

PENDING APPROVAL

Town of Lincoln, Vermont  
Minutes, Select Board Special Budget Meeting  
Lincoln Town Office  
February 25, 2019 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Finger, Chair; Board Members Paul Forlenza and Will Sipse  
Select Board Assistant/Bookkeeper Ann Kensek, Road Foreman Dave Cavoretto,  
Town Clerk Sally Ober, Assistant Treasurer Larry Masterson, Citizens Christine Moriarty  
Masterson, Ann Fisher and Rob Backlund  
Absent: Oakley Smith, and Ellie Bryant

Bill Finger brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and stated that the agenda for the evening would be to give the public information on the proposed budget. No decisions would be made.

Everyone in the room introduced themselves.  
Bill let attendees know that Paul would first go through the standard budget and then he himself would do a presentation of the road budget in projects.

Paul did a summary of the budget and explained it in terms of estimated tax rate so people could see the relationship between the two and how one affected the other. He noted the Selectboard has been wanting for several years to tie budget to projects in order to help residents know how the money was to be spent and these presentations were a beginning.

A discussion followed on Class 1 roads, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), the estimated tax rate and school tax rate.

Bill gave the Highway Budget Presentation, breaking the budget out by Highway Projects. He noted there are Clean Water regulations in place and because most of Lincoln's roads are in close proximity to streams and tributaries to the New Haven River, we need to spend the money to be compliant. Lincoln has more of these "connected" segments than most towns in the state. The Town must have roads compliant by 2026. Some of the work has already been done. There will be a Road Inventory done this summer to define what needs to be done and where. The Town is waiting to hear the outcome of a grant application to cover this.

Bill explained each project, anticipated costs and potential and/or actual funding for each. There was discussion on the various projects, including questions on cost differences between gravel and paved roads, with pros and cons of each.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Moreau-Kensek