

PENDING APPROVAL

Town of Lincoln
Minutes of Select Board Meeting
Lincoln Town Office
February 18, 2020

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Public Information Meeting

Article 10 on March 2 & 3 Town Meeting Warning –
Proposal to purchase real estate to supply winter road sand for 25 years.
Details, discussion, questions and answers.
Voting by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 7 am – 7 pm
at Lincoln Town Office

Nine citizens were in attendance at the public information meeting.

Sally Baldwin asked whether stormwater and local permitting for the proposed sand resource will be completed before the March 3 voting. Paul Forlenza responded that permits will be in place in advance of the voting.

Sally Ober asked whether travel to the sand resource would be on Norton Ridge Road and if road status would change. Bill Finger answered that the road will remain a private right of way.

Mike Burgess asked if there will be additional expenses for equipment to extract the sand. Bill answered that the excavation will be done by a paid contractor.

Ellie Bryant asked about gas mileage for town trucks. Paul answered that town dump trucks average 5.8 miles per gallon. The shorter route to a sand resource would significantly reduce fuel purchases.

Christie Sumner posed a question regarding how many loads of sand will be coming past her house on Lincoln Gap Road each year and how the heavy vehicles will affect the pavement over a period of five years. Bill answered that based on past trips to the more distant sand resource, there will be 410 round trips by her house each year. The wear on the pavement is problematic wherever one goes in town but headway is being made in road repair. The Lincoln Gap Road is due for major rehab within the next five years, Bill said.

Mike Burgess asked about a plan to reclaim the land after 25 years. Bill answered that restoration and reclamation and new tree planting will be done every one to two years after removal of sand.

Sally Baldwin asked how deep the sand is. Robert Clark of Otter Creek Engineering answered that the sand is in a “knuckle shape” and it will take two-to-three years to reclaim and plant trees after removal of the knob.

Sally Ober asked whether the current area is covered with trees and whether there is value in the existing trees. Paul answered that the town will hire a professional to formulate a management

45 plan for the property. Chuck Norton added that he will continue to sugar on the property and pay
46 the town per tap.

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48 Rob Reiber asked whether the withdrawal of sand is seasonal or whether there is a limit on the
49 amount of sand that can be extracted. Bill answered that the operation of the pit will encompass a
50 couple of months of the year.

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52 Sally Baldwin asked whether the Board has heard opposition to the land purchase. Paul answered
53 that he has not heard opposition.

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55 Rob Reiber asked whether the pit holds gravel as well as sand. Paul answered that the pit holds
56 only winter sand and the town will need to purchase gravel.

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58 The Public Information meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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60 Bill Finger called the regular Select Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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62 In attendance at the Select Board meeting: Board Members Bill Finger, Chair, Ellie Bryant, Paul
63 Forlenza, Select Board Bookkeeper-assistant Ann Kensek. Absent: Oakley Smith, Will Sipsev.
64 Citizens: Sally Ober and Rob Reiber.

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66 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Bill Finger, to approve amended minutes of meetings of
67 January 20 and February 4, 2020 as clarified.

68 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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70 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Ellie Bryant, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting.
71 Added to the agenda was Sally Ober's recommendation for a new cleaner for the Town Office.

72 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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74 Citizen comments: Sally Ober presented Town Office cleaner recommendations.

- 75 • Ann Kensek said that a \$60/hour charge for cleaning would be covered by the budget.
- 76 • Bill suggested trash pickup be investigated with Moose trash and recycling service.

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78 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Bill Finger, to hire Lindsey Jennings as Town Office
79 cleaner at \$25 per hour for once-a-week cleaning on a two-month trial basis.

80 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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82 Bill Finger gave the highway report.

- 83 • Otter Creek Engineering has finished evaluation of the Urz curve and has included in
84 their plan an overlook for wildlife viewing.

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86 Budget and Finance:

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88 Paul Forlenza presented check warrants.

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90 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Bill Finger, to approve Payroll Check Warrant 20/33 in

91 the amount of \$4,162.29. Highlights: Part-time salaries, overtime.
92 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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94 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Ellie Bryant, to approve Payroll Check Warrant 20/34 in
95 the amount of \$3,098.71. Highlights: Contractor salaries.
96 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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98 MOTION by Paul Forlenza, second by Ellie Bryant, to approve Accounts Payable Check
99 Warrant 20/34 in the amount of \$28,164.07. Highlights: Diesel fuel purchase, truck repair, salt
100 purchase, winter sand purchase, Western Star repair, contractor snow removal costs.
101 MOTION PASSED 3-0-2.

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103 Budget report, continued:

- 104 • Target for **seventh**, month of FY20 is 58%. Overall the budget is at 60%.
- 105 • Legal costs are high.
- 106 • High cost of equipment maintenance is a concern.
- 107 • Most truck repair costs are for the Western Star.

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109 Public Safety:

- 110 • Ellie gave the data report for the radar speed sign by the cemetery for February 10-16.
111 The report shows that 76% of vehicles were in violation of the speed limit with high
112 speeds of 50 and 51 m.p.h. between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. During the week, 3,772
113 vehicles passed the sign with an average speed 33 m.p.h. and 85% speed of 37 m.p.h.

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115 **The Selectboard adopted a “conflict of interest” policy in 2018 in response to FEMA and VT**
116 **emergency management requirements. In a quick review the policy appears to cover most bases**
117 **but the full board should review and decide if additions or changes are required.**

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119 Town Meeting budget presentation—plan and procedure:

- 120 • Paul will present **the proposed FY 21 budgets and Bill will present Article 7,** for paving
121 funding at Town Meeting.
- 122 • A second public information meeting on the budget and sand resource is scheduled for
123 Feb. 25.
- 124 • A third public meeting will take place at Town Meeting on March 2.

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126 Administrative and Personnel: None.

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128 Board Member Concerns: None.

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130 Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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132 Respectfully submitted,
133 Ellie Bryant

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139 The Lincoln Town Office is accessible for all. If you need further accommodations to
140 attend this meeting, please call 453-2980 as far ahead as possible.

