

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2011

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Deanna Huot and Selectman Patricia McTeague.

Staff: Town Manager Peter Joseph and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose

Members of the Public: Tamra Ham.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion that the meeting minutes of January 10, 2011 be approved as amended. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.

III. DEMONSTRATION OF ONLINE GIS SYSTEM WITH INTEGRATED ASSESSING RECORDS

The Board took a look at Cartographic Associates Inc.'s website <http://www.caigisonline.com/lincolnnh> which now has the Town of Lincoln's tax mapping, GIS and assessing records on it so the public is able to easily access the majority of property and tax information online as well as easily being able to identify abutters and even print abutter mailing labels from the website. The Board thought this was an extremely useful tool and decided that since everything on the website is public information, they would like to put this link on the Town's website for public use.

IV. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Transfer of 36 Lodge Road, Unit A210

Peter Joseph informed the Board that Lauri Rubner dropped off a payment in the amount of \$64,602.99 last week in addition to her \$500 deposit thus she has complied with the Purchase and Sale Agreement. If the Board will sign the deed this evening, Ms. Rubner will drop off a check for her portion of the transfer tax and at which point, the deed can be sent in for recording. The Board signed the deed.

North Country Council Survey on Northern Pass Project

North Country Council recently sent out a survey to North Country Selectboards asking them to weigh in on what the expected impact of the Northern Pass Project to the area would be.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that representatives of the Northern Pass Project would be presenting at the Board's February 7, 2011 meeting. He added that the Board really needs to research the project and be sure of the stand they want to take to appropriately represent the citizens of the Town. The Board thought it was somewhat preliminary to fill out the survey as they don't know all of the details of the project however, they did fill it out to the best of their

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knowledge. The Board made it clear that they would act according to the mandate of the citizens of the Town.

Review of Primex Enhanced Health Wellness Program

Primex is offering an Enhanced Health Wellness Program that offers a \$250 wellness grant as well as additional wellness services to the Town if the Town agrees to extend their Primex Health Participation Agreement for one year through June 30, 2012. Peter Joseph decided to hold off on signing this agreement until a later date as the Town has not renewed their contract for health insurance through 2012 yet.

Update on Kanc Ski Area Numbers

Tara Tower provided the Board with updated numbers up to this point in the 2010-2011 ski season for the Kanc ski area. Between December 27, 2010 and January 16, 2011, there were 1,709 skier visits. January 1st through January 16th, there have been \$8,612 in ticket sales. The 2010-2011 ski season snowmaking has operated for a total of 261 hours. David Dovholuk discussed the overage during the week of 1/17/11 and Bill Willey approved it at that time.

Town Manager's Report

Loon Mountain Homeowners Association annual meeting will be held on February 26, 2011 at the Mountain Club. The President of the Association has invited the Board to attend to give an update on the road work at Loon. He says the residents are generally satisfied with the progress on the roads so far. The Town is currently planning to resurface Loon Mountain Road from the Octagon Lodge to the culvert of the brook just past the Mountain Club this year.

Peter Joseph gave the Board a letter that he had drafted and asked Representative Gionet to present to the County Delegation last week regarding the proposal to shift Grafton County Dispatch operations from user-funded to tax funded. The Towns of Plymouth, Hanover, and Lebanon are all aware of the proposal as it would affect them (and all of the Towns they provide dispatch services to) as well.

Mr. Joseph also provided the Board with a copy of RSA 155-B “Hazardous and Dilapidated Buildings” for their review. This appears to be the appropriate course of action for the Board to take regarding the former Buonapane's Restaurant. The Board will need to specify what action needs to be taken to correct the situation, as well as a “reasonable time frame” for compliance. Peter Joseph will work on drafting an order for the Board to review with those pieces of information. Once the order from the governing body has been given, it is then served to the owner and tenant by the Grafton County Sheriff. The Board thought this was the appropriate course of action as they do not foresee any movement on that building by the owner. Patricia McTeague added that the building is right in the middle of Town and in addition to being an eyesore, it is unsafe.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that he has been asked to attend the Town of Woodstock's Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday evening to review the Town of Lincoln's budget

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requests for the Recreation, Community Building, and Solid Waste Departments. There appears to be some resistance from members of the Woodstock Budget Committee on Lincoln's proposed budgets especially in regards to salary increases. Woodstock's Budget Committee voted to cut the salary increases for the Town of Lincoln's employees that were written into Lincoln's Recreation, Community Building and Solid Waste Department budgets.

Mr. Joseph has spoken with members of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen who wanted to emphasize to Lincoln that they support Lincoln's proposed budgets, and would be prepared to take a separate Selectman's proposed budget to their Town Meeting, if need be. Mr. Joseph invited the Board to attend the meeting with him. Peter Moore stated that this action taken by the Woodstock Budget Committee is petty and demonstrates poor leadership. The Budget Committee is not looking ahead to the future for the children of both communities. He added that the Board will wait to hear from the Budget Committee on exactly what their proposal is and will have to proceed as necessary from there.

Tammy Ham stated that there are a lot of community members in Lincoln who are fed up with carrying the weight for Woodstock. Many people are saying that Woodstock should have to pay the out of town fees as any other non-resident would have to do for all of the programs. For example, if the residents of Woodstock want elementary sports, they will have to pay for it, if they want to use the Lincoln Library, put their children in the Town's cooking classes, after school programs, senior trips, adventure camps etc. they will have to pay the fees to participate.

Peter Joseph reiterated that the Woodstock Board of Selectmen is 100 percent behind the inter-municipal agreements and if there are any changes Woodstock needs to look at in the future, they will take appropriate courses of action to work with the Town of Lincoln.

Tammy Ham questioned what the status of the School Resource Officer is. The Board has not heard anything from the School but Peter Joseph will look into it this week.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the Counsel for North Country Center for the Arts has prepared two affidavits they would like the Town to sign. These affidavits are necessary for the bank financing of the Center's property. The Town's Counsel is currently reviewing the affidavits.

The first affidavit is necessary because during the title search on the property, it was found that the Town of Lincoln still holds a lease from 1975 with New England Pulp & Paper, Inc. The affidavit states that New England Pulp & Paper, Inc. is no longer in business and hasn't been since 1979 and is no longer leasing any portion of the property. **MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to authorize Peter Joseph as the signatory on behalf of the Town of Lincoln to sign an affidavit regarding the Quitclaim Deed from the Town of Lincoln to North Country Center for the Arts. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

The second affidavit waives the Town of Lincoln's right to repurchase the Property as it relates to the pending financing of the property and any foreclosure by a lender as a result of any financing on the property. The Town does still retain the right of first refusal. **MOTION: Deanna Huot made a motion to authorize Peter Joseph as the signatory on behalf of the**

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Peter Joseph informed the Board that he was nominated and confirmed as a member of the New England Disabled Sports Board of Directors. He wanted to check with the Board to see if he had their support. The Board confirmed their support and congratulated Mr. Joseph. They were pleased to have a Town Manager that takes such an active role in the community.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Deanna Huot mentioned that she received a letter from Deb Reynolds to several local officials asking that schools make parents aware that the State House is no longer a gun free zone. There are a number of school groups that visit the State House each year and Ms. Reynolds feels that parents should be informed of this policy change. Tammy Ham stated that she would be attending the School Board meeting tomorrow night and would bring the letter with her to present to the Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: ____/____/____

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Patricia McTeague

Selectman Deanna Huot