

Pending Approval  
Town of Lincoln, Vermont  
Regular Meeting of the Lincoln Selectboard  
May 18, 2021 6:30 PM

Held from multiple remote locations via GoToMeeting

Attending: Selectboard Chair, Bill Finger; Vice Chair, Paul Forlenza; members Oakley Smith, Will Sipsey, and Bay Jackson; Selectboard Assistant/Bookkeeper and Interim Zoning Administrator, Ann Moreau-Kensek.

1. Agenda Adjustment and approval: Bill asked to add approving the annual Lincoln Emergency Management Plan updates. Oakley moved and Bay seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Passed, 5-0-0.

2. Public comment: None

3. Consent Agenda:

Selectboard Minutes, May 4 Meeting.

AP Warrant # 21/47 for \$82,172.47

PR Warrant # 21/46 for \$3,717.71

PR Warrant # 21/47 for \$4,181.37

Brief discussion on the minutes. Paul asked to change line 152 on the minutes to “move forward on discussions with Addison Northwest School District.” Bill moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment to the minutes. Paul seconded, Passe 5-0-0.

4. Follow-up on matters raised at previous meetings:

a. Bike/Ped Sidewalk study, Dufresne: Bay reported that Dufresne is putting everything together that the Selectboard agreed upon. In the future there may be a public meeting, but right now there is no action needed.

b. No follow-up with Steve Harris on the path through the Jackson land. All Bike/Ped study is in Bay’s hands. No need for a committee now, but there may be when it’s time to implement. Brief discussion on construction grant for the sidewalk. Bay will call Mike Winslow this week to ask questions.

c. USFS: Bill recommended taking up one project, Cooley Glen. Further discussion on pros and cons of this. Also discussed briefly possible funding help from the Forest Service and federal funding on the York Hill Bridge because it is the main route to South Mountain. Paul moved and Will seconded to start the process of giving up the road that leads to Cooley Glenn (get road name and length) Passed, 5-0-0.

Bill asked Oakley about the Gap Road parking proposal. He hasn’t been able to get ahold of Duckworth’s caretaker. Bill asked Oakley to take that on for now.

d. Maple Broadband request for designation /allocation of \$100,000: Paul felt this is an unrealistic amount. Lincoln is in the middle of the pack in terms of Broadband access.

49 e. Noise Ordinance request: Noise is hard to measure and enforce. Discussion on doing some  
50 preliminary research on VLCT model noise ordinance, and who would enforce if we had a  
51 problem.

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53 The issue also came up about high volume of helicopter traffic on the Notch Road over the  
54 weekend and associated noise. There was an extensive discussion on helicopter noise in 2016  
55 and Bill sent the info the person the info from that discussion. Concern has also been expressed  
56 about F35's at night.

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58 f. Development Review Board (DRB): Continuing the discussion on restructuring the Planning  
59 Commission and Zoning Board and the possibility of having a DRB. Brief discussion on the  
60 need and perhaps having someone from VLCT come to talk with all the Boards about what this  
61 might look like. Bill asked Paul to talk with VLCT and get a meeting together of all the boards.

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63 Paul spoke with Fran and Spence Putnam about an Energy Committee. Paul would be willing to  
64 convene a committee for Energy and also Affordable housing but won't run them.

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66 Reports:

67 a. Highway

- 68       ▪ Chuck Norton repaired the rail on the Hall Road Bridge.
- 69       ▪ Work on the Downingsville Grant may be done next year because of scheduling.
- 70       ▪ Forge Hill Road project is being done and South Lincoln Road is being finished.  
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- 72       ▪ Brief discussion on Wayne Preston's rate of pay and a possible increase because  
73       he is so instrumental on the road crew.
- 74       ▪ Sand pit is unlikely to be complete this year and Dave is reserving sand at the  
75       usual places.

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77 b. Selectboard Ass't

78       Nothing special going on, lots of smaller items typical of this time in the FY. Ann drafted  
79       an ad for a Minutes Taker to post in Front Porch Forum and also updated the L  
80       Emergency Management Plan for the Selectboard's approval.

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82 c. Town Clerk/Treasurer:

83       Reopening the Town Office- Bill reported he and Sally had talked about timing, etc., and  
84       Sally wants to continue to follow the Governor's guidelines. Brief discussion on  
85       vaccinations being key to meeting in person again. We can use technology to hold hybrid  
86       meetings.

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88 d. Budget and Finance:

89       Nothing new to report since the last meeting, when April's numbers were reviewed.  
90       Larry and Lisa seem to think we're doing all right.

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92 e. Planning and Zoning:

93       i. Receive recommendation from the Planning Commission for the Zoning Administrator  
94       appointment: Bill got a recommendation from Aaron Thomas, Chair of the Planning  
95       Commission. The Planning Commission recommended Ann Moreau-Kensek based on  
96       the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee.

97 ii. Will moved and Oakley seconded to  
98 approve Ann Moreau-Kensek as the Zoning Administrator. Bay asked about Ann's  
99 various positions. Ann acknowledged she is doing a lot right now, but the intent is to hire  
100 a minute's taker and bookkeeper, which will alleviate that. Vote passed, 5-0-0.

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102 Ann expressed her gratitude

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104 iii. ZA update- busy, now on 40 permits this year compared to 73 all year last year.  
105 Ann noted that as she gets more experience she is getting faster. Most of 2020 permits are  
106 complete, with a couple still needing documents from the state.  
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## 108 6. Old Business

### 109 a. 2021 appointments to fill vacancies

110 Bill moved and Paul seconded to approve Barb Rainville as Emergency Manager. Vote  
111 called and passed, 5-0-0. At the next meeting there will be other appointments. Paul  
112 noted we need a new alternate for the Communications Union District.  
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### 114 b. Sand Pit Conditional Use application:

115 Lengthy discussion on the Conditional Use Hearing before the ZBA for the Sand Pit  
116 Application.

- 117 • Jim Dumont is advising the ZBA pro bono.
- 118 • Bill pointed out that the Town voted 410 for and 103 against at the 2020  
119 Town Meeting.
- 120 • Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering did his presentation and added in  
121 the height of the trees, which are about 60 ft. high and also managed logging,  
122 etc.
- 123 • Robert did a good job and received positive feedback from the ZBA Chair.
- 124 • The Hearing was all presentation, and the ZBA asked no questions and there  
125 was no comment or discussion. To the Selectboard this seemed very unusual.
- 126 • The ZBA will hold a site visit with Robert and then immediately come up  
127 with questions to ask of the Selectboard.
- 128 • Will pointed out that unless someone is an Interested Party it is not a public  
129 meeting, but a meeting held in public. Further discussion on questions during  
130 quasi-judicial Hearings.
- 131 • Bill noted that when he gets the questions the Selectboard will meet with Benj  
132 Putnam and Robert Clark. The Purchase and Sales Agreement expires on June  
133 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 134 135 c. Transfer Station Permit donation policy and procedure:

136 Brief discussion on some possibilities.  
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### 138 d. Website update, Bay:

- 139 • Gov.Office has completed the content transfer
- 140 • Discussion on whether to use Gov.Office's calendar or a Google Calendar. Bill  
141 suggested the Board instruct Bay to get the Gov.Office calendar.
- 142 • Discussion on who will be able to post.
- 143 • Discussion on who will keep the calendar up to date.

- Question on getting GoTo Meeting links on the new page.
- Discussion on getting the domain changed from .org to .gov and registering at gov.gov. The Town will maintain it's current domain as well. Advantage of going to a .gov domain it is more secure and has better credibility.
- Emails will need to be changed from .org to .gov.
- Bay anticipates being done by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

7. New Business

a. Lincoln Sports has a grant from VCF and asked the Town to be a temporary fiscal sponsor. Paul moved and Will seconded to authorize the Town of Lincoln to be the Fiscal Sponsor the Lincoln Sports, Inc, for the VCF Grant and for the Selectboard Chair to sign. Passed, 5-0-0.

b. Special Selectboard meeting 5.20 solely for presentation of discussion on three proposals for MAUSD consideration viz. the school district reorganization and the potential closing of LCS.

- Bill will open the meeting and run GoToMeeting.
- Bay will facilitate as needed.
- Paul will send Bay the timeline and agenda.

c. Traffic Ordinance update and d. Speed limit violations and enforcement.

This needs to be put back on the agenda. Someone was clocked going 104 in Lincoln recently. Discussion on speeding and law enforcement. Bill suggested inviting the 1<sup>st</sup> Constable to the next meeting. Will is going to take photos of all the traffic signs.

8. New Business:

New pavement on South Lincoln Road will need painting. The Advisory Lanes on Quaker Street have helped calm traffic. Paul moved that advisory lanes be painted on South Lincoln Road Will seconded. There are lots of children who ride bikes there. Passed 5-0-0.

Bill asked for a motion to have him and Barb Rainville, Emergency Manager, sign the Lincoln Emergency Management Plan update. Paul moved and Will seconded. Passed 5-0-0.

Paul told the Selectboard he will not be at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

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