

PENDING APPROVAL

Town of Lincoln Public Informational Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 6:30 PM

From various locations via Zoom

Attending: Selectboard Chair, Bill Finger (BF); members Will Sipse (WS), Oakley Smith (OS), and Bay Jackson (BJ); Selectboard Ass't and Zoning Administrator, Ann Moreau-Kensek (AK); Selectboard Secretary, Christine Birong-Smith (CS)

Others Present: Lee Anderson (LA), Mike Fisher (MF), Ann Fisher (AF), Serena Fox (SF)

Public Informational Meeting re: Proposed FY 23 (7/1/22-6/30/23) Town General & Highway Budgets and Town Meeting Warning Articles

BF provided presentation regarding town budgets:

- BF reviewed select line items as he guided participants through budgeting information
- Budget topics highlighted and reviewed in presentation:
 - Large part of town is tax exempt because it's National Forest land
 - Town needs to make up \$11,000 in coming budget
 - All Town residents should have received town report in mail and it is also available on the Town website
 - BF shared screen to provide numbers within different parts of Town report while discussing various monetary and allocation topics within said report
 - It was noted that the Town does not take in money from permits for transfer station anymore as a means of generating money

Public Comments and Questions:

- MF asked about the sandpit process and where the Town is in this process
 - BF responded that the Town has a conditional use permit from Zoning Board
 - Details of this process reviewed by BF regarding permitting and studies that are in progress
- MF brought up the issue of providing car access and parking at the Gap Road to support outdoor recreation in our Town
 - BF explained the history of the Selectboard's investigation of this issue
 - General discussion of options for moving forward to generate support and funding for forest related projects took place

Public Informational Meeting concluded with a review various highways budgeting topics

Public Informational Meeting closed by BF at 7:30pm to transition to Selectboard Regular Meeting

Town of Lincoln Regular Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 7:30 PM

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Others Present: Lee Anderson (LA), Serena Fox (SF), Tommie Thompson (TT), Nicole Lee (NL)

Agenda adjustments and approval

- BJ requested adding planning and zoning ad hoc to earlier in the meeting
 - BF responded by moving item to 4a under Reports

Motion: BF, BJ 2nd move to approve agenda with above change

Passed: 4/0/1 (absent)

Public Comment

- LA is looking to build house at end of French Settlement Road beyond the point where the Town currently maintains snow removal and wants to discuss with the Selectboard
 - BF responded that LA's issue will be put on an agenda for a later meeting because the topic will require more time and attention than provided during public comment

Consent Agenda

- BF shared screen to present money allocations for warrants

a. Minutes 20/01/22 regular meeting

b. Payroll check warrants

PR 22-33 \$ 5,233.44

PR 22-34 \$ 3,456.53

c. Accounts payable check warrant_

AP 22-34 \$47,614.61

Motion: BF, WS 2nd to approve Consent Agenda

Passed: 4/0/1

Reports

a. Highways

- Winter storm management reports
 - Generally going well in spite of fickle weather
 - Both old and new projects remain in progress
- Equipment Mgt.

- Equipment is holding up and being maintained
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- The Town Highway Supervisor and BF are working on pavement workplan for FY 23
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- Gove Hill Water Line
 - Project well work is in progress
- ad hoc
 - SF, AK, BJ are looking for thoughts or questions from Selectboard re: executive summary regarding converting ZBA to another model
 - the committee is looking to advance the conversation at this point because there is appropriate time to allocate to this work
 - Pros and cons of proposal reviewed by meeting participants
 - Proposed size of board discussed
 - Discussed having additional meetings of ad hoc to further review information and options
 - General and thorough discussion of options for next steps
 - SB screenshared RESOLUTION document for meeting participants to view

Motion: WS, 2nd BJ to move forward and transition the ZBA to DRB

Passed: 4/0/1

b. Selectboard Assistant – AK

- Post Town Meeting and appointments on FPF, Website, and possibly at different town establishments

c. Town treasurer changed from elected to appointed process

- Update:
 - Currently there are two candidates
 - AK suggested background checks for both of candidates Board consensus that background checks for both would be appropriate
 - A third candidate has applied for position consensus was not to restart interview process to include the late applicant

d. Zoning Administrator – Update

- AK reported number of current permits
- AK contacted Town lawyer re: electric plane inquiry
 - AK will follow up at next meeting with more information

Old Business

a. Town Meeting Preparation

- Brief recap of earlier 2/15 public meeting informational meeting
- It is agreed that no additional public meetings around this issue required

b. MAUSD – withdrawal process re: VT Legislature – proposal(s) for redefining and regulating school district

restructuring (H.495)

- PF provided testimony to the State
- PF will provide additional updates at next Selectboard meeting

c. Sand Pit – progress update

- BF met with Chuck Norton, Dave Cavoretto and Robert Clerk of OCE to discuss best feasible way to comply with the ZBA permit condition viz. Access of Norton Ridge Road (PVT) with Lincoln Gap Road

At issue is adequate sight and braking distance for vehicles approaching the intersection on the Gap Rd. BF shared possible solutions and alterations as previously discussed with Robert Clark.

New Business

Executive Session - litigation , personnel **Motion:** OS, WS 2nd to enter executive session at 8:46 PM to consider pending litigation to which the Town is a party, because we find that premature public knowledge will place the Town at a substantial disadvantage.

Passed: 3/0/2 (absent)

Exited executive session at 9:26 PM

There were no decisions made based on discussion in executive session.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Christine Birong-Smith (pre-exec session); Bill Finger (post exec session)