Lincoln Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes April 18, 2011

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

Staff: Town Manager Peter Joseph, Chief Ted Smith, Officer Jeannine Wood and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

Members of the Public: Charlie Cook and Deanna Huot.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

II. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO RENAME A PORTION OF GOVONI LANE IN MEMORY OF NORA PARENT

Deanna Huot informed the Board that she heard from the Parent family last week and they were very pleased to hear that a small portion of Govoni Lane would be renamed in Nora Parent's honor. Patricia McTeague mentioned that three quarters of the road would remain Govoni Lane. Deanna Huot commented that she supports renaming that portion of road but thinks it would be a good idea to also speak with the Govoni family so they understand what is being done. Peter Moore stated that letters were mailed out to neighboring residents, the hearing was posted around Town as well as published in the newspaper however, Peter Joseph stated that he would contact the family this week in case they have any concerns.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Smith attended the meeting to introduce the new Police Officer, Jeannine Wood to the Board. He explained that Jeannine Wood came on board last week and will be going to the Academy next week. Jeannine Wood did very well throughout the intensive interview process. The Board welcomed Officer Wood and wished her good luck at the Academy.

IV. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: O.J. Robinson made a motion that the meeting minutes of April 11, 2011 be approved. Patricia McTeague seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Patricia McTeague had some questions about what happened after she left the last meeting. She specifically wanted to state that if the Town is going to do a total compensation review, they should include both union and non-union employees in the analysis.

V. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Northern Pass Update

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the Town received a letter from The Northern Pass stating that the project is abandoning the alternative routes they had initially proposed as practical alternatives. One of the alternatives was to go around the White Mountain National Forest.

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Thus, Peter Joseph stated that the project would run through Lincoln. The Board reviewed the letter.

Board Appointments

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is in favor of appointing Tammy Ham to the ZBA as a full voting member. The ZBA was not in favor of WT Bishop being reappointed as an alternate as he has not been able to attend any meetings. They will see if there is anyone interested in serving as an alternate from the community and make a recommendation to the Board.

MOTION: Patricia McTeague made a motion to appoint Tammy Ham as a full voting member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term of three years. O.J. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that Robert Wetherall recently expressed interest in the Moderator position. O.J. Robinson replied that he would speak with Mr. Wetherell about the position.

Town Manager's Report

Peter Joseph mentioned that at the last Board meeting, the topic of HMO vs. POS plans was raised. At the Board's request Peter Joseph investigated why the Town was maintaining a POS plan with only one person subscribing. The Town is offering the plan to a retired employee who reimburses the Town for 100% of the premiums associated with the plan. There is no cost for the Town to continue offering this plan to this individual.

Peter Moore mentioned that since the Town offers retirees benefits, he would like to see this formally addressed in the personnel policy.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that the Town received notice today that Primex is discontinuing offering health insurance as of July of 2012. Primex will offer one final year of insurance coverage that they have already quoted. The Town's 2011-2012 renewal rates came in at 15.48%, which is equivalent to the not to exceed number.

Peter Joseph stated that Tax Collector Susan Whitman has provided the Board with the list of properties that are up for tax deeding for their review. The Board will need to waive any properties that would be a "liability" for the Town by the first meeting in May to avoid having them taken by deed. The Board reviewed the list and will put it on the agenda for the first meeting in May.

Peter Joseph informed the Board that Peter Malia is moving forward in obtaining a default order on the former Buonopane's Restaurant and that the papers should be filed this week in court.

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Peter Joseph provided the Board with a projection of the tax impact from the new county jail construction over the next three years. He explained that the county tax rate is predicted to increase from \$1.36 to \$1.68 in 2013.

The Board decided not to meet on Monday, April 25, 2011 as two of the Selectmen will be out of Town. The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2011.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to attend to, the Board adjourned at 7:10pm and reviewed the accounts payable for the week ending April 15, 2011.

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Respectfully submitted,	
Brook Rose	
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	Chairman Peter Moore
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