

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 – 5:30PM**  
**LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN NH**

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**Board of Selectmen Present:** Chairman O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague, and Tamra Ham.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Butch Burbank and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

**Public Present:** Representative Edmond Gionet, Paul Beaudin, Robert Wetherell, Lutz Wallem, Cindy Lloyd, Sara Maffei, Joel Bourassa, Peter Spanos, Carol Riley, Brent Drouin, Jim Spanos and John McGinley.

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Patricia McTeague called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. O.J. Robinson arrived at 5:40pm.

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## **II. PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING re: proposed RSA 284-B allowing the operation of a Destination Casino located in the Town of Lincoln.**

Mr. Gionet explained the proposed legislation to the audience. He stated that there are many people out of work, the highway system is failing and there are 140 red listed bridges in the State of NH. The State of NH needs revenue. The Senate has proposed bill 152 to bring Millennium Gaming to Rockingham. The House Bill proposes two gaming facilities, one in Lincoln as well as the one in Rockingham. The Town of Lincoln will get three percent of the revenue. The Governor has stated that she is only interested in one casino for the State of NH. Mr. Gionet stated that if the opportunity should come to bring gaming to Lincoln, this proposed warrant article is a test to see whether the Town of Lincoln is interested.

Jim Spanos questioned whether there were any other towns in the North Country with this article on their warrant. Mr. Gionet replied there are none that he is aware of. Cindy Lloyd stated that the majority of tourists coming to Lincoln are coming to enjoy nature and not necessarily a casino. Mr. Gionet replied that gambling is recreation. Paul Beaudin stated that his concern is if the House bill and warrant article passes and this does not go before Town Meeting again, the gaming industry would have carte blanche in the Town. Paul questioned what the Board's position is on gaming. O.J. Robinson replied that the Board has not taken a position on the matter as the Board supports the wishes of the townspeople. Paul Beaudin would like more detail on what exactly would be coming to Town before voting on it. Cindy Lloyd stated that there is the ultimate cost to consider. A casino will have a significant impact on the Town's infrastructure including the police department, the Town's facilities, and roadways. There will be a large increase in traffic which the current infrastructure cannot support.

Joel Bourassa had a question as to whether, if the Town of Lincoln voted this article down, the legislation would go any further. Mr. Gionet replied that it would not. Tamra Ham stated that the article in the warrant this year is to determine if there is interest in Town for a casino. She added that if the bill gets passed into law, the Town would still have to adopt the bill. This article is not adopting that bill.

Robert Wetherell stated that the bill only mentions video lottery not table games. He questioned whether the Town's attorney could be contacted to see if a second vote would indeed be required if the bill becomes law in order to bring a casino to Town. Tamra Ham stated that the Town Attorney would be

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contacted. Joel Bourassa questioned whether, if the bill were voted down prior to Town Meeting, the Town would still vote on the warrant article. O.J. Robison replied that it would still be voted on to determine whether this is a direction the Town is interested in moving towards in the future.

John McGinley questioned Mr. Gionet as to why he thinks people are drawn here to live and recreate? Mr. Gionet replied that Lincoln is a destination recreation area. He added that gaming is a recreation and he would like to give the townspeople a chance to take advantage of this opportunity.

Peter Spanos stated that he has never been an advocate for gambling, however, in recent years he has started to change his mind. Many of the bus tours that would have come through Lincoln in the past are cancelling their tours because there is no casino nearby. He is losing business. He added that economically the Town needs to be realistic and move forward with the times.

The Board thanked Mr. Gionet and the audience members for coming to the meeting. At this time all of the audience members other than Mr. Wallem left the meeting.

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

**Motion: “To approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2013 as amended.”**

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague Motion carries.

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

#### **Review of Sewer Use Ordinance**

The Board reviewed the revisions to the Sewer Use Ordinance proposed by Public Works Director William Willey and Town Manager Burbank. The proposed revisions are all pertaining to the fats, oil, and grease portion of the Ordinance. The Board made a slight change and the following motion was made:

**MOTION: “To adopt the revised Sewer Use Ordinance.”**

Motion: Patricia McTeague Second: Tamra Ham All in favor.

#### **Review of Investment Policy**

After reviewing the policy, the Board made no changes and the following motion was made:

**MOTION: “To adopt the current investment policy as written.”**

Motion: Patricia McTeague Second: Tamra Ham All in favor.

#### **Private Alarm Ordinance**

The Board decided to review this at their next meeting.

#### **Society for Protection of NH Forests Letter of Support**

The Board discussed the recent request of the Society for Protection of NH Forests for a letter of support

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addressed to the White Mountain National Forest requesting an extensive environmental review of the Northern Pass Project. The Board noted that this letter was quite extensive and the request they are making is quite costly. Mr. Burbank recommended that the Board address Mr. Abbott not by signing this letter of support but by informing him that the Town of Lincoln has already voted against the Northern Pass project as stated in last year's warrant.

### **Town Manager's Report**

### **JORI Properties Update**

Town Manager Burbank will be sending a letter to JORI Properties to inform them that the Town will be coming on to their property to conduct an environmental review.

### **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**

As April 14-20th is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, Dispatch Supervisor Sheryle Langmaid has requested that the Board adopt a proclamation recognizing said week in Lincoln, NH. This proclamation honors the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our community and citizens safe. The Board signed the proclamation.

### **Abatement Requests**

Town Manager Burbank explained that when the merge between Vision and BMSI occurred and before taxes were sent out, an error occurred on this parcel. This abatement is to correct that error.

### **MOTION: "To approve the abatement request of JORI Properties LLC for property (land only) at Woodland Loop."**

Motion: Patricia McTeague Second: Tamra Ham All in favor.

Mr. Gionet requested an abatement as he believes his outbuilding values are too high. After a visit to the property, the assessor agreed and made a slight adjustment to the value.

### **MOTION: "To approve the abatement request of Edmond & Mildred Gionet for their property at 233 Pollard Road."**

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: O.J. Robinson All in favor.

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## **V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lutz Wallem inquired as to what the new assistant was hired for. Town Manager Burbank stated that her title is office assistant and she is job sharing with Brook Rose.

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## **VI. NON PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3(a,c,e)**

### **MOTION: "To enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a,c,e) personnel and legal."**

Motion: Patricia McTeague Second: Tamra Ham

Roll Call Vote: Patricia McTeague in favor  
O.J. Robinson in favor.  
Tamra Ham in favor.

The Board entered non-public session at 7:10pm. Town Manager Burbank and Assistant Brook Rose were also present.

**MOTION: “To come out of Non-Public Session.”**

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague

Roll Call Vote: Patricia McTeague in favor  
O.J. Robinson in favor.  
Tamra Ham in favor.

The Board re-entered public session. No final decisions were made during non-public session.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

After reviewing the weekly payables and with no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion.

**MOTION: “To adjourn.”**

Motion: O.J. Robinson Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

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Chairman O.J. Robinson

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Vice Chair Patricia McTeague

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Selectman Tamra Ham