

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 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 Burbank and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

**Public Present:** Edmond Gionet.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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## **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL- MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION: “To approve the meeting minutes of September 30, 2013.”**

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

**MOTION: “To approve the non-public meeting minutes of September 30, 2013.”**

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

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## **III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Participation – Edmond Gionet**

Mr. Gionet attended the meeting to discuss some concerns he has with ongoing matters within the Town of Lincoln. First he stated that it was untrue that at the recent public hearing on the Northern Pass project that he stated that the Town of Lincoln was in favor of the project. He brought the minutes of that meeting which reflect his statement being that his, “district overwhelmingly supports this project.” The opinion of the Board was that in stating that, “his district... supports this project”, he is misrepresenting the voters of both the towns of Lincoln and Woodstock as both towns voted against the project at their 2011 town meetings. Mr. Gionet replied that only a small percent of the 3,000 voters in his district voted at town meeting and that the overwhelming majority of the townspeople support the Northern Pass project. Both parties agreed to disagree on this matter.

Mr. Gionet went on to say that he is disappointed with the way things are going in Town. He stated that he has asked for six years to have the Public Works Department clean up the two 54 inch pipes that abut his property in the Town’s right of way and now the Town is telling him they need to apply to NHDES for a permit. Town Manager Burbank replied that an engineer for the Town viewed the site and Mr.

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Burbank is waiting to get a site analysis back from him. He added that at this time, he is not willing to put town equipment into that area without NHDES approval.

Mr. Gionet stated that the Public Works Director is not accountable and is not running the department the way he should be. He stated that the taxpayers are being fleeced and that it is stupid to be working on something as inconsequential as a community garden when there are more important priorities. He stated that Mr. Burbank is not qualified to be Town Manager. Additionally, he stated that considering the size of the Town of Lincoln, a town manager form of government is not needed as the Board of Selectmen should be running the Town. Mr. Gionet also took issue with the Town taking over Beechwood One as well as working so closely with Loon Mountain Resort. He brought up the fact that the back alleyways in the center of Town are not Town roads and thus the Town should not be investing taxpayer dollars into them. He provided the Board with USDA road maps from the 1930s & 1940s which do not have these alleyways on them.

O.J. Robinson replied that the Board fully supports the Town staff. He added that this Board attempts to be collaborative, proactive, fair and reasonable. The Board relies on professionals such as the Town Manager, attorneys, and engineers to guide them. He stated that the Town is not taking over Beechwood One although the Town does have deeded responsibilities and is working collaboratively with Loon Mountain Resort to resolve major drainage, water, and sewer issues in this area. Tamra Ham also stated that the Town has been maintaining these back roadways since they were constructed and thus these roads are legally and statutorily considered Town roads after such a long period of time.

Mr. Gionet stated that the Town needs to see some changes. At this time, he left the meeting.

## **Town Manager's Report**

### **Budget Update**

Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that he will have the initial 2014 budget for the Board to review mid-November.

### **Columbus Day Weekend Traffic**

Tamra Ham mentioned that she received a complaint about the lack of traffic control in light of the high volumes of traffic last weekend. Traffic was backed up at the light in the middle of town through several traffic light cycles. Traffic from Connector Road could not get out on to Main Street. Town Manager Burbank will speak with Police Chief Smith to see if the officer on duty this weekend (Columbus Day weekend) can do some traffic control between calls.

### **Recreation Update – Proposed Skate Park & Disc Golf Park**

Tamra Ham informed the Board that two separate groups have approached the Lin Wood Friends of Recreation with proposals for recreational parks. One of the groups is planning and has laid the groundwork for a disc golf course on the Kanc ski slope. There will be no cost to the Town initially however there will be some minor maintenance costs in the future. The Town will not be responsible for managing the course. Equipment will be distributed in the off season out of the Encore shop.

The other group is proposing a skate park and is working under the nonprofit status of the LinWood Friends of Recreation. The park will be on town property however it will be completely grant funded. The proposed site for the park is the town property located in the vicinity of the proposed Riverwalk project. The Town will lease the land to the Friends of Recreation. The skate park is part of the vision

outlined in the Town's Master Plan. The timeline for construction is expected to be summer 2014. Town Manager Burbank stated that the Town will be responsible for future park maintenance costs. The Board would like to meet with this group to review the formal plans and details for the park. They would like to meet jointly with the Planning Board. Mr. Burbank will bring this matter before the Planning Board at their upcoming meeting.

### **Personnel Update**

Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that Andy Nicoll was recently promoted to the position of Supervisor within the Public Works Department.

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## **IV. NON PUBLIC WORK SESSION pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(e)**

**MOTION: "To go into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(e) ."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham                      Second: Patricia McTeague                      Roll call vote was all in favor.**

The Board went into non-public session at 6:45pm.

**MOTION: "To enter back into public session."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham                      Second: Patricia McTeague                      Roll call vote was all in favor.**

The Board came back into public session at 6:55pm.

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## **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: Tamra Ham   All in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Chairman O.J. Robinson

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Vice Chair Patricia McTeague

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Tamra Ham