

Town of Lincoln Minutes

Annual Town Meeting and Town School District Meeting

Called to order at: 6:04 p.m.

Hearing no objection, we heard reports from our State Representatives Baser and Sharpe until 6:25 p.m.

Moderator, Will Sipsey, reminded people to turn cell phones off and reviewed the rules of the meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Lincoln and the Town School District of Lincoln are hereby warned and notified to meet at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and transact business, and on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Burnham Hall, the polls to open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

Agenda for Meeting at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Article 1 To elect all town officers as required by law, by Australian ballot, voting to be held at Burnham Hall, polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday March 7, 2017.

No action needed. None taken.

Article 2 To act upon the reports of the Town Officers and the Town School District Officers as submitted by the Town Select Board.

No action required. Discussion: Elwin Isham brought up a question about a \$45,000 expenditure for recycling on page 19.

Much discussion.

Passed/ Failed voted by **Voice/** **Division of the House/** **Paper**

Article 3 Shall the Town authorize the payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer, in two equal installments, with the due dates being the second Wednesday of October [October 11, 2017] and the second Wednesday of March [March 14, 2018], per 32 V.S.A. 4871?

Motion: *Claude Rainville*

Second: *Mari Cordes*

Discussion: none

Passed by voice vote.

Article 4 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?

Motion: *Mark Mulqueen*

Second: *Alison Parker*

Discussion: *none*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 5 Shall the voters authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,023,935 of which \$763,137 shall be raised by taxes and \$172,482 by non-tax revenues and \$88,316 is surplus revenue?

Motion: *Paul Forlenza*

Second: *Linda Daybell*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 6 Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$336,950 of which \$278,575 shall be raised by taxes, \$36,434 by non-tax revenues and \$21,941 is surplus revenue?

Motion: *Paul Forlenza*

Second: *Barb Rainville*

Discussion: *none*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 7 Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to use a sum from the Town Capital Plan Fund Balance not to exceed \$ 75,000 for the purpose of making necessary improvements to make the old Town Shed located at 593 East River Road suitable for use as "cold storage" for town highway equipment and supplies?

Motion: *Ken Pohlman*

Second: *Ilana Brett*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Announcements:

RECESS TOWN MEETING; OPEN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Time: 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING; RE-OPEN TOWN MEETING

Time: 9:07 p.m.

Article 8 Shall the Town authorize the Agent to deed property?

Motion: *Barb Rainville*

Second: *David Wood*

Discussion: *none.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 9 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to help support the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool?

Motion: *Greg Vitercik*

Second: *Sally Taylor*

Discussion: *none.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 10 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,000 in support of the Lincoln Library?

Motion: *Sally Taylor*

Second: *Dick Nessen*

Discussion: *none.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 11 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to help support Lincoln Sports, Inc.?

Motion: *Jared Buker*

Second: *Patty Schoenhuber*

Discussion: *none.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 12 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,896 to the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company?

Motion: *Bill Finger*

Second: *Mari Cordes*

Discussion: *none.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 13 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to Bristol Rescue?

Motion: *Dick Nessen*

Second: *Ilana Brett*

Discussion: *none.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 14 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Lincoln Cemetery Association?

Motion: *Barb Rainville*

Second: *Scott Bernoudy*

Discussion: *none.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 15 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$200 to the Lincoln Conservation Commission for the purpose of invasive species control?

Motion: *Tina Scharf*

Second: *Dick Nessen*

Discussion: *Steve Buker made a motion to increase this budget by \$200, for a total of \$400. James Needham seconded. The amendment passed by voice vote. The main motion passed as amended.*

Article 16 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to approve the following agency requests?

\$ 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
1,170	Addison County Transit Resources
500	Addison County Economic Development Corporation
2,500	Bristol Recreation Department
1,100	Age Well (CVAA)
750	Comm. Health Svcs of Addison Cty – Open Door Clinic
1,600	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.
700	Elderly Services, Inc
2,000	HOPE (ACCAG)
250	Homeward Bound
650	Hospice Volunteer Services
1,000	John W Graham Emergency Shelter
490	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
500	Vermont Adult Learning
1,250	WomenSafe
\$18,210	Total

Motion: *Jan Buker*

Second: *Mike Fisher*

Discussion: Bill Finger made a motion to **remove the \$500 from the ACEDC.** Sally Taylor seconded. **The amendment passed, and so did the main motion as amended .**

Article 17 To transact any other legal and proper business when met.