

TOWN OF LINCOLN
Regular Selectboard Meeting
April 6, 2021
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1 Meeting Minutes {Draft}

2 SB members present: Bill Finger (BF), Bay Jackson (BJ), Will Sipsey (WS), Oakley Smith (OS) Absent: Paul Forlenza
3 (PF)

4 Staff present: Road Foreman; Ann Kensek (AK), SB Assistant, Bookkeeper, Interim Zoning Administrator (ZA)

5 Citizens present: Ellen Forshaw (via phone) and Josiah Jackson

6 Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by chair BF

7 **Motion** BF, 2nd BJ to approve published agenda with amendment as follows:

8 Add: 8. Executive session – potential litigation, notice of violation

9 **Passed 5-0**

10 **[Note: Draft minutes for 3/1 Town Meeting Info Hearing and 3/8 special SB meeting were received on 3/16**
11 **with approval deferred until this meeting. Those minutes were not approved at the 4/6 meeting as intended.**
12 **Therefore, they will be deferred again until the 4/20 regular SB meeting.]**

13 BF introduced Ellen Forshaw who owns property in Ripton and in Lincoln. Ms. Forshaw alleges that the proposed
14 VT Dept of Env Conservation (DEC) reclassification of Blue Bank and Alder Brooks in both towns was not warned
15 and noticed as required by the petitioner, i.e., Ripton Conservation Commission and/or the DEC. Ms. Forshaw
16 explain her concerns and answered SB questions. She asked for a letter to be sent by the Lincoln SB to DEC asking
17 namely for a pause in the process especially considering the difficulties that pandemic restrictions have presented.

18 **Motion** BF, 2nd BJ to send a letter to DEC requesting a pause in the reclassification process to investigate and verify
19 or refute Ms. Forshaw's concerns. The pause should continue for an indefinite period, allowing for pandemic
20 restrictions to be lifted. [Discussion: Ms. Forshaw requested specific citation of the names of Lincoln interested
21 parties who should have been but were not notified. *BF – letter needs to be non-specific about names because the*
22 *SB has no first-hand knowledge about this part of the process.*]

23 **Passed 4 / 0 / 1 absent**

24 Jo Jackson inquired as to when the issue of Planning Commission/ZBA merger or re-organization would be
25 considered. *4/20 or 5/4 meeting.* Will there be a report on the sand pit approval process? *Later in this meeting*

26 **Motion** WS, 2nd BJ to approve the Consent Agenda as presented [including 2/16- & 3/3-minutes clarification edits
27 by BF]

- 28 ○ Minutes 3/16 Regular Meeting
29 ○ Payroll Check Warrants – PR 21-39 , \$2,717.26; PR 21-40 - \$3,866.46; PR 21-41- \$3,805.13
30 ○ Accounts Payable Check Warrant – AP 21-41, \$1,240,326.95

31 **Passed 4/0/1 absent**

32 **REPORTS**

33 Note: Focus on the sand pit conditional use permit and the FY 21/22 highway plan and grant apps did not develop
34 as completely as intended in time for this meeting. **Sand pit issue will be focus at special SB meeting on 4/13 at**
35 **5:30 PM -- Highway plan focus will be deferred until 4/20 regular SB meeting.**

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37 Highway Report

- 38 • Bad mud season, dealing with muddy roads as best we can, wind and dry weather will help a lot
- 39 • Street sweeping in “downtown” including Creamery Street is finished – bridges will be swept next
- 40 • Report of a tree cut during windstorm on York Hill Road – broke fence whose responsibility – BF will check
- 41 with DC
- 42 • Suggested increased focus on annual mud trouble spots with eye toward improving drainage to decrease
- 43 frost and mud depth
- 44 • CL 2 grant app will be re-submitted for section of Downingsville Road; DEC GIA work will begin soon on
- 45 Ripton Road; Grimmes Road Structure Grant will be re-submitted
- 46 • Suggested additional \$200,000 CL 2 Grant for Gap Road reclamation Garland Bridge to sand pit drive
- 47 • Suggested pursuit of sound mitigation along north boundary of the Town Garage using reserved capital
- 48 improvement funds if necessary.
- 49 • Reminder that federal grant money in the billions of \$\$ is on its way. State will be looking for instant
- 50 capital projects. We need to have a project ready for B-19 York Hill and B-49 Grimes Road. Important to
- 51 be agile to obtain funding.

52 Interim ZA - AK

- 53 • Several new applications are in progress
- 54 • Still catching up on backlog, learning and managing meet and advertising deadlines for PC and ZBA etc.

55 Ad hoc ZA Applicant Review – OS

- 56 • Applicant review and interviews are nearly complete
- 57 • Committee will recommend a candidate for hire to the PC shortly

58 MAUSD Proposals – Bay

- 59 • Lincoln committee proposal is not quite complete. Pending additional financial information that has been
- 60 requested from the Supt.
- 61 • Proposals are due 5/4. Lincoln committee proposal will be ready for submission to MAUSD by that date

62 USFS/Town Issues

- 63 • Chris Mattrick, forest Supervisor will meet with SB 5/4
- 64 • We will try to schedule Steve Harris’ proposal for a recreation path on new Willard Jackson donated
- 65 Property following the river

66 Transfer Station Permit – aka dump stickers

- 67 • Do we want stickers?
- 68 • Do we need stickers?
- 69 • What is the benefit to the Town and/or permit (sticker) holder?
- 70 • Suggestion that we establish a program asking for voluntary donations in exchange for a sticker instead of
- 71 charging a set fee
- 72 • Proceeds from the donations could be directed toward a specific cause (Environmental benefit) to be
- 73 determined either by the SB or through a yet to be determined public process.

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75 **Motion** WS, 2nd BJ to establish a donation for a dump sticker program reflecting the discussion outlined above.

76 **Passed** 4/0/1 absent

77 **Motion** BF, 2nd BJ to enter executive session at 7:34 PM to discuss a draft notice of violation, i.e., potential
78 litigation.

79 **Passed** 4/0/1 absent

80 Exited executive session at 7:51 PM

81 Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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83 Respectfully submitted: Bill Finger

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