

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 – 5:30PM
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN NH

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Butch Burbank, Finance Officer Helen Jones and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

Public Present: Deanna Huot, Pat Romprey, Patrick Stinson, Chris Fournier, Seth Brownell, Jon Ham, Norman Belanger and Brian Baker.

I. CALL TO ORDER

O.J. Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: “To approve the non-public meeting minutes of March 11, 2013 and March 18, 2013 as presented.”

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague Motion carries.

Motion: “To approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2013 as presented.”

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague Motion carries.

III. APPOINTMENTS

HEB Engineers Update on the Loon Mountain Bridge Project

Chris Fournier and Seth Brownell from HEB Engineers attended the meeting to update the Board on the Loon Mountain Bridge Project. Chris explained that HEB provided the complete funding overview and project narrative for FEMA to prepare the project worksheets as required. HEB has not heard back from FEMA as to whether or not they have accepted the project worksheets. Town Manager Burbank will call FEMA tomorrow to see if there has been any movement in this regards. Mr. Burbank informed the Board that Loon Mountain President Rick Kelly met with him and HEB today to discuss bridge logistics, right of way and easement coordination. He added that currently lighting is not included in the project. The Board had an in depth discussion regarding the proposed right of way.

Chris went on to say that NHDOT has approved the project scope and fees. The preliminary design phase has begun. A public input session is tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2013.

Town Manager Burbank brought up the Loon Mountain sign. At their meeting earlier today, Rick Kelly mentioned that Loon had to move the sign in order for the temporary bridge to be installed and they would now like the Town to cover the cost of a replacing or even installing a new sign. HEB has requested that Loon provide a copy of their invoices for the removal of the sign as well as a picture of the sign prior to the storm. The Board questioned whether Loon had insurance on their sign. Town Manager Burbank will look into this matter further.

Pat Romprey questioned what would happen with the current bridge abutments. Chris replied that they would be demolished as part of the contract to build the new bridge. Deanna Huot questioned what precautions were being taken to protect the water treatment plant river intake structure. Chris Fournier replied that NHDES closely regulates activity in the river and will actually enclose the construction site during construction to minimize disturbance to the river.

North Country Center for the Arts Board (NCCA)

NCCA Board President Brian Baker and Executive Director Patrick Stinson appeared before the Board to discuss their tax exemption status. Mr. Stinson presented an overview on the history of NCCA. He explained that several Saturday Night Live stars got their start at NCCA. The playhouse is a valuable asset to the community. NCCA has hosted and donated their time and resources for several community based events (for the library and the school) at no charge. NCCA currently hosts and is continually building programs for the community to participate in. They do not charge for these programs. NCCA also hosts many discounted locals nights so the townspeople can enjoy productions at a greatly reduced rate. NCCA also stimulates the local economy by a couple hundred thousand dollars each year.

NCCA is asking for a non-profit tax exempt status for Jean's Playhouse. Mr. Stinson explained that there is precedence in the State of NH for this request. The Winnepesaukee Playhouse was granted tax exempt status last year. The New London Barn is also fully exempt for their buildings. Deanna Huot stated that there is not another non-profit theater in the State of NH that pays taxes. She added that the theater greatly contributes to the community year round.

The Board will read through the informational packet presented by NCCA and make a decision at their next meeting. O.J. Robinson stated that his personal opinion is that the theater greatly contributes to the community and local economy and he does not see a problem with granting their request. Patricia McTeague added that she agrees and that the theater is a great asset to the local townspeople. Pat Romprey commented that he feels the theater should at least pay for their water and sewer use. Brian Baker stated that this organization, like similar non-profits does struggle to stay afloat so they appreciate any concessions the Town is able to make.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Town Board Appointments

The Board received a letter from Taylor Beaudin expressing his interest in serving as an alternate on the Planning Board. O.J. Robinson is interested in filling vacancies on town boards however he stated that he has a concern with Mr. Beaudin doing business out of a property that is non-compliant with the Town's Land Use Plan Ordinance. The Board is not comfortable making this appointment until Mr. Beaudin's business comes into compliance. Once this has been done, the Board would be happy to consider his appointment.

MOTION: "To make the following appointments:

**Ron Comeau and Paul Beaudin to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the term of three years.
Pat Romprey and John Hettinger to the Planning Board for the term of three years.**

Beverly Hall to the Budget Committee for the term of one year.”

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

Town Manager’s Report**250th Anniversary Banners**

Mr. Burbank informed the Board that the 250th banners have been delivered to the town offices. The Board agreed not to put them up until August 1st after the Town of Woodstock’s 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Informational Meeting Regarding Town’s Dispatch Services

The public meeting regarding the Town’s dispatch services will be held at 6:00pm on April 15th. Grafton County Dispatch Services will make a presentation at the meeting.

Deanna Huot stated that she is very upset about this discussion and the fact that this matter was not brought up at Town Meeting. She added that there is a strong community connection to the dispatch center. O.J. Robinson stated that the Board was not in a position and did not have the facts and figures in place to bring this up at Town Meeting. He added that there were also very few people at Town Meeting. Patricia McTeague stated that not mentioning this at Town Meeting was not intentional.

Town Manager Burbank addressed Deanna’s concern. He stated that researching alternatives to the Town’s dispatch center is a business decision. It says nothing about the Town’s dispatch service. The employees that work for the Town do an excellent job. However, for a community this size spending upwards of a quarter of a million dollars is a lucrative and wonderful perk if the Town is willing to pay for it. O.J. Robinson added that the Board asked the Town Manager to research this matter. This matter will further be discussed at the upcoming information meeting on April 15th.

School Board Meetings

Pat Romprey brought up the recent School Board hearing. He commented that the Town of Lincoln wasn’t properly represented as there is only one member from Lincoln on the Board. Jon Ham agreed that the Town needs to have more than one representative to the School Board. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that they would like to contact the Town Attorney to see what options or procedural steps the Town can take to change the makeup of the School Board.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s Day

As the Town has recently worked with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children the Board made the following proclamation:

MOTION: “To proclaim May 25, 2013 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s Day in the Town of Lincoln.”

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

V. 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 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman O.J. Robinson

Vice Chair Patricia McTeague

Selectman Tamra Ham