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PENDING APPROVAL

Town of Lincoln, Vermont  
Minutes of Select Board Meeting  
Lincoln Town Office  
October 2, 2018 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Finger, Chair; Board Members Ellie Bryant, Paul Forlenza, Oakley Smith, Will Sipsey. Select Board Assistant/Bookkeeper Ann Kensek, Road Foreman Dave Cavoretto, Animal Control Officer Nate Reynolds. Citizens Tina Scharf, Mike Burgess and Sally Baldwin.

MOTION by Bill Finger, second by Paul Forlenza, to approve the meeting agenda. Under Energy and Environment, discussion of recycling costs ~~doubled~~ which are slated to double as of Jan. 1 was added. MOTION PASSED as amended 5-0-0.

Approval of minutes of meetings of September 4, September 18, and special meeting of September 13, 2018.

MOTIONS by Bill Finger, second by Paul Forlenza, to approve minutes of meetings as amended. MOTIONS PASSED 5-0-0.

Citizen concerns and comments:

- Animal Control Issues – This matter was originally raised last spring after a harsh winter in which wildlife distress was allegedly exacerbated by domestic animals not controlled by owners. The Select Board asked the Town Conservation Commission to outline or draft an ordinance that could address the issue and support the Town Animal Control Officer’s efforts. Most Recently the Select Board has been informed that the Conservation Commission does not wish to write or help write an ordinance.
- Tina Scharf stated that 20 other towns have taken up an animal control ordinance.
- The Select Board has not drafted a proposed ordinance for consideration or discussion.
- Nate Reynolds stated that with the lack of ordinance the town falls under state guidelines which state that an owner of a dog must maintain reasonable control of the animal at all times. An ordinance that is more specifically defined would be helpful, especially one that delineates between accidental dog escape and repeat irresponsibility. He believes that a leash law would not work in a rural town like Lincoln.
- If a problem can be defined, Nate suggested that a repeat offender should be fined according to a schedule of fines that increase according to the number of alleged offenses ~~a number of times and then issued a leash injunction.~~
- Bill clarified that offending owners must be taken to state court where ~~the state~~ a fine defined by the ordinance could be imposed after due process. ~~will decide if a fine is justified and at what amount and~~ He suggested that a study review of enforcement in other towns would determine the effectiveness of an ordinance. ~~the effectiveness of recently enacted ordinances.~~
- Mike Burgess and Sally Baldwin told the story of training and disciplining their hunting dogs.
- If Nate answers a complaint about a loose dog, he will return it to its owner if the dog has tags. If the dog has no tags, he will impound it and take it to the Town’s contracted designated shelter.

47 Homeward Bound. In the case of menacing dogs and reports of neglect and cruelty, Nate will  
 48 ~~confiscate-seize~~ the dog or instruct the owners to change the conditions of the dog's care.

- 49 • Other than the animal control officer, there is no law enforcement present in the town for  
 50 following up on reports.

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 52 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Will Sipsey, to go into executive session to discuss a potential  
 53 real estate purchase, executive session to include Dave Cavoretto and Ann Kensek.

54 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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 56 The Select Board ~~exited to~~entered executive session at 8:00 p.m.

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 58 The Select Board rejoined regular session at 8:15 p.m.

59 No action was taken as a result of discussion in executive session.

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 61 The board examined the Otter Creek Engineering proposal for preliminary resource evaluation and  
 62 feasibility regarding owning and operating a town sand pit. Attached hereto.

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 64 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Will Sipsey, to approve the Otter Creek Engineering proposal.

65 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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 67 Dave Cavoretto gave the highway report:

- 68 • The ~~Cat~~CAT grader was parked outside the Town Office for inspection ~~and for~~ potential  
 69 purchase in 2019.
- 70 • John Deere has not responded to a request to inspect their grader.
- 71 • Quaker Street milling from Downingsville Road to Zeno Bridge will begin Wednesday morning  
 72 using BBR and Class 2 grants.
- 73 • A BBR grant may be needed for a Colby Hill project.
- 74 • East River Road structure construction is progressing well.
- 75 • HRRR punch list has not yet been addressed by the state. The crosswalk by the school should be  
 76 painted at a cost of \$350.
- 77 • BBR Category A road erosion inventory grant and Category D large structure greater than 36"  
 78 are in process.
- 79 • Dave suggested building a 12'x12' structure with a roof at the old town shed for public sand  
 80 access. Board consensus that this is a good idea.
- 81 • A suggestion was made to ~~put an asphalt shim over cracks and ruts on~~shim and overlay Creamery  
 82 Street using ~~moneys left over from Quaker Street paving~~reserve funds. Board consensus  
 83 that this work should be done. Ellie will check into speed hump alternatives and costs for Creamery  
 84 Street.

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 86 Oakley Smith presented check warrants.

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 88 MOTION by Oakley Smith, second by Paul Forlenza, to approve Payroll Check Warrant 19/13 in the  
 89 amount of \$4024.13 and Payroll Check Warrant 19/14 in the amount of \$3748.90.

90 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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 92 MOTION by Oakley Smith, second by Ellie Bryant, to approve Accounts Payable Warrant 19/14 in the

93 amount of \$93,514.62. Highlights: Purchases of new battery for the school generator, a hose from  
94 Agway in Middlebury and gravel. Paid back bond notes for town garage and town office, Sargent's tree  
95 clearing invoice, new phone purchased to replace Dave's phone damaged by the bomag machine.

96 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0

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98 Public Safety report presented by Ellie Bryant:

- 99 • Lincoln Community School Safety Day was held this morning with presentations by Lincoln  
100 Fire and Rescue members, Vermont State Police Officer Matt Daley, Lincoln Constable Josh  
101 Otey, and United Way rep Jesse Brooks. It was an energized and engaging half day.
- 102 • An evening forum will be held on Thursday, October 4, at Burnham Hall for Community Safety  
103 and Substance Use and Prevention. Announcements have been sent to Addison Independent and  
104 Front Porch Forum, and NEAT will video record the meeting.
- 105 • Ellie has left voice mail for Bruce Nason, Bristol Police Chief and is waiting callback to discuss  
106 possible contract for traffic control and/or other suggestion. In the meantime, she is researching  
107 electronic radar speed monitors and potential grants to fund purchasing two monitors.
- 108 • The speed sign at Lincoln Community School has malfunctioned. Ellie will speak to Josh Otey  
109 about maintenance of the sign.

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111 Energy and Environment:

- 112 • Market for recyclables has declined recently.
- 113 • The cost for recycling has risen from \$43 to \$92/ton.
- 114 • Reconsideration will have to be given to costs. Details on the basis for the change will be  
115 forthcoming.

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117 Will Sipsey will look into upgrading Town Office IT systems.

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119 Administration, Personnel, and Training:

- 120 • VLCT Annual Meeting is Wed Oct 3 and Town fair is Thu Oct 4 at Hilton Double Tree  
121 (Sheraton) in So. Burlington. Paul is Lincoln's voting delegate this year.

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123 Facilities and Property:

- 124 • New copier arrives Wednesday.
- 125 • Symquest will wipe clean the memory of the old copier and dispose of it.

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127 Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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129 Respectfully submitted,  
130 Ellie Bryant