

Memo To: *Lincoln Town Council*
From: *Lisa J. Goodwin, Town Manager*
Subject: *Weekly News*
Date: *February 12, 2010*

**The Lincoln Snowhounds Sno-Cross
races scheduled for February 20th &
21st have been postponed until
March 13th & 14th!**

ITEM 1. Applebee Engineering, P.A., has completed its Feasibility and Economic Evaluation Study of the Public Works garage. Applebee Engineering, P.A., was hired last fall to conduct this study to determine whether the town should renovate or build a new public works building. In its executive summary, Applebee Engineering concluded, *“We have identified a number of items that should be a concern for the town, ranging from the obvious lack of energy efficiency, limited operating conditions and the need for space to conduct an effective Public Works program, to the more serious concerns of identified building code non-compliance; electrical and mechanical deficiencies; and public and employee safety issues. It is without a question that this building has far exceeded its useful life, by definition. Given the estimated costs for the remediation of these items, and given the present age and condition of the DPW building, we make the final recommendation that the Town should replace the Public Works garage with a new structure that will provide a safe working environment for Town employees, meet the present and future needs in terms of space and ability to perform needed DPW functions, and demonstrate environmental responsibility through energy efficiency.”*

The team working with Applebee Engineering, P.A., to complete the study included consulting architect Judy Graebert, mechanical engineer, Matei iLina, and structural engineer, Jamie Mahoney. Vinal Applebee, Judy Graebert and Matei iLina will meet with the Town Council at a special meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010, at 7:00 PM for a comprehensive review of the final report. Lincoln residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to hear the full report and ask questions.

ITEM 2. Lighting at the town’s skating rink arrived just in time for the February school vacation! On Tuesday the lights were turned on so that residents can skate in the evenings. Recreation Director, Ron Weatherbee, reports that the children have been enjoying the rink after school and on the weekends. Grab your skates and enjoy some night skating!

ITEM 3. The Town relies heavily on volunteerism for many of the events it sponsors. The Lincoln Memorial Library also relies on volunteers to assist with a variety of projects throughout the year. Library Director, Linda Morrill, has developed a list of tasks the library volunteers can assist with. A database has been set up to track the volunteers and the hours that they contribute. Mrs. Morrill will use this information to promote interest in volunteering at the library and create a strong volunteer base.

ITEM 4. Even though there usually isn’t a lot of construction around lakefront property in the winter but when the landscape changes people tend to notice. This week Code Enforcement Officer, Jerry Davis, received an anonymous call from an individual concerned with excessive cutting on a lot. Upon investigation, Mr. Davis discovered a shoreland zoning violation on Mattanawcook Lake. His inspection revealed several white birches had been removed from the berm. The violation turned out to be on the same property for which a notice of violation was issued last summer for a submerged boat and an illegal waste disposal system. Those violations

were corrected. Mr. Davis has contacted the property owner to develop a plan of correction to remedy this violation. Residents are encouraged to contact Mr. Davis at 290-3372 before cutting any vegetation in the shoreland zone.

ITEM 5. The Recreation Department's Annual 5th-6th Grade Invitational Basketball Tournament is shaping up nicely. Recreation Director, Ron Weatherbee, reports that the planning has wrapped up with 12 teams from around the region participating on February 27th and 28th. The tournament programs have been sent to the printers, food items purchased, and the game schedule finalized. Again this year, the Town of Lincoln will award a first and second prize and a sportsmanship award to both a boys and girls team. Program Director, Nancy Guiod, is still looking for people who would like to volunteer their time for the weekend and commented, *"This Rec Center fundraiser is a great way to tie together the region while promoting a love for basketball. A lot of thanks go to our businesses, parents and community! See you all at the Tournament!"* If you would like to help at the tournament, please call either the Recreation office at 794-6548 or Nancy at 794-5556.

2010 Invitational 5-6th Grade Basketball Tournament				
Saturday, February 27th				
Time	M.A. Gym		MJHS Gym	
8:30	G	EMLKT/Medway vs. Milo	B	Lee vs MLKT.
9:45	B	Lincoln vs Milo	G	MLKT vs Old Town
11:00	G	Lincoln vs Hermon	B	EMLKT/Medway vs. MDI
12:15	B	MLKT vs. Milo	G	EMLKT/Medway vs. Old Town
1:30	B	Lincoln vs. EMLKT/Medway	G	Hermon vs. MLKT
2:45	G	Lincoln vs. Milo	B	EMLKT/Medway vs. Lee
4:00	B	MLKT vs. MDI	G	EMLKT/Medway vs. Hermon
5:15	G	Milo vs. Old Town	B	Lee vs. Milo
6:30	B	Lincoln vs MDI	G	Lincoln vs MLKT
Sunday, February 28th				
Time	M.A. Gym		MJHS Gym	
8:30	B	#4 vs #5	G	#4 vs #5
9:45	B	#3 vs #6	G	#3 vs #6
11:00	B	#1 plays #4 vs #5 winner	G	#1 plays #4 vs #5 winner
12:15	B	#2 plays #3 vs #6 winner	G	#2 plays #3 vs #6 winner
1:30	B	Championship Boys Game	Updated 2/8/10	
2:45	G	Championship Girls Game		

ITEM 6. Assessor, Ruth Birtz, reports that the Comprehensive Plan Committee met again this week. The categories reviewed this week were Critical Natural Resources, Historic and Archaeological Resources, and Agriculture and Forestry. The goal of the committee is to meet twice monthly now through April. Comprehensive Plan Consultant, Gwen Hilton, anticipates the draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be completed and submitted to the Town Council for review in May. Ms. Hilton has stated on many occasions she is very pleased with the input she is receiving from committee members. Committee member, Diana Johnston, who is a veteran of many different Town committees, said *“This is the most productive committee I have ever worked on!”*

ITEM 7. Several months ago Hervey Clay, on behalf of the Lincoln Fire Company, attended a Town Council meeting to let the town know that the Fire Company had an opportunity to receive a rescue vehicle for use at fire scenes and was interested in donating it to the Lincoln Fire Department. Recently, Frank Hammond Sr. and Frank Hammond Jr. delivered to Lincoln a 1988 Ford ambulance that was donated by the Detroit Fire Department and it is presently in the parking lot beside the Public Safety Building. Fire Chief, Phillip Dawson, is in the process of evaluating the unit in regards to its overall condition, usefulness, estimated service life and estimated yearly maintenance costs. Once Chief Dawson has completed his evaluation, he will provide a report and make a recommendation as to whether or not the Town should consider accepting this piece of equipment.

ITEM 8. The fiscal year 2011 budget season is nearly upon us. The Budget Committee is a 14-member group of Lincoln residents appointed by the Town Council to review the draft budget for errors and to make recommendations to the Council regarding funding. At Monday’s Town Council the following individuals were appointed to the Budget Committee: Marscella Ireland, Patrick Ferris, Curt Ring and James Cressey. If you are a Lincoln resident and are interested in serving on this committee, contact one of the Town Council members or you may also contact me at 794-3372 or town.manager@lincolnmaine.org and I will forward your name to the Town Council. The committee is tentatively scheduled to begin meeting on Thursday evenings at the end of March and should complete its review by the first of May.

ITEM 9. Final touches are being made to the Children’s Fishing Pond. Code Enforcement Officer, Jerry Davis, suggested that a few picnic tables be placed at the pond. The Public Works crew worked on some forested areas of the pond this week to clear alcoves in the tree line along the pond to accommodate picnic tables and possibly grills in the future. Four 20 x 15 alcoves were cleared, stumped and leveled. Mr. Davis was very pleased with the cooperation he received from the Public Works Department and the nice job they did.

Mr. Davis met with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife this week to discuss a plan to remove four beaver dams that are causing concerns for both the Children’s Fishing Pond Park and the airport. Public Works Director, David Lloyd, is concerned that the dams were causing water levels to rise at the end of the airport near the airport beacon. If the flooding occurs the anchor cables for the beacon could be compromised. The plan is for DIF&W to trap the beaver and once the beaver have been removed then the dams can be removed. Removing

the dams will increase water flow to the Children's Fishing Pond and alleviate the flooding concerns at the airport.

ITEM 10. Community Events Coordinator, Shelly Crosby, reports that it has been a productive week for the Homecoming planning. The Homecoming schedule is nearly finalized and the committee is awaiting confirmation from a "*secret personality*" for the Friday night entertainment. Contracts have been mailed out to most of the entertainers while the draft schedule should be posted on our website www.lincolmaine.org within the next two weeks. At present 13 vendors have reserved space with a nice variety of wares. Mrs. Crosby said, "*The square should be a shopper's delight; new this year we have a candle maker, watercolor artist, log cabin crafts, and moose antler furniture. Also, returning will be our regular food vendors and children's games vendors. There should be something for everyone!*" The next Homecoming meeting will be Monday, February 22nd, at 5:30 PM. It's not too late to get involved in this fantastic event, if interested please contact Mrs. Crosby at 794-6548.

ITEM 11. Town Clerk, Diana Hill, reports that the number of unlicensed dogs has dropped from 133 to 94 since February 1st. On Tuesday, February 16th, Animal Control Officer, Chas Meeker, will begin issuing summons to the owners of those unlicensed dogs. In addition to the licensing and late fees, owners will be subject to court fines. If you have any questions regarding licensing your dog, please contact Ms. Hill at 794-3372.

ITEM 12. *Are you interested in the Hunter's Safety class being offered by the Department of Inland Fisheries & Town of Lincoln?* If so, the dates of the class have been changed. The new dates have been switched to March 13th and 14th. Recreation secretary, Shelly Crosby, reports that calls have come in this week from as far away as Calais, Houlton and Ellsworth from individuals looking to sign up for the class. Mrs. Crosby said, "*Changing the class to a weekend event has proven to be very beneficial to those participants who no longer need to tie up four weeknights. Further, with the limited class locations around the state, it puts Lincoln at the head of the game!*"

ITEM 13. The Town of Lincoln is currently accepted bids for the sale of old equipment. The following vehicles will be sold "as is" "where is" with no warranties.

- 1997 Chevrolet Pickup, green, with 144,206 miles, needs heater and was involved in accident damaging passenger door.
- 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, with 139,723 miles (old police cruiser)
- 1982 Mack/Seagrave Ladder Fire Truck with 24,458 miles, 4,361 engine hours, aerial ladder is not certified, has a complement of ground ladders that have been tested.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Town Clerk's Office at 63 Main Street, Lincoln, ME 04457 until **Friday, February 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** at which time there will be a public bid opening. All sealed bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "**1997 CHEVROLET PICKUP**" or "**2003 Ford Crown Victoria**" or "**1982 Mack/Seagrave Ladder Fire Truck**". Bids will be submitted on plain paper and must clearly state the bid price offered

and the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the bidder. The Town Manager and Town Council reserve the right to reject any or all bids. For more information please contact Treasurer, Gilberte Mayo, at 794-3372.

ITEM 14. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day. Enjoy your weekend!