

**Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012**

Board of Selectmen Present: Selectman O.J. Robinson, Selectman Patricia McTeague, and Selectman Tamra Ham.

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

Public Present: Jim Spanos and Shawn Woods.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Patricia McTeague called the meeting to order at 5:45PM. O.J. Robinson was not yet present at the meeting.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of April 23, 2012 as written."

Motion: Tamra Ham **Second:** Patricia McTeague **Motion carries.**

III. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Review of Health Insurance Renewal Rates

The Board reviewed the current health plan, a proposal from NH Local Government Center (NHLGC), as well as a proposal from NH Interlocal Trust (NHIT). The proposal from NHIT is a 4% increase above last year's rates. If the Town elects coverage through NHIT, the benefit is that there would not be a plan change as NHIT offers the same plan as the Town currently has with Primex. The Board was happy with the low rate increase. Peter Joseph explained that the transition from Primex to NHIT would be seamless and his intention is to contract with NHIT.

MOTION: "To contract with NH Interlocal Trust as the Town's health insurance provider at a renewal rate of approximately four percent."

Motion: Tamra Ham **Second:** Patricia McTeague **Motion carries.**

At this time, 6:00PM, O.J. Robinson arrived.

Continuing Review of Tax Year 2011 Abatement Requests

The Board further reviewed the abatements. O.J. Robinson stated that it is the Board's responsibility to be fair and equitable. That said, he has a problem with the Beacon Resort property value. He believes that VISION has overvalued the property by around \$500,000. He will discuss the matter with VISION.

The Board was in favor of moving ahead with the recommended abatements.

MOTION: "To grant the recommended abatement requests of the following properties:

33 Fox Run Road #4 with a new assessment of 150,200

146 Forest Ridge Road #3 with a new assessment of 262,900

57 Flume Road with a new assessment of 513,100

5 Riverglade Drive with a new assessment of 318,300

83 Easterly Road #3 with a new assessment of 202,100
 24 Forest Drive with a new assessment of 413,700
 21 Riverside Terrace with a new assessment of 500,700
 53A Flume Road with a new assessment of 396,300
 8 Eagle Cliff Road with a new assessment of 62,400
 28 West Street with a new assessment of 239,400
 77 Pollard Road with a new assessment of 155,200
 US Route 3 / Maltais Road with a new assessment of 105,400
 11 Church Street with a new assessment of 170,800
 21 Hay Hill Road with a new assessment of
 US Route 3 (Equivise, LTD) with a new assessment of 28,700
 26 Liberty Road with a new assessment of 386,600
 16 East Spur Road with a new assessment of 176,700
 US Route 3 (Cresta, Christina) with a new assessment of 94,900
 42A Flume Road with a new assessment of 388,000
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 31,300
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 1,300
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 700
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 500
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 400
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 400
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 500
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 400
 US Route 3 (Chenard, Joe) with a new assessment of 200
 for a total of -1,798,900 in assessment value."

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

MOTION: "To deny the following abatement requests:

90 Loon Mtn Rd #857D

3 Buck Road

10 Bunker Lane

31 Liberty Road

5 Eagle Cliff Road

4 Rachel Court #2

38 Yellow Birch Circle

14 Beechnut Drive

31 Goodbout Road

24 LaBrecque Street

23 LaBrecque Street

261 US Route 3

US Route 3

174 SO Peak Road

15 Riverside Terrance 3A

127 Main St #131."

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

Eight outstanding abatements will need to be addressed at an upcoming meeting after further review by the Board.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Position

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the interviews for the Planning and Zoning Administrator position went well. Patricia McTeague commented that any of the five that were interviewed would be qualified for the job. Peter added that there is one candidate that the panel interviewed over the phone that will be flying into Town to meet with the panel in person.

Mansion Hill Drive

Peter Joseph spoke with the realtor about the possible installation of a no parking sign. A call has been placed to the property owner who is out of town until tomorrow. Peter will follow up and report back to the Board next week.

Henry Lane

Peter Joseph informed the Board that caution and children playing signs will be installed on Henry Lane. Permission from the landowners to install the signs has yet to be obtained.

Loon Mountain Road

The resurfacing of Loon Mountain Road has begun. The construction is beginning at the top of the road by the junction with Black Mountain Road. Peter stated that Loon Mountain has found that they need to do more work on the embankments and the engineer just submitted the wetlands permit to do that work. This is not part of the Town project.

Discussion re: Zoning Violations

Peter Joseph informed the Board that there are several violations that were brought to the attention of former Planning and Zoning Administrator Matt Henry earlier this year that still need to be addressed. There are two properties, 71 Hanson Farm Road and 31 Franklin Street both of which have 10+ unregistered vehicles. These two properties as well as 267 US Route 3 are all in violation of RSA 236 111:129. Another outstanding violation is 177 Connector Road which is located in the General Residential Zone. Site plan review was not conducted for this property owned by Lincoln Trucking and Excavating. The lot has slowly been evolving into a commercial site where the storage of excavating materials is taking place. This expanded use is not allowed in this zone and would require site plan review as well as a special exception (for the storage of contractor equipment) from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

O.J. Robinson stated that the Town needs to be consistent in addressing these problems to avoid any future litigation. Jim Spanos commented that the Town doesn't have any obligation to enforce these regulations. Peter replied that according to the RSA's, the Town may address these violations but does not have to do so. However, if someone complains to the Town and the Town doesn't take any action, the complainant can bring the matter to court. The Board asked that Peter Joseph have a conversation regarding these violations with the landowners as the first step to hopefully resolving these matters.

Town Manager's Report / Fire Department

Peter Joseph informed the Board that he is going to appoint Fire Chief Dennis Rosolen as the Forest Fire Warden for the Town. Shawn Woods, Ed Peterson, and Ron Beard are all Deputy Forest Fire Wardens. Shawn Woods informed the Board that the duties of this position are mostly to give out fire permits and enforce regulations. He also mentioned that members of the Fire Department have discussed applying for

a grant to put up a Smoky the Bear Fire Danger Sign. The Board liked this idea and thought that putting it outside of the Town Hall where it would be most visible would be a good idea.

Update on Budget Committee

Peter Joseph updated the Board about the recent Budget Committee meeting. Marilyn Sanderson was appointed as Chair, Mike Simmons as Vice Chair, Cindy Lloyd, Perry Spangler, and Gerry Kasten were also appointed. Ed Peterson Sr. accepted the 2 year elected position. The committee probably will not meet again until the fall.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Peter Joseph informed the Board that Citizen's Bank has formally requested a waiver of the \$50 fee to use the meeting room for a local realtors seminar this week. As it is not a non-profit agency, Peter Joseph did not choose to waive the fee. O.J. Robinson stated that residents do have the benefit of a local rate at the other Town facilities as a benefit to living here. He feels that this seminar is a convenience for the realtors that live and work in Town and he would like the fee waived as this seminar also benefits the taxpayers of Lincoln. The Board agreed.

MOTION: "To waive the Town Hall meeting room fee for the realtors seminar hosted by Citizen's Bank." Motion: O. J. Robinson Second: Patricia McTeague. All in favor.

Fire Truck

Tamra Ham mentioned that she had a question from a resident concerning the status of the old fire truck. Peter Joseph replied that the Department is obtaining quotes on the value of the truck. The supplier that sold the Town the new fire truck expressed some interest in purchasing this truck. Shawn Woods added that the State of NH may also be interested in using the truck at the small fire academy being built in Bethlehem.

Trustee of the Trust Funds (TTF) Update

Jim Spanos informed the Board that there is still a vacant TTF position. Over the past few years, there hasn't been a great deal of interest in the position. One of the write-in candidates, Ed Peterson Sr. was not interested in the position. The other write-in was Lutz Wallem and he has been sworn in. Jim mentioned that they did receive one letter of interest from Kayleigh Ham. He added that it would be good to have a younger individual involved and he plans to notice a meeting of the Trustees to discuss the vacancy.

Town Holiday Tree Lights

Shawn Woods informed the Board that the Fire Department would be using the ladder truck to remove the lights from the Town's holiday tree leased from the Haynes. The Board asked that they notify the Haynes before they go onto their property.

Review of Payables

At this time, the Board reviewed the accounts payable and payroll registers for the week.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion at 7:25pm:

MOTION: “To adjourn.”

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman O.J.Robinson

Vice Chair Patricia McTeague

Selectman Tamra Ham