# LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2014 – 5:30PM

# LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN NH

**Board of Selectmen Present:** Gil Rand, Joel Bourassa, O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague and Tamra Ham

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Alfred Burbank, Administrative Assistant, Jane Leslie. Paul Beaudin Solid Waste Facility Manager and Nikki Donahue, Minute Recorder.

Public Present: Ron Beard, Patrick Griffin, Mike Donahue, Rex Caulder, AJ Sousa, Dave Beaudin.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

O.J. Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

# II. JOINT SESSION WITH WOODSTOCK BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISCUSS BRUSH DISPOSAL OPTIONS AT SOLID WASTE FACILITY

Town Manager Burbank outlined the brush burning procedure the Solid Waste Facility has utilized for years and discussed the multitude of complaints Lincoln Town Hall receives annually during brush burning season. One recommendation Town Manager Burbank suggested, was to clear a section of land at the facility to pile brush and then bring in a tub grinder once or twice a year to chip the wood. Solid Waste Manager Paul Beaudin stated he currently burns brush on Tuesdays and Thursdays and has researched alternative options to burning brush at the facility which was previously submitted by memorandum to both Woodstock and Lincoln's Board of Selectmen. Some options being proposed would be to no longer accept brush at the facility; charge residents to drop off brush (currently there is no brush disposal fee), or purchase a tub grinder service that will come to facility once or twice a year. Chairman Robinson pointed out that if the tub grinder is chosen, it does not have to be for the long term and can be re-examined at a later date.

Town Manager Burbank asked the Board's to first consider if this matter is even "a legitimate issue" to be discussed further and changed, or not. Selectman Bourassa stated he feels this is in fact a valid concern for Lincoln residents and business owners, and questioned if the loud noise of the tub grinder would raise new issues and concerns for the residents. Paul Beaudin responded that according to his estimate, the grinding would only need to be done once or twice a year, and last only for one day during the week. Town Manager Burbank also reminded the Selectmen that the 2014 Budget is set and any alternative options being considered would not go into effect until 2015. All Board members are in agreement to begin clearing the land this year at the Solid Waste Facility, and possibly replace burning brush with a tub grinder system next year and test run the system.

# Solid Waste Facility Fee Schedule

Solid Waste Manager Paul Beaudin discussed with the Board that the rates for disposal of various materials have not been increased in over sixteen (16) years and suggested that the current system be changed to a system where individuals are charged by the pound to dispose of electronic equipment (TV's, Monitors (CRT's) as the cost is rising for the facility to dispose of these materials. He also suggests the same for construction/demolition debris as well. Resident Patrick Griffin suggests not modifying current practices or increased charges at the facility for fear of creating new issues and

environmental concerns. Mr. Beaudin recommends the Boards consider purchasing a commercial scale to weigh electronics and appliances to determine disposal fees and suggested looking into CIP funding to cover the \$1,100. cost associated with purchasing the scale, as it is not in the Solid Waste budget this year. Chairman Robinson suggested Paul Beaudin research pricing, shipping and maintenance fees for the scale before a decision is made and discuss further at a future joint session. Selectmen Bourassa also agreed and will follow up with the Woodstock Board of Selectmen and discuss this issue at their next meeting and follow up with Lincoln at a subsequent joint session.

# III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL – MEETING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: "To approve the meeting minutes of March 31, 2014 as presented."

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

#### IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

# **Public Participation**

Fire Chief Ron Beard stated that the department has another new member on board, and he is looking forward to coordinating further trainings with the department and will be offering a Fire One over the course of the summer.

# **Site Evaluation Committee Meeting**

The Board has been invited to attend a Site Evaluation Committee meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth NH for discussions concerning the Northern Pass Project. Board members will let Town Manager Burbank know who will be attending as the date gets closer.

# Town Manager's Report

#### Common Man

Town Manager Burbank is scheduled to meet with Alex Ray on Tuesday morning concerning the Common Man parking lot improvements and lease, as well as the drainage issues and necessary road repairs. He has also researched recent land sale prices comparable to the Common Man's leased parking lot for current market value rates. Chairman Robinson and the Board agree that the Common Man lease should reflect current market value rates and asked Town Manger Burbank to speak with Mr. Ray about using the auxiliary parking lot without prior approval to do so.

Selectman Ham followed up with the Lincoln Police Department concerning the Common Man dumpster issues and discovered that very few incidences have been reported and the dumpster is locked and up to code.

# Loon Mountain Bridge

Town Manager Burbank has continued working on land swap and ownership negotiations concerning the Loon Mountain Bridge and parking lot, and informed the Board that the proposal restricts maintenance and repairs to April and May. Chairman Robinson stated that parking will not be restricted during prime ski season for repairs unless it is absolutely necessary, and the Board is in agreement that the bridge needs to be repaired and will continue pursuing this issue as the Town of Lincoln owns the bridge.

# Leadership and Risk Management Forum

Town Manager Burbank has been invited to participate in the Leadership and Risk Management Forum for Town and City Managers sponsored by Primex, and will take place over the course of the next nine months.

# Water Intake Funding

Town Manager Burbank has reviewed various funding options for the water intake project, and recommends the town go with Union Bank's offer for funding at a rate of 2.25%. Paul Beaudin questioned if the town considered borrowing the money from itself at zero percent interest rate. Town Manager Burbank stated that option was considered, however the town does not have the funding available at this time. Chairman Robinson suggested borrowing from the town may have worked if the project was short term; however, the duration of the load is for five years.

#### **FEMA Conference Call**

Chairman Robinson mentioned the Board has a conference call scheduled with Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Senator Kelly Ayotte's office, as well as a FEMA Representatives on Wednesday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. concerning the release of current flood mapping data. The National Funding issues will also be discussed during this call as it relates to the Levee.

# **Application for Veteran Tax Exemption**

MOTION: "To accept and approve three separate Veteran Exemption Applications as presented by Town Clerk, Tax Collector Susan Whitman."

Motion: OJ Robinson

Second: Tamra Ham

All in favor.

# Chenard Property Clean Up

Selectman Ham informed the Board she is beginning to receive telephone calls from neighboring residents of Mr. Chenard concerning the garbage and junk yard atmosphere of his property. Town Manager Burbank will contact Mr. Chenard concerning the clean-up of his property.

### **Board Appointments**

Individuals are still being contacted concerning Board Appointments.

# V. NON PUBLIC SESSION Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e).

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session

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

#### 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: OJ Robinson

Second: Tamera Ham

All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Chairman O.J. Robinson

Respectfully Submitted, Nikki Donahue

Approval Date 4/14/14

Patricia McTeague