

Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2011

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

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

Public Present: Chester Kahn, and George Sansoucy.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: “To approve the minutes of November 28, 2011 as amended”.

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

III. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Northern Pass Update

P. Joseph briefly updated the Board on the Northern Pass Project. The project is moving full speed ahead on the alternate routes. Notices on the proposed alternate route went out to abutting landowners. The environmental impact study is underway. P. Joseph will post a copy of the letter to the landowners at the Town Hall for anyone that is interested.

Bunker Lane Riverbank RFQ/Selection

P. Joseph recommended Dubois & King, Inc. as his first choice for project engineer because of their extensive and relevant past project experience. He would like the Board's permission to negotiate with the firm directly. The Board agreed. P. Joseph will also contact their references. Chester Kahn asked if he could be involved in the process as he has a great deal of experience in this area. C. Kahn would like to review the top two RFQ's. The Board welcomed C. Kahn's involvement. C. Kahn will report back to P. Joseph tomorrow with his findings.

Discussion RE: Loon Mountain Bridge

O.J. Robinson questioned whether the pedestrian walkway across Loon Mountain Bridge is complete. P. Joseph will check with DOT. He provided the Board with information regarding the State Bridge Construction Program application. The program calls for a 5% in kind match. P. Joseph has allocated approximately \$150,000 of surplus funds for the match. HEB Engineers, Inc. will be meeting with the Board in 3-4 weeks to present their study on alternative options for the bridge. The next step is project predesign. P. Joseph will get cost estimates from HEB Engineers, Inc. in February to include on the special warrant articles. C. Kahn questioned where FEMA is at with the redesignation of the flood zones. P. Joseph explained that a subcontractor is handling the work for FEMA and though the Town has inquired about this numerous times, there is still no answer as to when the redesignation will be completed.

IV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: “To enter Non-Public Session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II(e) “Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation” regarding New Hampshire Electric Cooperative v. Town of Lincoln.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

The Board entered Non-Public Session at 6:00pm. P. Joseph, B. Rose and George Sansoucy were also present.

MOTION: “To reconvene the Public Session.”

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

The Board reconvened the public session at 7:25pm.

MOTION: “To seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session until which time the case NHEC v. Town of Lincoln has been resolved.”

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

MOTION: “To join the pool of seven other New Hampshire municipalities in retaining Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC Attorneys at Law specifically for the case of NHEC v. Town of Lincoln.”

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Personnel Request

P. Joseph informed the Board that B. Rose has approached him to request adjusting her schedule to approximately 35 hours/ 4 days a week. P. Joseph supports her request. The Board supported P. Joseph's decision as long as B. Rose's work is completed as usual and they also recommended a trial period. B. Rose and P. Joseph agreed. B. Rose added that she would still cover the Town Clerk's office full time when she is on vacation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50pm the following motion was made:

MOTION: “To adjourn.”

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman Peter Moore

Selectman Patricia McTeague

Selectman O. J. Robinson