

Pending Approval

Town of Lincoln, Vermont
Regular Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

6:00 PM on site meeting at the home of Kristi Lafayette
on Quaker St. for drainage issues
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting at
the Lincoln Town Office and via Zoom

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11 **Attending Site Visit:** Selectboard Chair Bill Finger; Vice Chair, Oakley Smith; members Paul Forlenza,
12 Bay Jackson, and Alan Schmidt; Selectboard Ass't Ann Moreau-Kensek; Guest Kristi Lafayette

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14 Bill brought the meeting to order about 6 p.m. and spoke about what previously been done at this
15 property to mitigate water from Elder Hill Road, including having state ANR Stormwater and Vtrans
16 representatives on site.

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18 Kristi Lafayette explained what happens and showed the selectboard where the problems exist when
19 water comes down Elder Hill Road. A video was shared of water running through the yard. She is
20 getting her drinking water tested for road salt. She wants to have part of her yard be certified organic
21 and will not be able to with the water running through.

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23 Meeting was continued to the Town Office.

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25 **Attending:** Selectboard Chair Bill Finger; Vice Chair, Oakley Smith; members Paul Forlenza, Bay
26 Jackson, and Alan Schmidt; Selectboard Ass't Ann Moreau-Kensek

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28 **Guests** Kristi Lafayette, Representative Mari Cordes, Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering, Jeff
29 Smalley from Dominion Tech, Town Clerk Sally Ober, ZBA Chair Tommie Thompson, ZBA Board
30 Member Josiah Jackson

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32 Meeting was brought to order by Bill Finger at 6:30 p.m.

33 1. Agenda adjustments and approval:

34 There is a change to the AP Warrant- there are two additional expenses for the Warrant and a new
35 Warrant was sent. That is the one that needs approval.

36 Paul wanted to add a review of the budget report for February.

37 Bill moved and Paul seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Passed 5-0-0

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39 2. a. Kristi Lafayette: Kristi will be putting in a formal request for documents since the bridge by the
40 intersection of Forge Hill Road on Quaker Street was upgraded. She is going to request that the
41 culvert be put into disuse and wants a paved ditch something like her neighbors to the north. Oakley
42 showed Kristi's video of water running through her yard from March 6th. Bill noted the Selectboard
43 would take her request to change the culvert, etc. into consideration and follow up at another meeting.

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45 2. b. Representative Mari Cordes: She is looking at appropriating more Federal money and the state
46 allocating money for the roads. She has concerns over constituents in Lincoln and other towns having
47 problems with roads and ditches and wants to make sure towns like Lincoln receive funding.

48 Bill and Mari talked about what works, connected segments, and the Town's annual report to the
49 Agency of Natural Resources. Bill noted that one way the Town can get more funding for roads is if the
50 grant amounts are increased. No road projects can be covered with ARPA funding. Brief discussion on
51 the Lincoln School withdrawal and Lincoln being a model on how to do this.

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53 3. Consent Agenda: Bill briefly reviewed the Consent Agenda

- 54 • AP Warrant # 22.38 for \$34,990.24
- 55 • PR Warrant # 22.37 for \$3,689.38
- 56 • PR Warrant # 22.38 for \$3,966.02
- 57 • Minutes of the 3.2.22 meeting
- 58 • Audit RFP

59 Oakley moved and Paul seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed 5-0-0.

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61 4. Reports

62 a. Highway: Highway Dept is keeping up with snow and mud.

63 The old International needs a few repairs

64 Roads are posted. Dave can give permission for trucks to use the roads, depending on how
65 soft the roads are.

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67 b. Selectboard Ass't: Working on the update to the Personnel Policy

68 Lots of Heavy Weight Vehicle permits coming in. They are due March 31.

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70 c. Clerk/Treasurer/Listers:

71 Sally noted that election results are available on the Secretary of State's website and posted in Town.

72 She wants to be a part of the process of Treasurer hiring process and is wondering about the transfer of
73 authority. She has questions regarding appointment of Assistant Treasurer(s), etc. Paul noted the
74 importance of getting the new Treasurer on as a signatory at the bank.

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76 d. ARPA: Paul will send a list of ARPA Projects. Some are requests from non-profits. Brief discussion on
77 potential funding candidates.

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79 e. MAUSD withdrawal process: Paul reported that each of the other towns in the MAUSD voted by
80 70% to ratify the withdrawal. Further discussion on the process. Save Community Schools is paying
81 someone to do Lincoln's proposed budget, and we are exploring a possible joint supervisory union
82 with Ripton. There are only two days we can have an election this year, the primary and November
83 election.

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85 5. Old Business:

86 5.1 Sand Pit: Bill discussed a meeting for a proposal to modify Lincoln Gap Road for Access per the
87 condition of the Zoning Board. It would be a simple modification on Lincoln Gap Road that will not
88 cost too much. Current site distance is over 200 feet, but well below Commercial Driveway standard.
89 The requirement is 390 feet. Robert Clark showed a road profile for Lincoln Gap Road and explained
90 how the road could be upgraded. The work can be done by the Highway Department. Additionally, the
91 trucks will be dump truck and will be able to see further and be seen from further than a standard car.
92 Paul moved and Oakley seconded to make the necessary adjustments to the Lincoln Gap Road
93 according to the engineering. Info in feasibility study was a worst-case scenario, and so costs to
94 improve the road will be well within the budget. Bay asked whether this plan needs to go before the
95 ZBA? Robert Clark noted the ZBA conditions require the road meets B-17 standards. When the road

96 modification is complete there will be a survey and if standards have been met, Robert will affix his P.E.
97 stamp showing final approval. Vote called. 3 yes, Bill, Paul, Oakley, 1-no Bay, 1 abstention, Alan.
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99 5.2 Sand Pit Reserve Fund: Approved at the Town Meeting. Discussion on how much is needed.
100 Amount would be revisited every three years because of differing costs over the years and to account for
101 inflation. Bill will have more detail at the next meeting.
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103 5.3 DRB advertising positions, descriptions, interviews, and selection (Decisions on procedures.):
104 The Ad Hoc committee will probably need to meet a couple more times. Bay and Ann will talk Weds or
105 Thurs to finalize a draft for FPF, the website, and letters to go to current ZBA/PC members.
106 Tommie Thompson voiced his opinion regarding the process. He feels the ZBA, and PC members should
107 have been able to meet with the Ad Hoc Committee before the resolution was approved. Bay noted the
108 Ad Hoc Committee met several times, and no one came. Further discussion on process.
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110 6. New Business:

111 a. IT Management and Security, Jeff Smalley from Dominion Tech
112 Jeff and Bill met for an hour last week and talked about the Town's computer systems. An RFP was
113 issued to Dominion tech out of Williston. Jeff gave a presentation and explained various aspects of
114 t=what they could do and the cost. No decision yet on the part of the Selectboard.
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116 b. Gravel Grinders Bike Event Road use permit: The event is September 3rd. A map was reviewed, and a
117 COI is needed for use of the roads. Oakley moved & Bay seconded to approve the request. Passed 5-0-0.
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119 c. Vermont Gran Fondo Bike Event: The event is June 25th. Brief discussion. Bay moved and Paul
120 seconded to approve the event. Passed 5-0-0.
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122 d. Appoint ACSWMD representative and alternate: The ACSWMD Annual Meeting is in April. Paul
123 moved and Bill seconded to reappoint Bill Finger as the delegate and Sally Ober as the alternate, and
124 then advertise the positions to see if someone new would like to serve. Passed 5-0-0.
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126 At 9:05 p.m. Bill moved, and Paul seconded to go into Executive Session finding that premature public
127 knowledge would clearly place the public body, or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage.
128 Passed 5-0-0.
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130 The Selectboard came out of Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.
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132 Bill passed out the information Dominion sent in response to the RFP.
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134 Brief discussion on the follow-up on Kristi Lafayette's issue.
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136 Meeting Adjourned about 10:10 p.m.
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