

PENDING APPROVAL

Town of Lincoln, Vermont  
Minutes of Select Board Meeting  
Lincoln Town Office  
January 8, 2019 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Finger, Chair; Board Members Ellie Bryant, Oakley Smith, Paul Forlenza (via teleconference), Select Board Assistant/Bookkeeper Ann Kensek, Road Foreman Dave Cavoretto. Citizens: Van Talmadge, Terry Racich. Will Sipsey arrived at 6:35 p.m.

MOTION by Ellie Bryant, second by Paul Forlenza, to approve the meeting agenda. Lincoln Sports request to close ~~the~~ East River Road for the Hill Country Holiday was added to the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 4-0-1.

MOTION by Ellie Bryant, second by Oakley Smith, to approve minutes of meeting of December 18, 2018, as amended.

MOTION PASSED 4-0-1.

Highway Report:

- Dave continues to communicate with dealers on a new truck purchase.
- The Western Star truck broke down New Year's week and has been repaired.
- Road maintenance has involved unplugging culverts and repairing Colby Hill Road.
- With swings in weather conditions, the salt and sand supply has ~~been in use~~ diminished.
- It is expected that Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering will have the Feasibility and Cost-Benefit analysis report on the potential sand resource on the Norton property completed by Friday. Attorney Benj Putnam recommends making a formal jurisdictional request to the District Environmental Commission viz. Act 250 jurisdiction.

Citizens concerns and comments:

- Van Talmadge from Downingsville Road commented that the Select Board is doing a good job, which is why few citizens attend Board meetings with concerns.
- Mr. Talmadge and Ms Racich presented a resolution on behalf of the organization Bridges of Lincoln stating the importance of voting integrity, improving voter rights, and encouraging voters to be involved in the democratic process.

MOTION by Ellie Bryant, second by Will Sipsey, to put the Bridges of Lincoln resolution supporting the democratic process on the Town Meeting Warning. Amended by Bill Finger, second by Paul Forlenza, to require signatures to a petition in support of the resolution.

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED 5-0-0.

Budget and Finance:

Oakley Smith presented check warrants.

47 MOTION by Oakley Smith, second by Will Sipsey, to approve Payroll Warrant 19/26 in the  
48 amount of \$3,7817.71.

49 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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51 MOTION by Oakley Smith, second by Will Sipsey, to approve Payroll Check Warrant 19/27 in  
52 the amount of \$4,357.60.

53 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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55 MOTION by Oakley Smith, second by Will Sipsey, to approve Payroll Check Warrant 19/28 in  
56 the amount of \$4,260.53.

57 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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59 MOTION by Oakley Smith, second by Bill Finger, to approve Accounts Payable Check Warrant  
60 19/28 in the amount of \$24,235.37. Highlights: None.

61 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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63 Budget and Finance continued:

- 64 • Paul presented the preliminary FY 20 Budget Review and computation of tax rate.

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66 MOTION by Will Sipsey, second by Paul Forlenza, to move to executive session to discuss a  
67 personnel issue.

68 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0.

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70 The Board entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

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72 The Board exited Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

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74 No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

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76 It was agreed that the Select Board will meet on the budget issue Tuesday, January 15.

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78 Paul left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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81 Public Safety:

- 82 • Lincoln Constable Josh Otey has submitted an email offering to satisfy the Town's need  
83 for law enforcement with a contract specifically targeted for speed violations. It was  
84 suggested that Mr. Otey be invited to the Board meeting on January 22.
- 85 • Radar Speed Limit Signs have been delivered, and Zachary LaPointe has installed helical  
86 screw anchors for posts.
- 87 • Vergennes Police Department sent a letter regarding Addison County Traffic Safety  
88 Coordinator Support. Officer Mark Stacey may be another candidate for law enforcement  
89 services.

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91 MOTION by Bill Finger, second by Oakley Smith to close River Road as necessary from 11:15-  
92 11:45 a.m. on February 2 for the Hill Country Holiday parade.

93 MOTION PASSED 4-0-1.

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95 Energy and Environment:

- 96 • New fees for trash and recycling at the Lincoln recycling center and transfer station were  
97 effective on January 5. Bill has replied to two comments/inquiries received via e-mail ().

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99 Administrative, personnel and training:

- 100 • 2019 Annual Highway Mileage Certificate (attached) is a statutory requirement that  
101 towns must submit by February 10 showing and documenting any new road miles added  
102 to or removed from the Town Highway map. There have been no road mileage changes  
103 in Lincoln in 2018.

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105 MOTION by Oakley Smith, second by Ellie Bryant, to sign the 2019 Annual Highway Mileage  
106 Certificate.

107 MOTION PASSED 4-0-1.

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- 109 • Bill presented the 2018 equalization study results (attached), an annual assessment by the  
110 Property valuation and Review Division of the Vermont Tax Department determining  
111 how current each town's valuations are in relation to each other. The study establishes the  
112 Equalized Education Grand List, the CLA and COD. The Equalized Grand List  
113 determines the school tax rate for the coming year.

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115 Facilities and Property:

- 116 • James Cornett called to inform the Board that Sun Ray has not yet moved its parking area  
117 as promised. Mr. Cornett has discussed potential zoning litigation. In response, Bob Hall  
118 sent a registered letter to Sun Ray informing them that the parking lot issue needs to be  
119 resolved by April 1. If not resolved by April 1 a formal notice of violation will be issued  
120 and an enforcement process will begin.

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122 Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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124 Respectfully submitted,

125 Ellie Bryant

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127 Reviewed with minor clarifications added 1/10/2019 – Bill Finger