

Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2012

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Patricia McTeague and Selectman O. J. Robinson.

Staff Present: Administrative Assistant Brook Rose and Public Works Director Bill Willey.

Public Present: Tammy Ham, Shawn Woods, Chris Fournier, Ed Bergeron, Ron and Margaret Lelakes, David O'Rourke, Russ Cooley, Chester Kahn, and Robert Durfee.

Excused Absence: Peter Joseph.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of February 6, 2012 as written."

Motion: O.J. Robinson Seconded: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

III. PUBLIC MEETING WITH H.E.B ENGINEERS RE: LOON MOUNTAIN BRIDGE PROJECT

Ed Bergeron & Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers attended the meeting. Mr. Bergeron outlined the history of the bridge and reviewed the funding available for the bridge reconstruction. Chris Fournier discussed the NHDOT State Aid Bridge process, engineering study and design considerations. Peter Moore questioned whether there was a difference in funding for a new bridge compared with a rehabilitated bridge. Chris replied that FEMA provides a great deal more funding for rehabilitating the bridge. Bill Willey questioned whether running the utilities underneath a new single span bridge, would be a problem. Chris stated that it would not be a problem and that the goal is to keep the utilities with the bridge. Peter Moore read the related warrant article to the audience. Chester Kahn questioned why the Town is voting on funding the project at this Town Meeting and not the next Town meeting (2013) if the engineering study isn't complete and construction isn't starting until spring 2013. Chris replied that if a bridge rehabilitation alternate is selected, the new steel beams will take 4-5 months from order to delivery. In order to be ready to construct in the spring, the beams must be ordered during the winter and consequently the contract must be signed with the bridge contractor before that point. The Town must appropriate the funds for construction prior to signing a contract. Peter Moore added that the Town will also have to pay HEB Engineers for their work. Chris mentioned that anyone interested in staying up to date on the progress of the project can read the project blog on HEB Engineers website. The Board thanked HEB Engineers for their presentation.

IV. LINCOLN LEVY STUDY DISCUSSION WITH ROBERT DURFEE/ DUBOIS & KING ENGINEERS

Robert Durfee gave a history of the levy, as a flood control project, up to what is currently there after several major flood events. The levy was originally constructed by the Army Corp of Engineers and then turned over to the Town. The levy is now over 50 years old which is far beyond its assumed life span. Many of the large granite blocks are hundreds of feet down the river due to these major flood events. If

nothing were to be done and the levy were to collapse as it very well could, it has the potential to wash the properties along Bunker Lane away. Mr. Durfee reviewed the various alternatives for repairing the levy. There are several phases that can be done as funding allows however the total project cost is \$785,000.

Chester Kahn stated that his view of the issues on Bunker Lane and the levy are not addressed in this report. The report doesn't address the existing piping and doesn't seem to offer any additional protection to the homes. It is his opinion that the report isn't addressing the real issue. Peter Moore replied that the Town has only asked Dubois and King to assess repairing the levy, not a whole new flood control system which would be extremely costly. He added that if Chester would like to bring the matter before Town Meeting and amend the warrant article, he could certainly do so.

Bill Willey questioned why FEMA funds could not be used for this project. Mr. Durfee explained that because the levy is an Army Corp of Engineers flood control project, it is not eligible. The Army Corp won't fund any repairs either because the levy was not maintained to their specifications even though the levy has already served its useful service life. Bill Willey replied that the Town has never had the kind of heavy equipment needed to maintain a levy that size. There was an extended discussion on piping and excavating and Ron Lelakes also brought up pressure grouting the levy as an alternative. O.J. Robinson questioned whether if the entire project was done, it would bring the levy project back up to the Army Corp's standards so they would re-certify it. Mr. Durfee replied that this is his understanding. Patricia McTeague questioned whether the Army Corp has to sign off on the project plans in order to get the levy re-certified. Mr. Durfee replied that yes, they do. Peter Moore stated that the Board would like to see the levy certified. The Board thanked Dubois & King for their presentation.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

As a member of the Joint Solid Waste Board, the Board decided to approve the request of Paul Beaudin to offer Jim Conn the position of Assistant Supervisor. Mr. Beaudin is of the opinion that he can absorb the additional cost of the said position into his current budget. This is not a position that must remain indefinitely part of the operations of the Solid Waste Facility but is being offered as a promotion to Mr. Conn.

Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the final version of the Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: "To approve the amended Article 3."

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

MOTION: "To approve the amended Article 11."

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

MOTION: "To accept all articles and approve the warrant as presented."

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

VI.ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00pm the following motion was made:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: O.J. Robinson Second: P. McTeague All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Patricia McTeague

Selectman O. J. Robinson