Town of Lincoln WARNING

Our Annual Town Meeting will be different this year! Public Informational Hearing & Voting by Australian Ballot – 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Lincoln are hereby warned to vote at Burnham Hall on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for voting by Australian ballot on all Annual Town Meeting articles 1 through 14 including the election of Town Officers. [The Lincoln Selectboard has determined, by unanimous vote, to present all town meeting articles for decision by Australian ballot in 2021, as authorized by the Vermont Legislature, to reduce the possibility of exposure to Covid-19.]

The legal voters of Lincoln are further notified that a <u>virtual</u> informational hearing will be held on Monday, March 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., accessible via this link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/333785941 **You can also dial in using your phone.** +1 (312) 757-3121 **Access Code:** 333-785-941

The purpose of this informational hearing is to discuss Articles 2 through 14 as follows:

Article 1 To elect all town officers as required by law:

Office	Term Length	Vote for
Selectboard	3 years	1
Selectboard	2 years	1
Town Clerk	1year	1
Town Treasurer	1year	1
First Constable	1year	1
Second Constable	1year	1
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1year	1
Town Meeting Moderator	1year	1
Lister	3 years	1
Mt. Abraham Unified School District Director	3 years	1
Lincoln Library Trustee	3 years	1

^{*}New this year, Town Agent and Grand Juror are no longer elected positions. The Selectboard may appoint someone to fill these if needed.

- Article 2 Shall the Town establish due dates for the payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer, in two equal installments, as follows: second Wednesday of October [October 13, 2021] and the second Wednesday of March [March 9, 2022], per 32 V.S.A. 4871?
- Article 3 Shall the Town collect interest on overdue taxes from the due date of each installment in the amount of .5% (1/2 of 1%) per month or fraction thereof, in accordance with 32 V.S.A 4873?
- Article 4 Shall the voters authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,043,083 of which \$709,926 shall be raised by taxes and \$292,000 by non-tax revenues and \$41,155 is surplus revenue?
- Article 5 Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$461,009 of which \$282,147 shall be raised by taxes and \$140,823 by non-tax revenues and \$38,039 is surplus revenue?
- Article 6 Shall the voters authorize a sum of \$150,000, for further restoration and improvement of existing Class 2, asphalt surface Town highways, to be deposited in the Paving Reserve Fund?
- Article 7 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to help support the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool?
- **Article 8** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,000 in support of the Lincoln Library?
- Article 9 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to help support Lincoln Sports, Inc.
- Article 10 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,896 to the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company?
- Article 11 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to Bristol Rescue?
- Article 12 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Lincoln Cemetery Association?
- Article 13 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the Lincoln Community School Mentor Program?

Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to increase by \$6,000 the total annual selectboard Article 14 compensation? [Currently \$5,000 {\$1,000 per member}] to [\$11,000 {\$3,000 chair, \$2,000 each member}]

Article 15 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to approve the following agency requests?

AMOUNT	AGENCY NAME
\$ 1,250	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc
\$ 200	Addison County Restorative Justice Services
\$ 1,300	Addison County Parent/Child Center
\$ 600	Addison County Readers
\$ 400	Addison County River Watch
<u>\$ 1,170</u>	Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)
\$ 500	Addison County Economic Development Corporation
<u>\$ 2,500</u>	Bristol Recreation Department
<u>\$ 1,100</u>	Age Well (formerly CVAA)
<u>\$ 750</u>	Comm HIth Svcs of Addison County – Open Door Clinic
<u>\$ 1,600</u>	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.
<u>\$ 1,000</u>	Charter House Coalition
<u>\$ 700</u>	Elderly Services, Inc.
<u>\$ 2,000</u>	HOPE – (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)
<u>\$ 250</u>	Homeward Bound - (Addison County Humane Society)
<u>\$ 650</u>	End of Life Services (Hospice Vol. Svcs)
<u>\$ 1,000</u>	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter
<u>\$ 490</u>	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
<u>\$ 500</u>	Vermont Adult Learning
<u>\$ 1,250</u>	<u>WomenSafe</u>
\$ 1,000	Turning Point Center - (Substance Abuse Recovery)

\$ 20,210 **TOTAL**

Dated this 28th day of January 2021

William Finger

Bay Jackson

Oakley Smith

Will Sipsey

Paul Forlenza

Lincoln, Vermont Selectboard