

PENDING APPROVAL

The Town of Lincoln, Vermont
Minutes of Select Board Meeting
Lincoln Town Office
February 19, 2019 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Board Members Bill Finger, Chair, Ellie Bryant, Will Sipse, Select Board Assistant/Bookkeeper Ann Kensek, Road Foreman Dave Cavoretto. ~~Citizen~~ Sheriff Peter Newton and Captain Brent Newton of Addison County Sheriff's Department. Absent: Paul Forlenza, Oakley Smith

MOTION by Ellie Bryant, second by Will Sipse, to approve the meeting agenda.
MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

Approval of the minutes of meeting of February 5, 2019, was postponed until the first meeting in March. (there were not 3 members present at this meeting who were also present on Feb 5

Public Safety:

- Sheriff's Captain Brent Newton and Sheriff Peter Newton outlined proposed law enforcement services the Addison County Sheriff's Office for a contract with the Town of Lincoln.
 - Traffic enforcement is the predominant service for contract towns.
 - Being a presence.
 - Patrol deputies respond to contract towns.
 - The contractual agreement would be \$28.50/hour + mileage @ \$.58/mile.
 - ~~The sheriff's office will assist towns and truck operators by consolidate consolidating and administering the state mandated application process overweight permits. truck permits for weight issues rather than having truck companies apply individually to towns.~~
- The solar digital radar speed signs have been installed and are working but have not yet been programmed. Ellie will attempt to contact the cloud on Wednesday to complete the programming.

Highway Report:

- Dave Cavoretto attended a meeting of road foremen today.
- Buell's Gore has road monitoring cameras that may work well in Lincoln. Dave will investigate. Grant funding is available through VLCT/PACIF for purchase of these cameras. Camera may be helpful in monitoring Lincoln's frequent multiple weather systems from a single point.
- ~~Anyone present at a roadside work area should be certified with VOSHA training or else possibly incur a fine. Reminder that VOSHA has broad authority to enforce state and federal safety regulations. Safety training and certification is important for all involved.~~ Primary concern is having proper knowledge and training to prevent injuries from

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49 MOTION by Will Sipsey, second by Ellie Bryant, to go into executive session to discuss a
50 personnel issue.

51 MOTION passed 3-0-2.

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53 The Select Board entered executive session at 7:20 p.m.

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55 The Select Board exited executive session at 7:45.

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57 No action was taken as a result of executive session.

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59 Highway report continued:

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- There were no truck and equipment maintenance issues.

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- Roads will be posted soon for areas of weather erosion. (mud)

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- Ten tons of cold patch are ready to repair potholes when the temperature rises.

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- Brush cutting will be scheduled.

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- Highway equipment training is now online.

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66 MOTION by Bill Finger, second by Eillie Bryant, to send out an RFP to Otter Creek Engineering
67 for engineering services for River Road and South Lincoln Road.

68 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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- ~~The Select Board received an email from Rep. Mari Cordes supporting legislation to include allow Class 2 roadway grant funds on Class 3 town roads in towns that have no state, federal or other Class 1 highways. Lincoln is one of 17 such town in the state. Class 3 and Class 2 state aid for highways. After clarification of the difference between annual stae aid for town highways which all municipalities receive and Class 2 roadway improvement grant funds that are awarded on a competitive basis, consus was that the town should support the legislation.~~

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71 Will Sipsey presented check warrants.

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73 MOTION by Will Sipsey, second by Bill Finger, to approve Payroll Check Warrant 19/33 in the
74 amount of \$4,230.78. Highlights: None.

75 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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77 MOTION by Will Sipsey, second by Bill Finger, to approve Payroll Check Warrant 19/34 in the
78 amount of \$3,783.38. Highlights: None.

79 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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81 MOTION by Will Sipsey, second by Bill Finger, to approve Accounts Payable Check Warrant
82 19/34 in the amount of \$22,670.77. Highlights: Salt purchases, town reports, Cargill payment.

83 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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- A recent report via simplerroute, an IT security service company, alerted the Town about

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93 possible NEMRC software security issues and NEMRC's response to simpleroute's
94 allegations (documents attached).

95 Citizens concerns and comments: None

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97 Energy and Environment: No scheduled items.

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99 Admin Personnel and Training:

- 100 • Ellie reported on VLCT Day held in Montpelier February 14.
- 101 ○ Presentation of information regarding Dillon's Rule versus limited self-rule using
102 a model from West Virginia.
- 103 ○ Transportation meeting: 17 town board members spoke regarding poor condition
104 of roads, a law requiring winter snow tires, and lack of funds to repair roads in a
105 timely and adequate manner.
- 106 ○ Too much of highway budget is allocated to interstate roads that support tourism
107 instead of to towns in need of funds.
- 108 ○ A suggestion was made to require cars to have snow tires during winter to insure
109 safer travel on snow-covered roads.
- 110 ○ It was stated that road salt is expensive, damages asphalt, roadside plants thereby
111 inviting invasives, and allows residual runoff into streams all year.
- 112 ○ A 4-cent/gallon gas tax has been introduced to raise funds for road maintenance.
- 113 ○ It was suggested that current inspection regulations are unfair to low-income car
114 owners.

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116 Facilities and Property:

- 117 • Mrs. Urz has not responded to the offer of payment in exchange for release from the lease
118 on her condemned house located on the New Town Garage property.
- 119 • Additional snow and ice guards are needed on the Town Office roof. The cost for current
120 ice guards was \$1300. Three more rows of ice guards would amount to \$3900.

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122 MOTION by Bill Finger, second by Will Sipse, to purchase and have installed three more snow
123 guards on the Town Office roof.

124 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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126 Budget Report:

- 127 • The FY20 budget information meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, at 6:30
128 p.m. at the Town Office.
- 129 • Line items in the budget are on target to date.
- 130 • Job descriptions and personnel policy need to be updated.

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132 Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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134 Respectfully submitted,

135 Ellie Bryant

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137 Clarifications entered by Bill Finger. Approval of these minutes scheduled for regular Select Board meeting on March 6, 2019.