

Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2012

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Peter Joseph, Chief Ted Smith, and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

Public Present: Andrew Noyes and Rick Kelley.

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

The Board reviewed the July 23, 2012 meeting minutes.

MOTION: "To approve the meeting minutes of the July 23, 2012."

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

III. APPOINTMENTS

Andrew Noyes & Rick Kelley / Loon Mountain re: 2012 Highland Games

Rick Kelley attended the meeting to request that the Board consider temporarily closing the Loon Mountain bridge to all but pedestrian traffic for the 2012 Highland Games. The bridge was closed last year due to the Tropical Storm Irene damage. Rick explained that in prior years, there were three lanes, two of which were used for vehicular traffic and one for pedestrian traffic. The temporary bridge that is in place now is not wide enough to accommodate the increased flow of traffic for the event.

O.J. Robinson stated that his concern is emergency vehicles not being able to easily access the event. Chief Smith added that what the Police Department is mainly concerned with is the pedestrian traffic. There have been a lot of close calls with pedestrian traffic spilling into the road. Tamra Ham stated that her concern is that this is going to become an annual request. Rick replied that when the new bridge is constructed, traffic will not be an issue. He confirmed that this would not be an annual request as it actually costs Loon Mountain more money to close the bridge.

Peter Joseph agreed that closing the bridge to vehicular traffic is the easiest and safest option however he expressed concern with directing residents to use the Cooper Memorial Bridge rather than the Loon Mountain Bridge to access their homes during the event. Rick Kelley stated that he would speak with some of the homeowners about closing the bridge and report back to the Board. After further discussion, the Board decided to hold a public hearing on the matter on August 13th. Chief Smith and Peter Joseph will work together to compose a hearing notice to send out on the reverse E911 phone system to the Loon Mountain area homeowners.

IV. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Loon Bridge Update

HEB's engineering study for the Loon Mountain Bridge has been approved by New Hampshire Department of Transportation. HEB is currently working with the Town, NHDOT, and FEMA to finalize the funding plan for the project. Peter Joseph informed the Board that as of the middle of last week Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers is working on a second round of supporting documentation to support his calculations to FEMA on the Loon Bridge replacement work.

Town of Lincoln v. Chenard

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the court granted the Town's Motion to Dismiss Joseph Chenard's Counterclaims. Peter provided the Board with a copy of the Notice Of Decision from the court.

Eastside Road and Trail Repair Project

The White Mountain National Forest Service asked that the Board comment on their proposal to repair the Eastside Road and Trail all of which is in the Town of Lincoln. The project is to repair damage from Tropical Storm Irene. The Board supports the project and asked that Peter Joseph respond on their behalf.

Miscellaneous

The Board reviewed the budget for the first half of 2012.

The Board also reviewed a request from the Bridge House to reimburse them for an unused bus ticket they purchased for an individual dropped off at the shelter by the Lincoln Police Department. The individual remained at the shelter for 24 days before she requested a bus ticket and then refused to leave. The Bridge House is unable to afford this extra expense. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to reimburse the Bridge House.

The Board reviewed three letters from Health Officer Brook Rose. Brook sent out violation notices to three businesses regarding their non-compliance with the Wild Animal Ordinance. Brook explained that she received complaints specifically on three dumpsters that are not bear proof and have recently had bears in and around them. She gave the business owners until tomorrow to respond with an action plan.

Resignation of Town Manager Peter Joseph

Peter Joseph tendered his resignation to the Board effective September 14, 2012. He has accepted an offer for the town manager position in Freeport, Maine. The Board congratulated Peter. They stated that they are very sorry to see him go but wish him well. Peter provided the Board with a job posting for his position for their review. The Board would like to post the position as soon as possible and will accept applications through August 24th.

MOTION: "To accept the resignation of Peter Joseph with regret and gratitude."

Motion: Tamra Ham

Second: Patricia McTeague

All in favor.

MOTION: “To enter into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a).”

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague

**Roll Call Vote: Tamra Ham in favor
Patricia McTeague in favor
O.J. Robinson in favor.**

The Board entered Non-Public Session at 7:00pm.

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

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague

**Roll Call Vote: Tamra Ham in favor
Patricia McTeague in favor
O.J. Robinson in favor.**

The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:30pm. The compensation of a public employee was discussed. No action was taken.

Abatement Requests

MOTION: “To grant an abatement to Ivan Saitow Trustee for property at 3 Buck Road, tax map 132-016, to reduce the assessed value from \$720,300 to \$682,600.”

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

MOTION: “To grant an abatement to Candyce King for property at 31 Goodbout Road, tax map 107-025, to reduce assessed value from \$180,400 to \$168,800.”

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

MOTION: “To grant an abatement to Maria Smith and Rose Maria Medeiros for property at 437 US Route 3, tax map 105-022. The original abatement was adjusted to \$168,000. The old value was incorrectly stated as \$242,900 rather than the actual \$246,100. Prior abatement of \$74,900 is actually \$78,100. The difference owed to the taxpayer is \$3,200 in abated value.”

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

After reviewing the weekly payables and with no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion.

MOTION: “To adjourn.”

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman O. J. Robinson

Vice Chair Patricia McTeague

Tamra Ham