

VOICE RECORDING FOLDER: C00/00

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 10:09 A.M.

Town of Lincoln

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Town Clerk's Note: more details of discussion will be added here in a later draft; this is just the basic information about what happened.

Annual Town Meeting and Lincoln School District Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Lincoln and the Lincoln School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at Burnham Hall on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and transact business, and on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at Burnham Hall, the polls to open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

Introductions and welcome:

Article 1 To elect all town officers as required by law, by Australian ballot, voting to be held at Burnham Hall, polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday March 3, 2026.

Offices for Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Office	Term Length
Selectboard	<i>3 years</i>
Selectboard	<i>2 years</i>
Town Clerk	<i>1 year</i>
First Constable	<i>1 year</i>
Second Constable	<i>1 year</i>
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	<i>1 year</i>
Town Meeting Moderator	<i>1 year</i>
Lincoln Library Trustee	<i>3 years (2 positions)</i>
School Meeting Moderator	<i>1 year</i>
Lincoln School Director	<i>3 years</i>
Lincoln School Director	<i>2 years</i>

No action needed. None taken.

Article 2 To act upon the reports of the Town Officers and the Lincoln School District Officers.

Motion: *Tina Scharf*

Second: *Bill Finger*

Discussion:

Passed by clicker vote YES: 151 NO: 1

Article 3 Shall the Town authorize the payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer, in two equal installments, with the due dates being Wednesday October 7, 2026 and Wednesday March 10, 2027, per 32 V.S.A. 4871? (The Town report had a printing error regarding the second Wednesday of October.)

Motion: *Judi Danforth*

Second: *Dawn Martin*

Discussion:

Passed by clicker vote YES: 155 NO: 0

RECESS TOWN MEETING TIME: 11:09 a.m.

& OPEN LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

ADJOURN LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING & RE-OPEN TOWN MEETING

TIME: 1:20 p.m.

Article 4 Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$711,988 of which \$562,165 shall be raised by taxes, \$139,534 by non-tax revenues and \$10,289 by surplus revenue?

Motion: *Jackie Weyrauch*

Second: *Su White*

Discussion:

Passed by clicker vote YES: 101 NO: 5

Article 5 Shall the voters authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,132,948 of which \$1,015,301 shall be raised by taxes and \$172,792 by non-tax revenues to cover the expenses and an FY25 deficit of \$55,145?

Motion: *Tina Scharf*

Second: *Rob Reiber*

Discussion:

Passed by clicker vote YES: 103 NO: 4

Article 6 Shall the Town of Lincoln adopt its General Fund Budget by Australian ballot beginning in 2027? [17 V.S.A § 2680(c)(1)]

Motion: *Jackie Weyrauch*

Second: *Deanna Downes*

Discussion:

Failed by clicker vote YES: 33 NO: 71

Article 7 Shall the Town of Lincoln adopt its Highway Fund Budget by Australian ballot beginning in 2027? [17 V.S.A § 2680(c)(1)]

Motion: *Jackie Weyrauch*

Second: *Kate McGowan*

Discussion:

Failed by clicker vote YES: 38 NO: 64

Article 8 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to authorize a transfer for further restoration and improvement of existing Class 2 asphalt surface town highways, to be deposited in the paving reserve fund by Australian ballot beginning in 2027? [17 V.S.A § 2680(c)(1)]

Motion: *Mark Mulqueen*

Second: *Mitch Weinberger*

Discussion:

Failed by clicker vote YES: 37 NO: 62

Article 9 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to help support the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool?

Motion: *Su White*

Second: *Christie Sumner*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 10 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,000 in support of the Lincoln Library?

Motion: *Barry Olson*

Second: *Lonny Edwards*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 11 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to help support Lincoln Sports, Inc.?

Motion: *Eric Warren*

Second: *Sandy Lee*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 12 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$56,000 to the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company?

Motion: *Jackie Weyrauch*

Second: *Deborah Lubar*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 13 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,230 to Bristol Rescue?

Motion: *Barbara Rainville*

Second: *Lonny Edwards*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 14 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of
\$10,000 to the Lincoln Cemetery Association?

Motion: *Barb Rainville*

Second: *Peg Sutlive*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 15 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to approve the following agency requests?

\$ 300	Addison Allies Network
\$ 500	Addison County Economic Development Corporation
\$1,250	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc
\$1,300	Addison County Parent/Child Center
\$ 600	Addison County Readers
\$ 200	Addison County Restorative Justice Services
\$400	Addison County River Watch
\$ 1,100	Age Well (formerly CVAAA)
\$1,250	Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)
\$2,500	Bristol Recreation Department
\$ 1,000	Charter House Coalition
\$ 750	Comm. Health Svcs of Addison Cty - Open Door Clinic
\$1,600	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.
\$ 700	Elderly Services, Inc
\$ 800	Have-A-Heart Food Shelf
\$2,000	HOPE (ACCAG)
\$ 250	Homeward Bound
\$1,000	John W Graham Emergency Shelter
\$490	Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
\$1,170	Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)
\$1,000	Turning Point Center of Addison County
\$ 500	Vermont Adult Learning
\$20,660.00	Total

Motion: *Judi Danforth*

Second: *Patty Schoenhuber*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 16 To transact any other legal and proper business when met.

Motion: *Ken Stockman*

Second: *Christie Sumner*

Discussion:

Thank you Jessica Erwin from the Selectboard, for serving as a member.

Thank you: Mark Mulqueen for our sound system; microphone runners Erika French and Mark Mulqueen; NEAT TV for live streaming our meeting; Burnham Foundation and Erika French for this wonderful facility; Board of Civil Authority, and Caroline Siegfried, for issuing clickers; Michael Thomas, Kristyn Brady, and Trish Waugh for setting up and operating the clicker system and power point presentation.

Suggestions: have kids be microphone runners next year, and it would be good to have food served at some point before/during/after the meeting.

Bill Finger made a motion to adjourn. Barbara Thompson-Snow seconded.

Passed by voice vote.

TIME ADJOURNED: 2:50 p.m.