

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH

Present: O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague, and Jayne Ludwig.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Ron Beard, and Recording Secretary Brook Rose.

Public Present: Emily Sennott, Tamra Ham, Steve Noseworthy, Edmond Gionet, Paul Beaudin, Roger Harrington, Rosemary Dutilly, Dave Beaudin, and Mary Conn.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: “To approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting as amended.”

Motion: McTeague Second: Ludwig Motion carries

MOTION: “To approve the first non-public meeting minutes of the September 14, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting as presented.”

Motion: Ludwig Second: McTeague Motion carries

MOTION: “To approve the second non-public meeting minutes of the September 14, 2015 Board of Selectmen’s meeting as presented.”

Motion: Ludwig Second: McTeague Motion carries

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Letter from White Mountain Mental Health

O.J. explained that White Mountain Mental Health has addressed a letter to the Board thanking the Town for its \$1,000 appropriation for 2015. As of August 31st, the agency has seen 27 uninsured or under-insured people from the town of Lincoln. The cost to provide care to these individuals was \$16,432.00. The agency is requesting level funding in the amount of \$2,291.94 from the Town this year.

Joint Meeting with Woodstock

The Lincoln and Woodstock Boards of Selectmen will be meeting in Woodstock at 6:00pm tomorrow evening to discuss the Solid Waste Agreement.

Culvert next to Mr. Gionet's Property

Engineer Ray Korber will be presenting a brief written statement to the Board with his recommendation on the culvert that abuts Mr. Gionet's property. Once the Board receives the recommendation, O.J. would like to move forward with it and make any necessary repairs.

Update on Pipe/Drainage at Forest Ridge

Town Manager Burbank will update the Board at their next meeting. Roger Harrington requested a copy of the report from Ray Korber once the Town receives it.

Public Participation – Edmond Gionet

Edmond Gionet requested a few amendments on the meeting minutes. They are as follows:

Mr. Gionet would like it reflected in the minutes that he did not know what the engineer was paid to look at the culvert. He stated that the repair could be made for \$800-\$1,000.

Mr. Gionet questioned the accuracy of the conversation he had with Tim Churchill. O.J. replied that Mr. Gionet did in fact make those statements; however, he does not want to discuss the context of their conversation, as it was not a conversation with the Board.

Mr. Gionet also wanted to clarify for the minutes, that at the last meeting, the minutes stated that he said Town Manager Burbank had too much authority. What he wanted to be clear about was that he said that Mr. Burbank was appointed and not elected, and he had far more authority than he should have. Mr. Gionet wanted that in the minutes.

Mr. Gionet questioned whether the Board received the declaratory judgement on Beechwood. O.J. stated that the Board met in non-public session with the Town's attorney to discuss this last week. The Board is actively working on this matter but nothing has been filed to date.

Vicki Martin

Vicki Martin addressed the Board and informed them that she and her children were the ones that had the close encounter with the woman from Lincoln Green last week. She stated that she believes this woman misrepresented what occurred that day. She explained her perspective on the incident and that it was her 3 year old son who moves very slowly on a bicycle who the woman was complaining about. She stated that she never noticed the signs that bicycles are not allowed on the Connector Road sidewalk. Her 7, 5, and 3 year old boys have been riding on it for years. She explained that this woman that complained had her easel, chair and push cart partially set up in the sidewalk, and that she and her children rode into the grass to avoid her. Furthermore, she stated that she has never had any other kind of close encounter on this sidewalk, and that pedestrians have always been friendly and considerate.

There was an extended discussion regarding riding bicycles on sidewalks. The Board informed Vicki that it is a State law that bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks. Vicki stated that before the Board looks at adopting a local ordinance to stop bicycles from riding on sidewalks, they really need to consider where bicycles are going to ride especially in downtown Lincoln. She does not think it is safe for families and children to be riding in the road on Main Street, especially as they would have to swerve into the road to avoid all of the parallel parking places. There is no safe place to ride other than on the sidewalks. Jayne Ludwig stated that this was her concern about locating the skate park downtown. Mary

Conn also brought up how dangerous it is for bicyclists on Pollard Road. She added that it would lend to a healthy community for both residents and tourists alike to look into a bike lane/bike path. Paul Beaudin mentioned the installation of a guard rail between the bike lane and vehicular lane on Route 3.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to broaden the scope of the new Riverfront Park Committee to include looking at the flow of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk as well as exploring options for bicycles in the downtown area. Further, the Board asked that Town staff research the State law regarding bicycles on sidewalks. The Board thanked Vicki for attending the meeting and bringing her concerns to their attention.

Rosemary Dutilly (who arrived at the meeting towards the end of this conversation) informed the Board that she only took up roughly a quarter of the sidewalk with her easel. O.J. Robinson replied that he believes all parties should be considerate of each other and work these things out with a sense of reasonableness. However, stationary items should not be placed in the sidewalk. Rosemary stated that the bicyclists all ride on the Connector Road sidewalk so much so that she walks in the bike lane instead. She asked the Board to put up more updated signage (with pictures) on this walkway.

Paul Beaudin

Paul stated that last week he requested that the Board investigate whether or not signatures had been solicited at town hall for the petition (to keep the Town Manager form of government) but he never got a response from the Board. Paul added that Mr. Burbank had stated at a prior meeting that he did not solicit signatures. Paul would like all of this investigated. O.J. replied that all employees were advised not to get involved in Town politics. He added that he doesn't have anything further to add. Patricia McTeague stated that the Board has Mr. Burbank's word and thus it is unnecessary to conduct an investigation. Jayne Ludwig added that Mr. Beaudin and Mr. Gionet's concerns are hearsay, whereas, Butch was actually present in the building at the time these accusations were made. She does not see why the Town staff (knowing them as much as she does) would want to get involved as was suggested because they are already very busy.

IV. NON PUBLIC SESSION Pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3II (a,c) personnel

MOTION: To go into Non-Public Work Session at 6:25pm.

Motion: McTeague Seconded: Ludwig Roll call vote all in favor.

MOTION: To go back into public session at 6:50pm.

Motion: Robinson Seconded: Ludwig Roll call vote all in favor.

V. ADJOURNMENT

After reviewing the weekly accounts payables, the Board made the following motion.

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: McTeague Second: Ludwig All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date 9/28/15

O.J. Robinson

Patricia McTeague

Jayne Ludwig