

Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2011

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

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

Members of the Public: Tammy Ham, Chester Kahn, and Charlie Cook.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion that the meeting minutes of March 28, 2011 be approved. O.J. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

III. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Board Appointments

The Board discussed appointments to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Peter Joseph stated that Pat Romprey had asked Peter Moore, as the Selectmen's Representative, to update the Planning Board at their next meeting on the Board of Selectmen's recommendations for appointments to the Planning Board. Peter Joseph reviewed the letter he wrote to the ZBA advising them of the Board of Selectmen's recommendations for appointments to the ZBA.

Peter Moore asked Charlie Cook if he would like to be a full voting member of the Planning Board rather than an alternate. Charlie Cook replied that he prefers to remain an alternate member. Peter Moore stated that he would approach Deanne Chrystal to see if she is interested and has time to serve as a full voting member. If she decides to serve as a full member, the Planning Board could look for a third alternate member.

Chester Kahn stated that he is interested in serving on the Planning Board. He has worked as a general contractor for 40 years and has also served as chairman on both a Planning Board and a ZBA in another town. Peter Moore asked that Chester Kahn write a letter of interest. Peter Joseph stated that Ivan Saitow has also expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board. Peter Moore will relay this message to the Planning Board at their next meeting.

Charlie Cook stated that both Ivan Saitow and himself are on the Budget Committee and he believes there may be a conflict with two members of the Budget Committee serving together on the Planning Board.

O.J. Robinson mentioned that at Town Meeting, Chester Kahn approached him to express interest in the Moderator position. Chester Kahn replied that he has served as a town moderator before and is interested in the position as long as it does not conflict with him serving on the Planning Board.

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Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph provided the Board with a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the renaming of a portion of Govoni Lane as well as a map showing the current Govoni Lane with the proposed section of road to be renamed after Nora Parent. There are no buildings with street addresses on Govoni Lane thus no one will have to change their address. There appears to be garage fronts only on the portion of road that may be renamed. Patricia McTeague mentioned that she spoke with Carol Parent who informed her that the Parent family was very pleased with the proposal. Carol Parent will not be able to attend the meeting but will send a letter of support to Peter Joseph on behalf of the family. Peter Joseph informed the Board that a notice of the hearing was sent to the newspaper, website, and posted around Town as well as mailed to the homeowners in that area. The Board discussed what the proposed name would be, and all were in favor of “Nora Parent Ln.”

Peter Joseph provided the Board with the most recent Legislative Bulletin from NH Local Government Center. Of particular interest is the Retirement Reform, as well as HB 457, the “interest rate bill”. The interest rate bill proposes reducing the interest rate on delinquent taxes from 12% to 6%, and also lowering the lien interest rate from 18% to 9% as well. With the Board's approval, Peter Joseph would like to testify against the bill, as he feels it would remove one of the only dis-incentives to late tax payments that currently exists. The Board wanted to know how Representatives Sorg and Gionet voted on this and were in favor of Peter Joseph testifying on behalf of the Town of Lincoln.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that they received a response from Mr. Kuan's attorney regarding the former Buonapane's Place at 69 Main Street. The letter states that Mr. Kuan intends to comply with the order but requests an extension until May 31st. The letter also states that caution tape and no trespassing signs will be posted immediately on the property. Mr. Kuan's attorney is not in compliance with State Statute which requires that any response to the Town's order be served to the Town by the Sheriff's Department. The Board was not in favor of granting the extension. The order gives Mr. Kuan until April 30th to comply which is over six months from the date of the fire. Mr. Joseph will respond to Mr. Kuan's attorney next week after 20 days from receipt of the order have passed.

The Board reviewed a cash-flow analysis prepared by the Treasurer. Peter Joseph explained that the Town appears to be in a slightly better position than last year at this time. However, there are still concerns regarding the month of June, as there is most years.

North Country Center for the Arts (NCCA)

Patricia McTeague questioned whether NCCA had applied for their building permit yet. Peter Joseph replied Rick Kelley submitted the permit last Thursday and submitted the building specifications this morning.

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Fire Department Truck

O.J. Robinson questioned what the status of the Fire Department truck is. Peter Joseph replied that the Department is still working on the specifications they need for the new truck. The price range is the high \$200,000's to the low \$300,000's which is less than the Town originally anticipated. Charlie Cook questioned whether the Town Manager has looked into purchasing a used truck. Peter Joseph replied that the Fire Department has looked into it but hasn't found one yet that has a 3,000 gallon tank and resulting larger sized engine to power such a truck, it is an unusual and difficult to find combination.

Loon Mountain Road

Peter Moore asked whether Peter Joseph had spoken with Rick Kelley regarding possibly installing a yield or stop sign coming out of the skier drop off area on to Loon Mountain Road. Peter Joseph replied that he had left Mr. Kelley a message and intends to follow up.

Veterans ' Tax Credit

After reviewing an application for Veterans' Tax Credit, the Board made the following motion:

MOTION : Patricia McTeague made a motion to approve the Veterans' Tax Credit request of Dennis LaBranche of 166 Forest Ridge Drive #2. O.J. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carries.

IV. WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS 2011 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S PROJECTS

As there was no further business to conduct as part of their regularly scheduled meeting, the Board commenced a work session to review upcoming projects for 2011. The Board reviewed and prioritized projects including employee healthcare and compensation review, Lincoln Green's contract, review of the Personnel Policy, Business Park strategies, ordinances review, the Town's 250th anniversary celebration, the Prosecutor's Association, review of the Inclement Weather Policy, investigating the possibility of hiring a building/code inspector, and looking into the purchase of a chipper for the Solid Waste Facility.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:35pm and reviewed the accounts payable for the week ending April 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date: ____/____/____

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