

**Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2011**

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Patricia McTeague, O.J. Robinson
Others Present: Peter Joseph, Tamra Ham, Charlie Cook

CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:45PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

O.J. Robinson presented several revisions to the draft minutes of the 08/22/11 meeting. The other Board members were in agreement with his proposed changes.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to approve the minutes for August 22, 2011 as revised. O.J. Robinson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Black Mountain Road Reconstruction Project Update

Peter Joseph explained that due to the recent flooding associated with Tropical Storm Irene, this project has been put on hold. Resources from the scheduled contractor, Caulder Construction, were in demand for immediate repairs for the Town, as well as the State and other private property owners. The possibility of completing this project this year will be revisited after necessary storm repairs are made. If construction is not possible this year, a formal decision to postpone the work until next year will be made.

Riverbank Stabilization Project Update

Peter Joseph informed the Board that additional erosion and damage to the sewer lagoon outfall has occurred as a result of the flooding event. Ray Korber of KV Partners will submit an emergency permit application. The river channel has shifted significantly in the last storm and the Town will be seeking permission to further stabilize the erosion as well as realign the river channel.

Water Treatment Plant Filter Unit Upgrade

Peter Joseph reported the Town held a preconstruction meeting with PRB Construction on the Filter Unit Upgrade project. PRB Construction was the successful bidder on the project earlier this year. Hoyle, Tanner and Associates is the engineering firm overseeing the work. Work is scheduled to begin in November, with one filter at a time being taken offline to change the filter media and perform maintenance on the units. Both units should be online for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday weekends to deal with higher demand.

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Damage Assessment from 08/28/11 Flooding Event

Peter Joseph presented the Board with the following information:

The Kancamagus Highway is closed between Lincoln Woods and Bear Notch Road in Albany due to washouts. NH Department of Transportation officials estimate the closure may be in effect for 3-4 weeks. Route 302 is also closed through Crawford Notch so travelers are advised to take Rt. 25 through Meredith if they need to travel to Conway or any other points east of Lincoln. During the Governor's visit earlier in the day he had viewed damage to the Kanc.

The Loon Mountain International Bridge was closed to all traffic on recommendation of NH Department of Transportation Officials at 9PM on August 28 due to damage to the north bank abutment. The closure is indefinite at this time. Updates on repair and re-opening will be provided by the Town once an engineering assessment has been performed. Essential traffic should use the South Mountain Bridge on Cooper Memorial Drive to access Loon Mountain and the Landing, Beechwood, Westwood, Ramshorn, and South Peak Neighborhoods. Peter Joseph explained that he had contacted HEB Engineering out of North Conway and they would be available to assess the damage to the bridge the following morning. The Board was in favor of moving ahead with the engineering assessment as quickly as possible.

Charlie Cook suggested the Town investigate the possibility of using the dirt road at South Peak Resort, which would let traffic bypass the developed areas on Crooked Mountain Road.

Peter Joseph explained that there had been severe washouts on both the private and public roads in the Beechwood and Landing neighborhoods. He will be meeting with Loon Mountain to assess the damages and come up with a plan to address the washouts. Peter Moore emphasized that the Town's immediate responsibility on the public roads in the Beechwood I neighborhood should be limited to returning them to a passable condition. Other issues in that neighborhood exist that must be addressed by Loon, the Town, and the homeowners jointly.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the water main break behind the Octagon Lodge has been isolated and repair work started today. Water outages occurred in the Clearbrook, Coolidge, Pollard Brook Resort, and Village of Loon neighborhoods. Peter Joseph believes the repair can be finished tomorrow and at that time water service can be restored to those neighborhoods by Wednesday or Thursday. Until that time emergency drinking water is available at the Police Department for residents of those neighborhoods.

Charlie Cook suggested that the Town investigate the possibility of temporary bridges to bypass Loon Mountain Bridge. Temporary bridges are regularly used by the military and there may be some availability to the State or the Town.

There was a brief discussion regarding FEMA assistance. Due to the damages in other areas in the Northeast, FEMA has not been to Lincoln to assess damage yet.

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MS-1 Extension Request

Peter Joseph explained that due to the ongoing revaluation, the Town would need to file an extension request for for the MS-1 report to NH Department of Revenue Administration.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to submit an extension request for the MS-1 form, extending the deadline until October 1st. O.J. Robinson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.

MOTION: At 7:30PM Peter Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion.


VOTE: Unanimous in favor of the motion.


Respectfully submitted,
Peter Joseph, Town Manager

Approval Date: 9 / 7 / 11

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Peter Moore, Chair


Patricia McTeague


O.J. Robinson