

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 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:** Susan Chenard, Tamra Ham, Lutz Wallem, Charlie Cook, and OJ Robinson.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **II. TOUR OF WATER PLANT TO REVIEW SCADA UPGRADES**

The Board decided to reschedule the tour of the water plant for next week due the snow storm.

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

**MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion that the meeting minutes of February 14, 2011 be approved. Deanna Huot seconded the motion. Motion carries.**

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

### **Warrant Discussion with Town Moderator**

The Board reviewed the warrant articles and divided up who would read each article at Town Meeting. The Board discussed the articles with Town Moderator, OJ Robinson.

### **Update on North Country Council's Action on the Northern Pass Project**

Peter Joseph informed the Board that he had attended a Board of Directors meeting at North Country Council and the results of the survey regarding the Northern Pass Project were discussed. Twenty nine out of forty towns responded to the survey. The outcome of the survey determined that most towns are of the opinion that the project will have a negative impact on the region or are unsure of the impact. The NCC Board of Directors made the following resolution: *To express the opposition of the Board of North Country Council to the Northern Pass Project based on a survey of our member communities, the preponderance of negative impacts which may result from its construction, and the lack of regional benefit. We urge the development of energy projects and policies that are in keeping with the policies and strategies adopted by the Council for the benefit of the region and our state. Pursuant to RSA 36, we also request the commissioning of an independent study to help in the evaluation of the complex far reaching impacts which this project and its alternatives present to the region.*

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**Review of Order for Buonopane's Restaurant Pursuant to RSA 155-B**

Peter Joseph provided the Board with a copy of the order he drafted to be served to Mr. Tsan Hui Kuan by the Grafton County Sheriff's Department. The Order is required to be served in hand to Mr. Kuan. The Board reviewed the order. Mr. Joseph researched whether there are any liens on the Buonopane's property and there are not. There is also no mortgage held on the property. The value of 1/3 acre parcel of land is \$134,000. Mr. Joseph will get an estimate for the demolition of the building. He expects it to be much less than the value of the property.

**Town Manager's Report**

Peter Joseph mentioned that the noontime siren on the town hall is not working. Public Works Director, Bill Willey believes the siren may need to have the motor rewired and new bearings installed. In order to do the work, a crane has to be brought in to remove the roof over the top of the siren. The job will most likely be done this spring.

Manager Joseph brought up SB133, a bill currently in the legislature to permanently reinstate the pole tax exemption for utility poles. If the bill does not pass, telecommunications companies would have to pay property taxes on their poles and conduits. Telecommunications companies are currently exempt however power providers are not. Manager Joseph will speak with Senator Gallus about the bill. The Board will review the materials provided on the pole exemption by New Hampshire Municipal Association.

The Town received letters from Westwood Homeowners Association and Loon Mountain Residents Association regarding the security gate at South Peak. The gate prevents Westwood and Loon Mountain residents from using one of the two access points they have been using for over 20 years to their homes. Both of these letters have been submitted to Town Counsel for review. The Board will wait to hear the opinion of Town Counsel.

Mr. Joseph informed the Board that he would like to arrange a meeting between South Peak's representatives and the Board regarding public use of the JE Henry Trail. The meeting will be scheduled for sometime in the near future.

Loon representatives will tentatively be attending the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen to discuss construction to their roads with the Board.

The School District's Annual meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Manager Joseph heard that the School is expecting the Town to speak about the School Resource Officer at the meeting. Mr. Joseph and Police Chief Smith are planning to attend although they have not yet been invited by the School to speak at the meeting.

Mr. Joseph informed the Board that Planning & Zoning Administrator, Matt Henry will be deployed for National Guard training in Virginia this summer. It is a standard officer training required by the Guard for further advancement. Overseas deployment is not part of this training activity. Mr. Henry will be gone for four months from the end of April through the end of

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August. He is working with Planning Board Chairman Pat Romprey and Mr. Joseph to find a suitable temporary replacement for the position while he is gone.

Selectman McTeague informed the Board that her and Mr. Joseph attended the Loon Mountain Residents Association meeting this past weekend. The meeting went very well. Mrs. McTeague discussed the roadwork for Beechwood One with the Association. Spring construction was also discussed.

Deanna Huot asked what the the status of the Tax Incremental Financing District is. Peter Joseph replied that it has been put aside for at least a year. A recent conversation with Dennis Ducharme, the developer of the proposed Riverwalk Hotel, indicated that development in that district would most likely not move forward this year.

**V. ADJOURNMENT-**

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 8:00pm and reviewed the accounts payable for the week ending February 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

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

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Chairman Peter Moore

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