

Town of Lincoln MINUTES
Annual Town Meeting and Lincoln School District Meeting

*Meeting called to order by Moderator, Todd Goodyear, at 6:06 p.m.
 Voice recorder folder # 01:07*

The legal voters of the Town of Lincoln and the Lincoln School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and transact business, and on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road, the polls to open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

**Agenda for Meeting at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road on
 Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Article 1 To elect all town officers as required by law, by Australian ballot, voting to be held at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road, polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday March 7, 2023.

Offices for Election on Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Office	Term Length	Vote for
Selectboard	3 years	1
Selectboard	2 years	1
Selectboard	1 yr. remaining	1
Town Clerk	1 year	1
First Constable	1 year	1
Second Constable	1 year	1
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	1
Town Meeting Moderator	1 year	1
Lister	3 years	1
Lister	2 yrs. remaining	1
Lincoln Library Trustee	3 years	2

No action needed. None taken.

Article 2 To act upon the reports of the Town Officers and the Lincoln School District Officers.

Motion: *Mark Mulqueen*

Second: *Nancy Stevens*

Discussion: *It was questioned whether we need to amend this article because the Lincoln School District Annual Meeting has been postponed until April 11, 2023. Unknown, no further action taken. Sally Ober thanked the long list of town officials on pages 1-3 in the town report. David Wood called attention to the lists of Births, Deaths, and Marriages on page 27-28. We observed a moment of silence for those who have passed, and we began our town's business keeping our new families in mind.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 3 Shall the Town authorize the payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer, in two equal installments, with the due dates being the second Wednesday of October [October 11, 2023] and the second Wednesday of March [March 13, 2024], per 32 V.S.A. 4871?

Motion: *Lisa Truchon*

Second: *Paul Forlenza*

Discussion: *None.*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 4 Shall the Town collect interest on overdue taxes from the due date of each installment in the amount of .5% (1/2 of 1%) per month or fraction thereof, in accordance with 32 V.S.A 4873?

Motion: *Lisa Truchon*

Second: *Paul Forlenza*

Discussion: None

Passed by voice vote.

Article 5 Shall the voters authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,137,604 (which includes FY22 \$12,219 deficit) of which \$950,788 shall be raised by taxes and \$186,816 by non-tax revenues?

Motion: Bill Finger

Second: Michael Burgess

Discussion: Selectboard gave a slide presentation, showing highlights of both the Highway Fund and General Fund budgets.

Passed by voice vote.

Article 6 Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$450,732 of which \$ 276,559 shall be raised by taxes, \$155,864 by non-tax revenues and \$18,310 which is surplus revenue?

Motion: Mike Fisher

Second: Fred Danforth

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

RECESS TOWN MEETING; OPEN LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

We did not recess. Mary Gemignani announced that the Annual Lincoln School District Meeting has been postponed until April 11, 2023. More information will be posted soon. Bay Jackson, Selectboard Member, gave a slide presentation about ARPA funds for Lincoln.

Article 7 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to authorize a sum of \$175,000 for further restoration and improvement of existing Class 2 asphalt surface town highways, to be deposited in the paving reserve fund?

Motion: *Bill Finger*

Second: *Roger Rood*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 8 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to authorize a sum of \$10,000 for contracted law enforcement services?

Motion: *Roger Rood*

Second: *Bill Finger*

Discussion: *Roger Rood asked for the vote to be by paper ballot, but not enough people seconded this request so we voted by voice.*

Failed by voice vote.

Article 9 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to help support the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool?

Motion: *Rob Backlund*

Second: *Nancy Stevens*

Discussion: *none*

Passed by voice vote.

Article 10 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,000 in support of the Lincoln Library?

Motion: *Mark Mulqueen*

Second: *Ann Kensek*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 11 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to help support Lincoln Sports, Inc.?

Motion: *Fred Danforth*

Second: *Suzanne Germain*

Discussion: *Fred Danforth made a motion to amend Article 11 to add \$10,000 for a total of \$13,000. Lonny Edwards seconded. After much discussion, Fred and Lonny both withdrew their motion and no vote was taken on the amendment. The main motion as warned, passed by voice vote.*

Article 12 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,896 to the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company?

Motion: *Bill Finger*

Second: *Ann Kensek*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 13 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to Bristol Rescue?

Motion: *Nancy Stevens*

Second: *Ann Kensek*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 14 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Lincoln Cemetery Association?

Motion: *Mark Mulqueen*

Second: David Wood

Discussion: none

Passed by voice vote.

Article 15 Shall the town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to help support the Lincoln Community School Mentor Program?

Motion: Judi Danforth

Second: Tiffany Dennison

Discussion: none

Passed by voice vote.

Article 16 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to approve the following agency requests?

\$ 1,250	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc
200	Addison County Court Diversion Program
1,300	Addison County Parent/Child Center
600	Addison County Readers
400	Addison County River Watch
1,170	Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)
500	Addison County Economic Development Corporation
2,500	Bristol Recreation Department
1,100	Age Well (formerly CVAAA)
750	Comm. Health Svcs of Addison Cty – Open Door Clinic
1,600	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.
700	Elderly Services, Inc
2,000	HOPE (ACCAG)
250	Homeward Bound
1,000	John W Graham Emergency Shelter
1,000	Turning Point Center of Addison County
490	Retired Senior Volunteer Program(RSVP)
500	Vermont Adult Learning
1,250	WomenSafe
1,000	Charter House Coalition

300	Addison Allies Network
\$19,860.00	Total

Motion: *Tiffany Dennison*

Second: *Ann Kensek*

Discussion:

Passed by voice vote.

Article 17 To transact any other legal and proper business when met.

Selectboard candidates introduced themselves.

There was a suggestion to make the time for town meeting be 7 p.m. or hold the meeting on Saturday instead.

Thank you:

- 1. Microphone runners, Conor McDonough and Mark Mulqueen*
- 2. Mark Mulqueen for sound system set up*
- 3. Burnham Committee for Burnham Hall*

Library bake sale announcement for Tuesday

A request for the Selectboard to encourage AT&T to restore better cell service in Lincoln.

Recognized Brian Behrens (Sp?) who was filming our meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

These are DRAFT minutes and more refined minutes will be made available soon.

Respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Sally Ober