

**Town of Lincoln**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
March 19, 2012

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

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

**Public Present:** Pat Romprey, Ed Peterson, Shawn Woods, Peter Moore, and Jon Ham.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Patricia McTeague called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

## **II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:** “To approve the minutes of March 12, 2012 as written.”

**Motion:** O.J. Robinson    **Seconded:** Patricia McTeague    **Motion carries.** Tamra Ham abstains.

## **III. APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION:** “To nominate O.J. Robinson as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.”

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

**MOTION:** “To nominate Patricia McTeague as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.”

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

**MOTION:** “To make the following appointments:

**O.J. Robinson:**                      **Selectmen's Representative to Planning Board & CIP**

**Patricia McTeague:** **Selectmen's Representative to Zoning Board of Adjustment  
& Joint Loss Management Committee**

**Tamra Ham:**                      **Joint Solid Waste Board Co-Administrator & Budget Committee”**

**Motion:** O.J. Robinson                      **Second:** Patricia McTeague                      **All in favor.**

The Board will discuss appointments to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Budget Committee at their next meeting. Open positions will be advertised on Facebook, Channel 3, and the town website.

## **IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **Consideration of Road Name Change Requests: Beaver Dam Road/ Loon Village Road**

The Board reviewed Matt Henry's recommendations to rename Beaver Dam Road and Loon Village Road. Letters of consent from the property owners affected were submitted thus waiving the requirement for a public hearing. Giving the name of Beaver Dam Road to an unnamed driveway off of Maltais Farm Road will eliminate confusion for emergency vehicles and make it so multiple homes are not accessed by the same driveway.

**MOTION: “That the unnamed driveway located on Maltais Farm Road be named Beaver Dam Road thus changing Map/Lot 107-006 and 107-005 to 8 & 9 Beaver Dam Road.”**

**Motion: Patricia McTeague**

**Second: Tamra Ham**

**All in favor.**

The Board then discussed the request to change Overlook Road to be an extension of Loon Village Road. This request is being made by Matt Henry as the name Overlook Road is too similar to nearby Overbrook Road which is located less than 250ft. away. Shawn Woods and Ed Peterson both commented that while this is being done partially to make the road more recognizable for emergency services, it may be more confusing. The Board was in favor of contacting the Loon Village Property Owners Association to see if they have another preference for renaming this road. Patricia McTeague will contact the Property Manager.

## **Town Manager's Report**

### **Ongoing Projects**

Peter Joseph updated the Board on the ongoing town projects. The sewer lagoon project is near completion and should be done within a week. The levee project was approved at Town Meeting and the Town is contracting with Dubois & King for further engineering. The engineering study on the Loon Bridge will be done and presented at a public meeting towards the end of April.

The construction season is beginning early this year due to mild weather. The large project for this season is the Black Mountain Road reconstruction and resurfacing which will most likely begin in May and continue through June. Caulder Construction is still under contract from last year for this project.

Peter Joseph provided the MS-2 for the Board to review and sign. He also informed them that the School District meeting is Thursday at 7pm.

### **Review of Finalist Candidates for Fire Chief Position**

At this time, the Board opted to enter non public session pursuant to RSA 91: A-3 II(b). Before the Board entered non public session, Pat Romprey commented that many people in town are not comfortable with leading members of the department including the Chief being directly related to one other. He asked that the Board consider this before making any offers.

**MOTION: “To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(b).”**

**Motion: Patricia McTeague**

**Second: Tamra Ham**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

*O.J. Robinson voted yes*

*Tamra Ham voted yes*

*Patricia McTeague voted yes*

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:20pm.

**MOTION: “To come out of nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(b).”**

**Motion: Patricia McTeague**

**Second: Tamra Ham**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

*O.J. Robinson voted yes*

*Tamra Ham voted yes*

*Patricia McTeague voted yes*

The Board re-opened the meeting at 6:40pm.

Peter Joseph stated that there is a consensus among the Board members to make a conditional offer of the position to Mr. Dennis Rosolen. Peter Joseph will speak with Mr. Rosolen as soon as possible. Mr. Rosolen has had some experience with the Lincoln Fire Department in the past and he has the education, experience, and leadership qualifications the Town is looking for in a Fire Chief. He had an exemplary interview and the only two drawbacks are that he does work outside of the community during the week and he also has family members in the department. Peter added that both of Mr. Rosolen's family members are qualified veteran firefighters which will mostly likely hold leadership positions in the future regardless of whether Mr. Rosolen is Chief.

O.J. Robinson stated that there is an issue with nepotism and family involvement that he would like to charge Peter Joseph with speaking to Mr. Rosolen about. The Board does not see this as an issue as the Fire Department is a volunteer organization and also as Peter Joseph mentioned, the family members of Mr. Rosolen will most likely hold leadership positions in the future either way. However, the Board would ask that Mr. Rosolen observe the whole department staff and take the time to get to know the strengths of each member before making any appointments.

Ed Peterson stated that Mr. Rosolen is an excellent candidate and really the most qualified for the position. He added that the Board should keep in mind that Mr. Rosolen was a deputy chief in the past and favoring family members was never an issue. He added that if it were to become an issue he would leave and go to another neighboring department. He would not want to see this issue stop the Town from hiring a very qualified person for the job. Patricia McTeague replied that this isn't necessarily a matter of favoring family members but more of being forthright.

Pat Romprey stated that he would recommend that a condition be made that the Board oversees any appointment made by the Chief in the first year. Peter Joseph stated that all appointments currently go through his office.

O.J. Robinson stated that the interview panel was very impressed with all of the interviews. Patricia McTeague added that the Town is very fortunate to have such a slate of applicants. Peter Moore added that the Town is very lucky to have members of the department this serious about the job and with such a high level of training and commitment. O.J. Robinson thanked Ed Peterson, Shawn Woods and also Ron Beard for what they've done for the department. He hopes they will have a good experience going forward under the new leadership. He added that this was a difficult but encouraging choice.

Pat Romprey stated that he would like to see the department become more active in the community as it has been known to be in the past. Ed Peterson agreed and stated that the department really is trying to move in that direction. O.J. Robinson added that the focus should be on raising awareness and being involved in the community.

Pat Romprey stated that on behalf of the Planning Board, he looks forward to working with the new Chief.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:05pm the following motion was made:

**MOTION: "To adjourn."**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

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

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Chairman O.J. Robinson

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Vice-Chair Patricia McTeague

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Selectman Tamra Ham