

1 Pending Approval

2 Town of Lincoln, Vermont

3 Special Selectboard Meeting

4 (This meeting held from multiple remote locations via GotoMeeting).

5 February 11, 2021 6:30 p.m.

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7 **In Attendance:** Selectboard Chair, Bill Finger; Vice Chair, Paul Forlenza; members Bay  
8 Jackson, Oakley Smith, and Will Sipse; Selectbaord Ass't and Bookkeeper, Ann Moreau-  
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11 Guests: Sally Ober, Town Clerk; Larry Masterson, Ass't Treasurer; Todd Goodyear, Town  
12 Meeting Moderator; Mary Gemignani, Gordy Leeuw, Tim McGowan, Christine Moriarty, and  
13 Rob Reiber

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15 Bill introduced the meeting at 6:33.

16 No changes to the agenda. Bill moved and Paul seconded to approve the agenda as presented.  
17 Vote passed, 4-0-1 (one member arrived a few minutes late)

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19 Paul did a presentation on the budget. He talked about beginning to plan the budget with goals  
20 in mind. He related that the Selectboard reviewed their goals from December.

- 21 • They budgeted as if we need to buy sand and got wages up to more competitive rates.
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- 23 • He showed a pie chart illustrating that the highway fund is 69% of the budget and noted  
24 that road improvement is a major part of the that budget. He broke out expenses.
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- 26 • Question on the Capital Fund- why is it listed twice? One is for the trailers at the  
27 Transfer Station, and is out of the General Fund, and the other for highway equipment.
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- 29 • He then reviewed the General Fund Expenses. He noted the General Fund has increased  
30 since last year, and the Highway Fund decreased.
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- 32 • Challenges make it hard to estimate the tax rate, since the budget has to be voted before  
33 the actuals from the current year are in.
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- 35 • Question on the highway wages and benefits, and wages. We currently have one full-  
36 time Highway staff, and several part-time and on call employees.
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- 38 • Paul reviewed the reserve funds, and other funds.
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- 40 • Question on buying sand- is the sand budget for buying sand or for buying the property  
41 for the sand pit? There are no guarantees on the sand pit for this summer. Paul talked a  
42 little more about the sand pit and reducing the carbon footprint. Bill noted there is some  
43 process to go, and we have an extension till June 30<sup>th</sup>. We need a Conditional Use  
44 permit from the Town and a Stormwater permit. Bill will get the information to Tim.

45 • Bill asked if there were any other questions and hearing none, informed attendees there  
46 will be a Virtual informational Hearing on March 1. The budget will be reviewed, and  
47 articles will be gone through one by one. Questions will be taken.  
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49 • Sally reminded attendees all questions will be voted by Australian Ballot- about 50  
50 questions. She encourages people to get their Absentee Ballot early. They arrived  
51 yesterday and she just started mailing them today. Information on getting your ballot  
52 will be on FPF and on a sidewalk sign as well. The easiest way to request a ballot is to  
53 visit the Secretary of State's website, and the second-best way is to email Sally at  
54 clerk@lincolnvermont.org. The last way is to call the Town Office.  
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56 Minutes Respectfully taken by Ann Moreau-Kensek  
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