

Town of Lincoln
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2012

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Peter Joseph, Administrative Assistant Brook Rose, Planning Board Chairman Pat Romprey, and Planning Board Vice Chairman Jim Spanos.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL -MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the August 13, 2012 meeting minutes.

MOTION: “To approve the meeting minutes of August 13, 2012.”

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

III. APPOINTMENTS

Pat Romprey re: Planning Board Business

Mr. Romprey provided the Board with a letter of resignation from Planning Board member Deanne Chrystal. Deanne is moving out of Lincoln and has thus resigned from the Board. Mr. Romprey also provided the Board with a letter from Paula Strickon expressing her interest in serving on the Planning Board. Pat Romprey highly recommended appointing Paula as she is very qualified, has no vested interest other than serving the community, and is able to regularly attend meetings. Jim Spanos agreed. O.J. Robinson added that he serves on the Lin-Wood Ambulance Board with Paula and is in favor of appointing her.

MOTION: “To appoint Paula Strickon as a member of the Planning Board to fill out the remainder of the term of Deanne Chrystal and to thank Deanne for her service to the Town of Lincoln .”

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

The Board would like Town Clerk Susan Whitman to look up the date for the expiration of Deanne Chrystal's term and to swear Paula Strickon in for the remainder of said term. Pat Romprey stated that Paula will attend this week's Planning Board meeting.

IV. OLD/ NEW BUSINESS

Update on NHEC Pending Litigation

The Board decided to discuss this matter in open session. Peter Joseph read an e-mail from Christopher Bolt, Esq. of Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, the Town's representation in this case. Peter explained that Attorney Bolt would like the Town's authorization to assent to join the NHEC's appeals of the 2011 tax assessments to the pending cases concerning the 2010 tax assessments. Settling both cases in court together, favorably or not, has the potential for cost savings.

MOTION: “The Town of Lincoln authorizes Attorney Christopher Bolt to give his assent to join the NHEC's appeals of the 2011 tax assessments to the pending cases concerning the 2010 tax assessments.”

Motion: Patricia McTeague

Second: Tamra Ham

All in favor.

Loon Request for Permission to Occupy Town-Owned Properties

Loon Mountain Resort has requested permission to occupy several town-owned properties and parking lots during the 2012 NH Highland Games. The Board granted Loon Mountain Resort's request and asked that Peter Joseph request a certificate of insurance from the Resort.

Recreation Department Update

The Board discussed the departure of Teneil Rineer as Program Coordinator for the Recreation Department. The Board is sad to see her go as she has done a fantastic job and has brought a lot to the community through her work. The Board wishes her the best as she moves forward in her career. They also wished to thank her for staying through the end of the summer season which was longer than she intended to stay.

Town Manager's Report

Police Department Equipment

Peter informed the Board that the balance in the Police Department capital reserve fund is \$18,200. O.J. Robinson stated that he will not be at the meeting on September 10th when a decision would be made on purchasing the phone system for the Police Department. He informed the rest of the Board that he would rather purchase the higher priced system to ensure the Department has a quality and proven phone system. He added that unless there is a significant savings to install a new phone system at the Town Offices at the same time as the Police Department, he would rather hold off on it.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Peter informed the Board that CMA Engineers recently measured the sludge level of the sewer lagoons at the WWTP. The last time this was done was in 2009. The lagoons gained 1.8 inches of sludge over the past 3 years. Presently, the Town is slightly above the recommended level for dredging the lagoons. The estimate to dredge is \$250,000-\$500,000. The Town would most likely be on the higher end of that estimate as there is a high level of copper present in the lagoons which is expensive to remove. Peter added that the good news is that the level is progressing very predictably and that the Town is putting funds away in capital reserve to take care of this in a few years from now. The Town is on the right track to cover this expense as planned.

Other Business

Bill Conn recently made Peter Joseph aware that he is intending to apply to the Planning Board for site plan review however he is still working through the State of NH process for obtaining a driveway permit.

Peter Joseph mailed the letter to MDR South Peak regarding the Highland Games as requested. Peter also spoke with Loon Mountain Resort and they will draw up a letter of indemnification if the Town does not hear back from MDR South Peak.

Fire Department

Tamra Ham commended the members of the Peterson family that serve on the Fire Department for responding to the tone on Saturday evening. They were the only ones that responded to the fireworks detail at Loon Mountain Resort.

MS-1 Filing Extension

MOTION: “To file a request with the NH Department of Revenue for an extension on filing the MS-1.”

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

V. NON-PUBLIC SESSION pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a,b)

MOTION: “To enter into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a,b).”

Motion: Patricia McTeague **Second:** Tamra Ham

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

The Board entered Non-Public Session at 7:00pm. Peter Joseph and Brook Rose were also present during non-public session.

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

Motion: Patricia McTeague **Second:** Tamra Ham

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

The applications received thus far for the Town Manager position were briefly discussed. No action was taken as there will be a work session to review applications next week. The Board came out of Non-Public session at 7:05pm.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: “To adjourn.”

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman O. J. Robinson

Vice Chair Patricia McTeague

Tamra Ham