

**LINCOLN BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 10, 2022 – 4:00PM**

**LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH**

**(THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON YOUTUBE)**

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**Building Committee Members Present:** Chairman, Al Poulin, Selectmen's Rep. Tamra Ham, Fire Chief Ron Beard, Paul Mullen, John Hettinger, Town Manager, Carina Park, Debbie Celino and Jim Welsh

**Public Present:** *There was no public present.*

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Poulin called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

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**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:** "To approve the Building Committee meeting minutes from February 22, 2022 as presented."

**Motion:** Ron Beard

**Second:** Paul Mullen

**All in favor.**

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**III. FOLLOW-UP FROM TOWN MEETING – WARRANT ARTICLE PASSED**

Chairman Poulin thanked the entire Building Committee; the Police Department, Selectman Ham and Town Manager Park for the amazing job, support, and contributions that everyone made for a successful Town Meeting vote. The Committee discussed the many valid points made during the meeting both in support for either a new structure being built or renovations to the current building (again). The fact of the matter is, the Police Department can no longer sustain their growing department and work efficiently with outside agencies during times of crisis in the current building. The committee agreed that they will look at creating plans for a structure that will last for the next 50+years.

The committee discussed the approved RFQ for Conceptual Design Services that Town Engineer Ray Korber is preparing to be submitted to the public next week, along with Korber's timeline which details having a completed conceptual design by October 14, 2022. Selectman Ham feels that this will allow the committee some time to obtain a grant writer(s). Carina suggested reaching out to grant writer Greg Davis who works with First Responders Grants as well as another grant writer, Katelyn Robinson of NCIC (Northern Communities Investment Corporation) just to get this project on their radar for the coming months ahead. Chief Beard will reach out to Greg Davis and Carina will reach out to Katelyn Robinson. Ham suggested also reaching out to North Country Council so that they have three (3) options to compare and choose from.

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**IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Old Airport Site Survey:**

Chair Poulin asked if the land had been surveyed yet. Chief Beard responded that Steve Tower is surveying both of the lots at the Old Airport because one of the abutting properties may be encroaching on the town land. Ham suggested that Carina reach out to Ray Korber to confirm the same.

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**I-93 Emergency Access Ramp:**

Chair Poulin recommended that they begin the process of seeking approval for an emergency access ramp onto I-93 North (between Exit 32 & 33) as this process may take a few years. Selectman Ham suggested Carina search through her emails because Butch had begun this dialogue with NH-DOT prior to his retirement. Poulin explained that this access ramp can cut the response time by 2-3 minutes and would only be accessible for emergency response vehicles.

**Grants:**

Debbie Celino commented about a special she saw on WMUR back in September about Newbury, NH's new public safety building where they discussed a variety of grants that they had received that helped cover costs for internal equipment, and she had the contact information for the Newbury Fire Chief.

Carina commented that the State is going to be awarded a tremendous amount of funding from the Federal Infrastructure Bill that they will then have to create programs to distribute this funding through. One of the programs being discussed will be aimed at Police and Fire infrastructure and could potentially be of great assistance to the town.

**Public Support:**

Poulin commented that some citizens that spoke during Town Meeting were not fully supportive of this project, and he feels that they need to be positive when speaking with these folks and to educate them. Poulin further explained that most people have not been in to see the Police Station, therefore, they do not understand the spacing deficiencies downstairs. Carina added that although this is a police/fire project, the Town Hall offices upstairs are in desperate need of additional space and could certainly benefit from expanding the town offices to the downstairs area. Poulin noted that there will also be valuable land where the current Fire Station is located on Church Street that the Selectmen will have to decide what to do with.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*There was no public participation.*

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to attend to, the Committee scheduled their next Building Committee meeting for Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Lincoln Town Hall Conference Room.

**MOTION: "To adjourn."****Motion: Tamra Ham****Second: Debbie Celino****Motion Carries.**

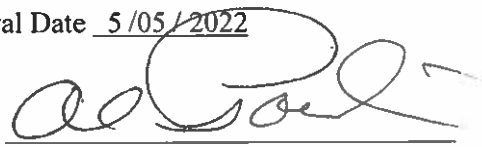
The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,

Executive Assistant, Jane Leslie

Approval Date 5/05/2022



Chairman, Al Poulin