

Town of Lincoln
Minutes of Special Select Board Meeting
Lincoln Town Office
February 25, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Select Board members present: Bill Finger, Paul Forlenza, Ellie Bryant, Will Sipse, Select Board Assistant/Bookkeeper Ann Kensek. Absent: Oakley Smith.

Citizens in attendance:

- Chuck Norton
- Sally Ober
- Josiah Jackson
- Bay Jackson
- Judi Danforth
- Tommie Thompson
- Nancy Stevens

Paul Forlenza presented the proposed FY21 budget for the Town of Lincoln. There was general discussion of the proposed Town General and Highway Fund budgets.

Questions from Lincoln citizens regarding Article 10 on the Town Meeting agenda:

Judi Danforth asked whether the new budget would cover increased deterioration in roads caused by heavy trucks carrying sand from the resource on Lincoln Gap Road. Bill Finger answered with a PowerPoint presentation on road projects, including road projects completed, projects underway, and projects anticipated. Also included in the presentation: innovation and safety initiatives, and new grant applications to be submitted. The Paving Reserve Fund is estimated to have a balance of \$177,380 on 7/1/2020, the start of FY21. Passage of Article 10 on March 3 will add \$150,000 for a total fund of \$327,380. Bill also discussed the scope of paving needs and how the town is attempting to make longer lasting improvement, to save cost rather than simply overlaying bad pavement. Overlays without improvement of the sub-base are generally a waste of resources.

Bill presented information on Article 10 of the Town Meeting Warning, the purchase of 7+/- acre parcel of land to provide the Town with a 25-year supply of winter sand. {PDF version of PP presentation is attached and made part of these minutes}

Tommie Thompson asked why Article 10 was being submitted for voter approval before all local and state permits had been obtained. He was particularly concerned that the Town's sub-division regulations would not allow a new sub-division of the Norton property because it had been recently sub-divided. Bill responded that the point in question is approval of the purchase and sale agreement of the land in question. Paul added that in drawing up the sales contract, the Town attorney had scrutinized all aspects of the sale of Mr. Norton's property.

Bay Jackson asked about reclamation of the land after extraction of sand. Chuck answered that the removed sand will be replaced with topsoil to make the land healthier for a stand of maples

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55 he plans to purchase and sugar. The P&S agreement includes an option for Mr. Norton to re-
56 purchase the property after 25 years. Tommie Thompson asked whether the distance from
57 adjoining property lines according to Town ordinances had been considered. Paul answered that
58 he believed the Town attorney had considered Town ordinances.

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59 Bill discussed processing of sand and storage of salt that will be stored to mix with the sand.
60 Following the 2/18/2020 info meeting a suggestion was made that the processed sand could be
61 store at the sand pit site and loaded on trucks there, as needed, for winter road sanding rather
62 than hauling to the town garage, unloading and then loading again. Such a scenario is not
63 contemplated because it would (1) require a more extensive upgrade of the access road; (2) it
64 would require keeping a loader at the site for the duration of winter which in turn would require
65 building a shed to house the loader and 3) it would require construction of a new salt shed at the
66 pit site since salt needs to be regularly mixed with the sand to keep it from freezing.

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68 Nancy Stevens suggested that for eight or nine months of the year there will be no traffic on the
69 Lincoln Gap Road. Bill said that she is correct.

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71 Paul reminded that nearly 50% of the town's real estate is owned by the federal government. The
72 federal government pays approximately \$35,000 annually on its holdings. This situation coupled
73 with very little commercial, taxable development and the town's responsibility for maintaining
74 all if its road mileage puts serious constraints on the town's financial capacity to meet it's state
75 and federal legal mandates.

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of the Town in terms of maintaining roads.

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77 The informational meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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79 Bill continued the special Select Board meeting by asking Board members' opinions on whether
80 a mailer on the sand resource would help get Article 10 passed. It was suggested that an
81 announcement about the sand resource be placed on Front Porch Forum and on the town's web-
82 site in lieu of a mass mailing.

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84 Special meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

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86 Respectfully submitted,
87 Ellie Bryant

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A winter sand resource for Lincoln

- [Public Information Meetings](#)
- Tues, Feb 18, 6:30 PM , Town Office
- Tues, Feb 25, 7:00 PM , Town Office
- Mon, Mar 2, 6:00 PM, Burnham Hall (part of Town Meeting)
- [**Tue, Mar 3, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM Voting on Article 10, Town Office**](#)

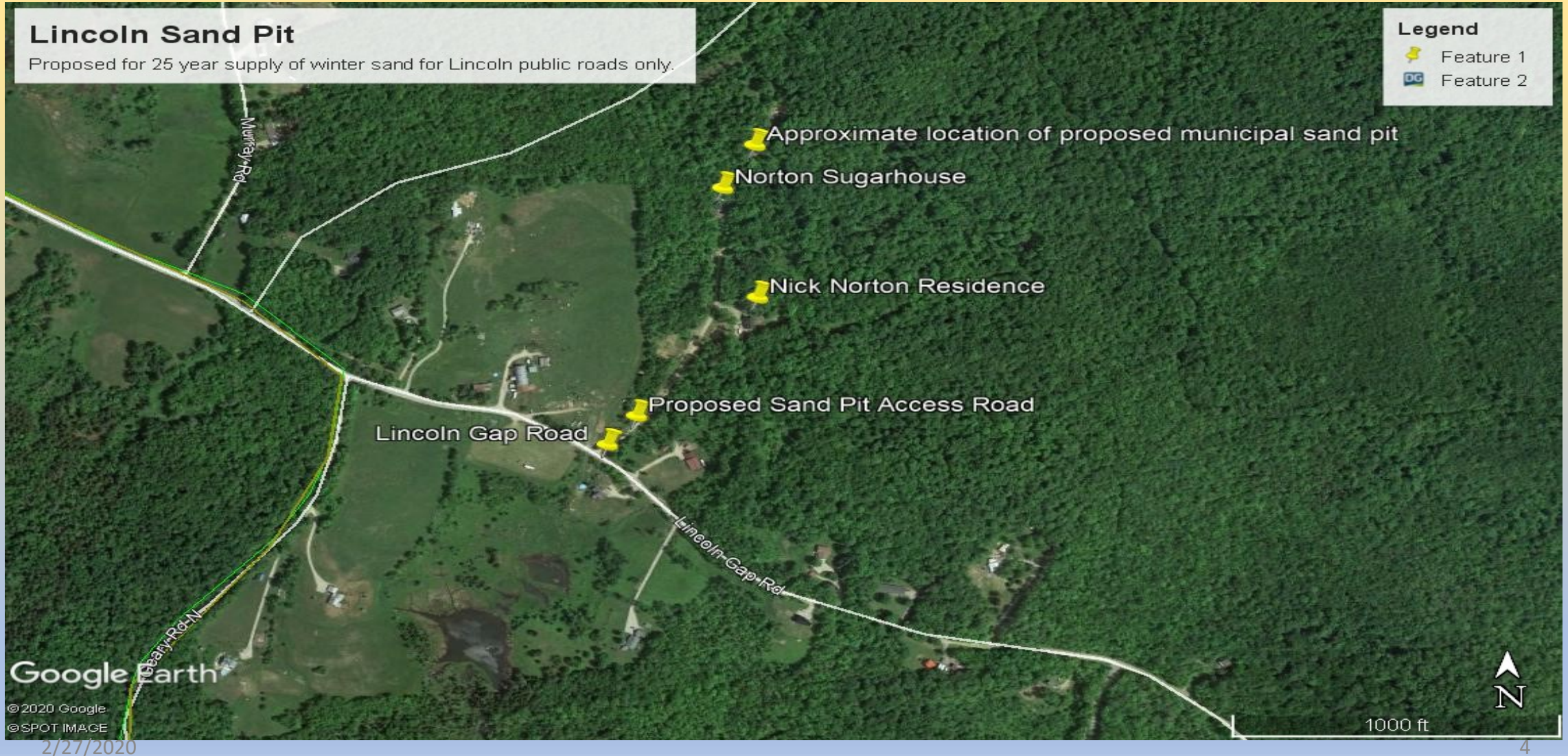
Town Meeting VOTE
Tuesday, March 3, 7 am - 7 pm
Lincoln Town Office

- **Article 10** Shall the voters of the Town of Lincoln authorize the purchase by the Town of a 7+/- acre parcel of land and appurtenant right of way from William J. Norton, Jr., and Kim M. Norton for the purpose of operating a municipal sand pit, at a purchase price not to exceed \$393,840, to be paid as follows: an initial payment of \$10,840, and the balance to be financed through mortgage financing from the sellers, William J. Norton, Jr., and Kim M. Norton, in an amount not to exceed \$383,000, with an annual interest rate not to exceed 3.00%, over a period not to exceed 25 years?
- (To be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2020)

Lincoln Selectboard proposes purchase of a 7 +/- acre parcel of land to provide a 25 year supply of winter sand

- Parcel is located off Lincoln Gap Road, part of a larger 80 +/- acre parcel owned by Chuck & Kim Norton
- *Parcel has been evaluated by Lincoln Applied Geology to determine potential volume of usable sand and to identify possible environmental issues as well as permitting requirements*
- Preliminary engineering by Otter Creek Engineering has confirmed physical and economic feasibility
- *The District Environmental Commission has issued a jurisdictional opinion (JO) confirming that an Act 250 permit will not be required*
- A state stormwater permit and local permitting (sub-division and zoning) will be required
- *The selectboard has negotiated a Purchase and Sale Contract with the property owners. Closing the purchase is dependent on a positive vote on Article 10 on the Town Meeting ballot – Tues, March 3 7 AM – 7 PM at the Town Office*

Proposed sand pit location



Wow, that's a lot of money for 7 acres !

- Purchase price inc. interest = \$555,533
- Those 7 acres contain 143,500 + cubic yards of sand, enough to supply Lincoln for 25 years
- \$3.87 per yard (this price per cu yd will remain the same for 25 years)
- Existing annual budget for winter sand supply will cover the cost
- No bonds or new property taxes required

Why is this a good idea ?

- It is local, strictly **reserved for Lincoln use only.**
- It reduces CO2 emissions 93% 21.5 metric tons per year to 1.4 metric tons per year
- It's safer – trucks travel a shorter distance, without having to negotiate traffic, pedestrians and recreators on River Road and through Bristol's Main Street
- Reduces wear and tear on town trucks, extending their longevity and potentially reducing the town's truck fleet size
- It is less expensive, saving town highway funds for other needed projects
- It does not require additional borrowing or bonds. Costs are carried in existing highway budget

Lincoln winter sand supply

2020

2021 – 2046 {annually}

- 5,740 cubic yards
- 410 Round trips
- RT = 30 miles
- truck mileage 12,300
- Truck cost \$46,125
- 25 Metric tons of CO2

- 5,740 cubic yards
- 410 Round trips
- RT = 2 miles **-28**
- truck mileage 820 **-11,480**
- Truck cost \$18,450 **-\$27,675**
- 1.4 metric tons of CO2 **-23.6**

25 year impact – same sand volume @ 42% less cost !

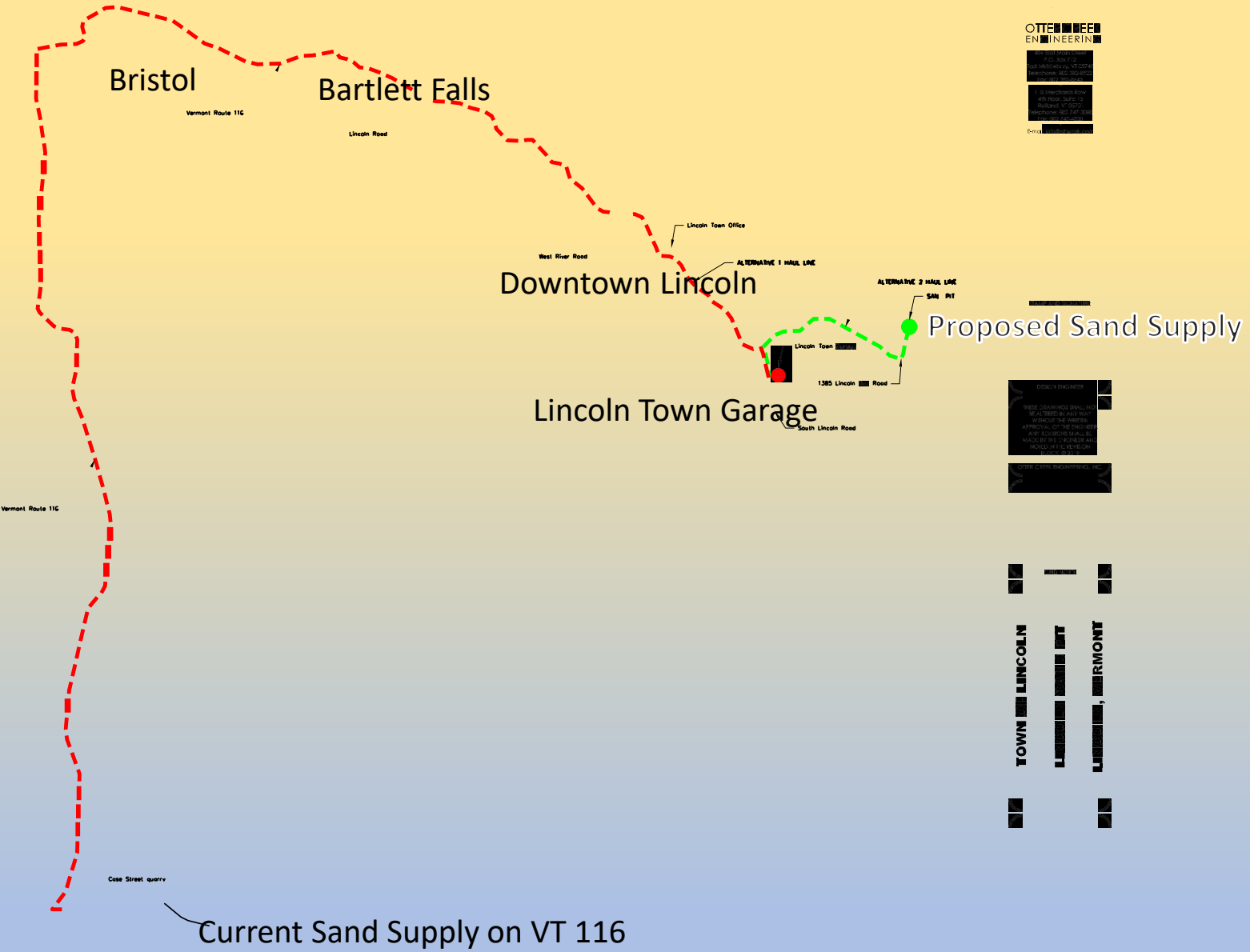
- 93% less CO2 emissions 537.5 metric tons to 35 metric tons
- 93% less truck miles 12,300 miles to 820 miles
- 61% less truck hours 15,375 hours to 5,979 hours
- 61% less truck cost \$1,654,043 to \$643,221
- 29% less sand cost \$2,301,725 to \$1,634,465
- 42% total cost reduction \$3,955,768 to \$2,277,686

- THESE PLANS ARE BASED ON DATA FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:
- 1. PLANS, NOTES, RECORDS, AND SURVEY DATA PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT.
 - 2. ELEVATION IS BASED BY OTHERS.
 - 3. COORDINATE SYSTEM IS BASED BY OTHERS.
 - 4. FOR CLARITY, TEXT DENOTING EXISTING ITEMS IS SHOWN IN LOWER CASE, AND TEXT DENOTING PROPOSED ITEMS IS UPPERCASE AND BOLD.
 - 5. REFER TO LEGEND LOCATED ON THIS SHEET FOR SYMBOL DESIGNATIONS.
 - 6. ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ARE SHOWN AS APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS.
 - 7. FOR CLARITY, OVERHEAD LINES ARE NOT SHOWN.
 - 8. THIS IS NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY.
 - 9. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS ACCOMPANY THESE PLANS AND ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT.

CONTOUR

1 FOOT CONTOUR
 5 FOOT CONTOUR
 ROAD/PARKING/DRIVE
 ALTERNATIVE 1 HAUL LINE
 ALTERNATIVE 2 HAUL LINE

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Questions?

- Answers to questions raised at these meetings will be compiled and made available at the Town Office and on the Town website www.lincolnvermont.org
- You can ask questions by e-mail admin@lincolnvermont.org
- You can ask questions by mailing a note to Selectboard, Town Office
62 Quaker Street, Lincoln, VT 05443 or you can call 453-2980 to receive a call back
- You can attend Town Meeting at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 2 at 6:00 PM to discuss this proposal with your neighbors and **PLEASE**
REMEMBER to VOTE on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 7AM – 7PM at the TOWN OFFICE

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- Or vote early at the Lincoln Town Office or by requesting an absentee ballot by mail