliary had just over one hundred in attendance for the spaghetti dinner which was a positive turn out for the first dinner. They are hoping to make it an annual event. The Auxiliary made about \$700 before expenses. The Auxiliary is also considering holding a barbeque fundraiser in August.

#### **IV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(e)**

**MOTION: “To enter Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(e).”**

**Motion: Tamra Ham            Second: O.J. Robinson**

**Roll Call Vote: Tamra Ham in favor**

**O.J. Robinson in favor.**

The Board entered Non-Public Session at 7:25pm.

**MOTION: “To come out of Non-Public Session.”**

**Motion: Tamra Ham            Second: O.J. Robinson**

**Roll Call Vote: Tamra Ham in favor**

**O.J. Robinson in favor.**

The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:45pm. The Board discussed pending litigation in the Town of Lincoln v. Joseph Chenard case. No action was taken.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to attend to the Board reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week. At 8:00pm the following motion was made:

**MOTION: “To adjourn.”**

**Motion: O.J. Robinson    Second: Tamra Ham    All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

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

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Chairman O. J. Robinson

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Selectman Tamra Ham