

1 Town of Lincoln, Vermont
2 Minutes of Select Board Public Information Meeting
3 Lincoln Town Office
4 February 13, 2018 7:00 p.m.
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6 In attendance: Bill Finger, Chair, Paul Forlenza, Oakley Smith, Will Sipsey, Ann Kensek, Brian
7 McDonough, Harrison Reynolds. Absent: James Needham.
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9 The purpose of the public meeting was to discuss the proposed FY19 General and Highway Fund
10 Budget Proposals. These proposed budgets will be voted at Town Meeting on Monday, March 5.
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12 Paul Forlenza presented an overview of the FY19 budget:

- 13 • In the General Fund, the Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper hours will increase from
14 20 to 30.
- 15 • Health care premium will increase 9.2%.
- 16 • Insurance liability will increase.
- 17 • Professional audit will increased
- 18 • In the Highway Department, road crew has decreased from 4 to 3 people and includes
19 salary and benefits.
- 20 • Health care premium will increase 9.2%.
- 21 • Fuel expense will decrease.
- 22 • Expense for sand, salt, guard rails, culverts, and cold patch will increase.
- 23 • The grand list will see a slight decrease.
- 24 • The FY18 budget has been approved.
- 25 • General Fund increased 14.3%.
- 26 • Highway Department budget decreased 4.4%.
- 27 • Combined increase of .2%.

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29 Public comment:

- 30 • There is a proposal for a separate warning of a capital fund balance for upgrades on the
31 new town garage.
- 32 • A question was asked about the effectiveness of the transfer station. Answer: So far, so
33 good.
- 34 • A comment was made about the possibility of a full-service drop-off to be located in the
35 Middlebury area.
- 36 • Addison County has the best system for disposal of hazardous waste, but the requirement
37 that the system be within a 15-mile radius for each town puts Lincoln outside the radius.
- 38 • A question was asked about the number of building permits allowed. Answer: The old
39 Town Plan limited new residential structures to five annually.
- 40 • From 2011 to 2015 there were 12 new houses permitted.

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42 Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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44 Respectfully submitted,
45 Ellie Bryant