

**Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2011**

Board of Selectmen present:

Chairman Peter Moore, Selectman Patricia McTeague, Selectman O.J.Robinson

Staff present:

Town Manager Peter Joseph, Interim Administrative Assistant Nancy Decoteau

Members of the Public present:

Paul Beaudin, Taylor Beaudin, Charlie Cook, Chester Kahn, Rick Kelly and Tammy Ham

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: "To approve the minutes of August 29, 2011 as presented."

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Storm Damage and Ongoing Conditions from 8/28/2011 Flooding Event:

Peter Joseph reviewed the attached document: Hurricane Irene Damage & Mitigation

During the review of the Hurricane Irene Damage & Mitigation document the Board engaged members of the public in open discussion regarding the various aspects of the damage.

Chester Kahn noted that the levy was seriously impacted as well.

Peter Moore requested that it be included in the Damage & Mitigation document.

Paul Beaudin stated he was representing Steven Leoni, a property owner at 150 Black Mountain Road. Paul Beaudin stated the property owner is currently working on his home and requests that his contractors be allowed to access his property via Loon Mountain Road. After some discussion the Board indicated that the road is closed and an exception for Mr. Leoni will not be made.

Paul Beaudin submitted a Notice of Insufficiency pursuant to RSA 231:90 for Loon Mountain Road on behalf of Steven Leoni and indicated a copy will be filed with the Town Clerk.

O. J. Robinson requested a copy of the Notice of Insufficiency be attached to the minutes.

Peter Moore requested the Emergency Road Closure Notice – Loon Mountain Road dated 09/06/2011 be attached to the minutes.

Peter Joseph stated the notice was posted on the Town website, delivered door-to-door by public safety personnel, and property owners received a reverse 911 phone call.

Chester Kahn noted the potential danger of the numerous uprooted trees along the riverbank. Peter Joseph stated that the State of New Hampshire is responsible for the debris in the river channel but is unaware of any plans for clean up.

Peter Joseph briefly reviewed the financial situation the Town is in as a result of the flooding damages. Peter Joseph suggested the Board consider calling an emergency town meeting due to cash flow constraints. Peter Joseph stated detailed financial reports will be prepared for review at the next regular meeting.

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After a general discussion with those present the Board determined to make a decision regarding the financial issue at the next regular meeting.

Review of Loon Mountain Bridge Removal and Replacement Plan

Peter Joseph stated a temporary Bailey bridge for pedestrian use only will be in place for the Highland Games.

Peter Joseph further indicated that following the Highland Games an ACROW bridge will be installed to allow vehicular traffic to pass during the winter season.

Peter Moore commended Peter Joseph on the work he has done handling the flood damage. A general discussion followed citing the exceptional cooperative efforts from utility workers, public safety personnel, public works personnel, State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation personnel and others who accomplished an immense amount of work in the span of a very critical 24 hour period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Board received comments from and interacted with members of the public throughout the initial portion of the meeting.

Peter Moore asked for any further input from the public and hearing none the Board moved on.

The Board reviewed an abatement for Tax Map 104 Lot 008.

MOTION: "To grant an abatement in the amount of \$2,926.80 plus applicable interest for property owned by Lincoln Inn North Real Estate, LLC at Tax Map 104 Lot 008 as recommended by the town's assessor."

Motion: O. J. Robinson

Seconded: P. McTeague

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:40pm the following motion was made:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: O.J. Robinson

Seconded: P. McTeague

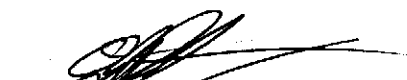
All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Decoteau

Approval Date 9 / 12 / 11


Chairman, Peter Moore


Selectman, Patricia McTeague


Selectman, O. J. Robinson

Attached to Minutes:

Hurricane Damage & Mitigation

09/06/11 - Emergency Road Closure Notice – Loon Mountain Road

Notice of Insufficiency

Hurricane Irene Damage & Mitigation

Loon Mountain Bridge

- HEB Engineering on site Tuesday 08/30/11
- Caulder began river diversion 08/30/11
- Short form RFP issued 8/30/11 for temporary stabilization work
- Collapse 08/31/11
- Coleman chosen for stabilization and demo work 08/31/11. Contract value with engineering approximately \$380,000.
- State has committed 1 lane pedestrian bridge for the highland games and 2 lane vehicle bridge for the winter.
- State DOT has established a bridge aid account for this project. Project will be eligible for 80% funding by the state for any portions not covered by federal funding sources. Temporary bridge installation and rental costs will be charged against the bridge aid account in the interim until federal funding is secured.

Loon Mountain Road

- Affected section is the boulder retaining wall just past the Octagon Lodge.
- Flood flows along the base of the retaining wall on the riverbank undermined boulder wall
- Problem was accelerated during heavy rainfall on Sunday 09/04 and Monday 09/05
- Boulder wall collapse early Tuesday AM 09/06.
- Road closed on 09/06 @ 5PM, once work began underneath collapsed sections.
- Further collapse is possible
- Fire, Police and Ambulance are stationed on the upper Mountain Club parking lot by health club entrance.
- Estimate 5-10 days needed to restore retaining wall. Road may be opened to one lane traffic before this time frame if the contractor and Town officials believe the threat of further collapse has been eliminated.
- Possibility of temporary road access around the uphill side of the Mountain Club would require permission from the Mountain Club and Loon Mountain, and would require significant site work to the tennis courts and upper parking garage area at the Mountain Club. This option may be pursued if unanticipated problems arise or if the closure is expected to last more than 5-10 days.
- Total cost of repair estimated at ~\$100k-\$150k. Cost sharing between the Town and Loon Mountain still needs to be determined.

Black Mountain Road & East Branch Drive

- Majority of damage during flooding was due to a blocked culvert on Black Mountain Road and a drainage failure/overload on the upper section of East Branch Drive.
- Repairs under way by Lincoln Trucking and Excavating working for Loon Mountain.

Water Main Break / Water Outage

- Repaired Tuesday 08/30/11, water service restored to Pollard, Coolidge, Clearbrook and Village that afternoon.
- Affected homes were under a boil order from Tuesday 08/30/11 until Thursday 09/01/11.
- All operations have returned to normal at this time.

River Intake

- Work completed on Tuesday 08/30/11 to restore rip-rap around clearwell structure and intake pipes that was scoured during flooding.
- Intake functioning normally at this time.

Sewer Lagoons Outflow / Riverbank Stabilization

- Emergency work authorization received from DES for riverbank stabilization and channel re-alignment.
- R. Korber of KV partners is preparing a short-form RFP for distribution to local and regional contractors.
- We hope to have RFP documents distributed by next Friday, with contractor selection within 7-10 days of that date.

Riverbank Stabilization/"Levy" behind Bunker Lane

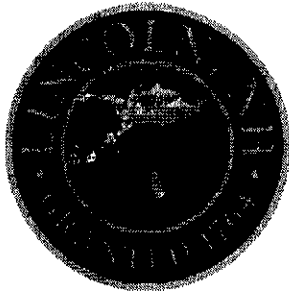
- Need engineering assessment to determine damage and cost estimate for repair

FEMA Funding

- Disaster Assistance for damage to public property has been approved for the time period of 08/28/11-09/06/11
- FEMA will be onsite September 15th, 2011
- Eligibility of various damages still to be determined, up to 75% funding will be available
- Disaster Assistance for damage to private property and businesses has not yet been approved.

Local Funding Options

- I recommend that we petition for a special Town Meeting to raise and appropriate money to be used immediately for disaster repairs, specifically for repairs to Loon Mountain Road and Loon Bridge. An appropriation of approximately \$400,000 and the ability to raise this in the form of TANs should allow us to complete the emergency repair work this year. Funding for any bridge and road reconstruction that will be scheduled for 2012 will need to be raised at next year's annual Town Meeting in March.
- While we are likely to receive 75% reimbursement from FEMA for most of the damages, this amount is not guaranteed. A special Town Meeting appropriation would allow us to complete the necessary work in the unlikely event that FEMA funding does not materialize.
- Should FEMA funding be received, the Selectmen can then hold hearings to accept the grants as unanticipated revenues. My recommendation would be to apply all such funding against the general fund, which could then be used to lower the tax rate, offsetting some of the appropriations made by the special Town Meeting.
- If you are in favor of this approach I can investigate the above procedure more thoroughly and prepare documents for your vote at next Monday's regular BOS meeting.



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09/06/11 - Emergency Road Closure Notice – Loon Mountain Road

Due to safety concerns and the potential for further collapse, Loon Mountain Road will be closed to all traffic (including pedestrians) beginning at 5PM on 09/06/11. The closure is estimated to be for a period of at least ten days, but may be longer or shorter as conditions warrant. The closure will begin at a point slightly past the Octagon Lodge at Loon Mountain.

An embankment and retaining wall failure which began during the Tropical Storm Irene flooding event on 08/28/11 has accelerated, causing the partial collapse of the roadway. The Town and Loon Mountain have already begun immediate work to repair the problem. Until repairs are completed, or the road is otherwise stabilized, no traffic (including pedestrians) should attempt to cross the closed portion of roadway. Doing so will put yourself and others in danger.

Loon Mountain Resort and the Mountain Club Hotel will remain open for business during this time. Hotel guests are asked to park in the lower hotel lot (the last accessible parking garage before the road closed signs). Loon Mountain guests are asked to park in the main parking lot by the adventure center.

Homeowners in the Beechwood I, Beechwood II, and Landing neighborhoods are encouraged to move a vehicle to the main parking lot at Loon before the road closure. Loon will run an ATV/golf cart type shuttle service between the main parking at the adventure center, around the road closure, to the upper level parking lot by the health club at the Mountain Club. The shuttle will run from 8AM-4PM. Homeowners should call Kyle Huckins at 745-6281 ext 5514 to schedule a ride. You can also walk into the Loon Administration office by the Gondola to request a ride. Transport will be available for people, as well as small packages and grocery bags. Utility vehicles and delivery trucks **will not** be able to access your property until the road closure is lifted, so please plan accordingly. All pedestrian traffic must travel around the uphill side (gondola/lift side) of the Mountain Club hotel.

Emergency services including Police, Fire, and Ambulance will stage response vehicles on both sides of the road closure. Homeowners are advised that while emergency services will still be able to respond to the Beechwood and Landing neighborhoods, there may be a delay in response time due to the road closure.

Any questions between 8AM-4PM can be addressed to the Town Hall at 603-745-2757. Outside of business hours please contact the Police Department Communications Center's non-emergency line at 603-745-2238.

September 7, 2011

Town OF Lincoln Selectman
PO Box 25 Main Street
Lincoln N.H. 03251

Dear Lincoln Board of Selectman:

Please accept this as my notice of insufficiency pursuant to RSA 231:90. For the Loon Mountain Road located riverside of the Mountain Club on Loon. This road is not passable in any safe manner as is detailed in your emergency road closure notice of 9/6/2011. As of today homeowners located in Beechwood Acres at Loon are not able to drive their vehicles to and from their residence. Under RSA 231:91 this constitutes an insufficiency. Please be advised that I will also be filing a copy of this notice to the Lincoln Town Clerk as well.

Steven Leoni 150 BLANK Mtn Rd
Leoni Properties Lincoln, NH 03251

