

Pending Approval
Town of Lincoln, Vermont
Regular Selectboard Meeting

September 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Lincoln Town Office and various locations via Zoom

In Attendance: Selectboard Chair Bill Finger, Vice Chair Oakley Smith, members Bay Jackson and Alan Schmidt; Selectboard Ass't Ann Moreau-Kensek; Guests Planning Commission Chair Matt Atkins, Vice Chair Barbara Murphy-Warrington, Clerk Serena Fox, members Spencer Prescott and Ken Pohlman; Town Atty Benj Putnam; Marilyn Ganahl, Sarah Farr, James Needham, Tim McGowan, Josiah Jackson, and Joshua Sherman

Bill brought the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Bill moved, and Oakley seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 4-0-0.

2. Joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the letter regarding Jim Dumont's request to adopt interim zoning bylaws. The discussion was generally:

- The charge is to determine whether the proposed interim bylaws proposed by Mr. Dumont should be adopted.
- The update of the regs has just begun. Why is Dumont's letter urgent?
- Discussion on adding to the regs that if something is not a permitted or conditional use it is a prohibited use.
- Something to implement for projects in the future? What constitutes an emergency?
- Interim Zoning is impermanent. Would interim interfere with permanent changes?
- Interim is usually an emergency measure. Have to decide if that criterion is met.
- Conditional Use as written also has some holes in it pertaining to business.
- Discussion on viewshed- not mandatory to use viewshed for all properties but all properties are in the viewshed.
- Further discussion and clarification. Long list of updates to regs as suggested by Bob Hall are being reviewed by Planning Commission.
- Need something simple, a large umbrella needed that doesn't make more work for the PC right now. Something like if it is not a permitted or conditional use than it is prohibited.
- Prohibited Use clause would pump the breaks on everything- more responsive.
- Oakley moved and Alan seconded to authorize the Town Atty to draft proposed interim zoning as discussed tonight for consideration of the Selectboard and the Town at a yet to be scheduled public hearing on the matter. Passed 4-0-0.

3. Public Comment

a. Spencer Prescott: spoke on behalf of the Lincoln General Store, noting tourism and store business in town goes way down when the Lincoln Gap Road closes. Raised the question on keeping the Gap open later when possible. Maybe have a gate at the top after Warren side closes so people could access from the Lincoln side longer? Bill spoke about the complications when the weather gets bad up there and agreed to further the conversation.

b. Joshua Sherman, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 543 in Bristol: Wants to put Flag boxes in four towns for the disposal of flags. Boxes to be emptied several times a year and flags will be

47 given to the American Legion. Selectboard suggested he talk to Sally Ober, Town Clerk
48 regarding placement of the boxes so people wouldn't confuse the flag box with a place to put tax
49 bills or ballots. Spencer will contact Sally.

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51 c. Marilyn Ganahl regarding speeding and four-wheelers on Orchard Road, Elder Hill Road and
52 James Road:

- 53 • Bill briefly introduced the issue and noted that speed limits signs were ordered.
54 Changing the speed limit is a long process.
- 55 • Marilyn said due to the location of their farm they find they are pulling people out of
56 ditches more often, and there is an increase in traffic. She would also suggest stop signs
57 at the foot of Elder Hill Road where it meets Quaker Street.
- 58 • State law prohibits four wheelers on Town Roads. People need to realize they are liable if
59 there is an accident.
- 60 • She asked the Town to repost for ATV's, etc.; to clarify what are Class four roads and
61 the Town needs to repost roads, re-educate people and increase public safety.
- 62 • Sarah Farr noted that people are racing with dirt bikes as well. Lots of noise, and staging
63 on Elder Hill Road. Signs can clarify which are Class three and which are Class four
64 roads.
- 65 • There are four game cameras in the area they spoke about. Marilyn thanked the
66 Selectboard and offered to do whatever she can to help.

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68 4. Development Review Board Candidate James Needham was interviewed, using the same
69 questions as previous candidates. The Selectboard will review, possibly in Executive Session,
70 then make a decision whether to appoint at the next regular meeting.

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72 5. Tim McGowan was interviewed for possible appointment to Selectboard to fill out Paul
73 Forlenza's recently vacated position until March 2023 Town Meeting. Tim briefly spoke to his
74 interest in being on the Selectboard and fielded questions. Discussion followed on various
75 Selectboard members' vision for the Town.

76 Bill: Neighbor helping neighbor, keep the ball rolling on good things that benefit everyone.

77 Oakley: Rural lifestyle continuing as it was for him and his kids.

78 Bay: to keep the spirit of inclusivity, honoring generational families and new families as well.

79 Alan: Bringing young people back into the community, sustainable growth.

80 Tim: Lincoln is a special place, and he's proud to be here. He thanked the Selectboard for what
81 they said. Collaborative environment, shared vision.

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83 Alan moved and Bay seconded to appoint Tim McGowan as the new Selectboard member until
84 March of 2023. Passed 4-0-0. Tim will go to the Town office on Monday to sign his Oath.

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86 6. The Consent Agenda:

- 87 • Minutes of 8.16 2022 meeting
- 88 • Payroll Warrants # 23.08, # 23.09, #23.10
- 89 • Account Payable Warrant #23.10
- 90 • Affirm special Check warrant #23.09, signed electronically on 8.30.2022
- 91 • Affirm Chair signature on Master Road Agreement and Project Agreements with the
92 USFS

93 Bill moved and Bay seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed 4-0-0.

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95 7. Progress Reports

96 a. Highway:

- 97 • Sand Pit- one more day of screening and entire supply for this year is done. There was
- 98 sand left from last year. 16 loads of gravel in four hours, 14 gallons of fuel.
- 99 • Robert Clark from Otter Creek went up to talk to Highway Supervisor Dave Cavoretto
- 100 and went over everything with him. Purchase and Sales in underway- deed, sugaring
- 101 agreement and highway maintenance agreement. Chuck Norton bought a screener and
- 102 offered to operate it at 1.39 yd and \$25/hr in the Town's loader.
- 103 • Oakley moved to formalize an agreement with Chuck, perhaps as a subcontractor- the
- 104 original intent was to hire him.
- 105 • Bill noted Chuck really wants to save the Town money and the maple trees to be planted
- 106 will be in better soil.
- 107 • Oakley wants to talk with Chuck at the next Selectboard meeting,
- 108 • Bill noted that Zoning Administrator Steve Gutkowski wrote out a document assuring
- 109 the Zoning Board of Adjustment that all conditions are/will be met. Everything is set
- 110 except the Purchase and Sales agreement being signed due to scheduling issues.
- 111 • Discussion on Chuck operating the loader- his property, his sand. Tim noted there may
- 112 be some liability. Oakley moved and Bay seconded to pause the work until the
- 113 Selectboard has more answers. Passed 4-0-0. Consensus to hold a site visit at the sand
- 114 pit at 6 p.m. on the 20th of Sept. before the next Selectboard meeting.

115 b. Selectboard Ass't:

- 116 • Catching up, getting organized after busy year.
- 117 • Made resource binders for Planning Commission and Development Review Board. Both
- 118 have had organizational meetings. Trying to set up Jim Carroll or VLCT to train/work
- 119 with the DRB.
- 120 • Resumes for candidates from Indeed for Highway positions being sent to Oakley and
- 121 Dave.

122 8. Old Business:

- 123 • ARPA: Bay will get the survey out to the Town to get more information on what the
- 124 Town wants to spend the money on. Consensus to spend funds on two or three large
- 125 projects in town that will leave a legacy rather than to give to multiple small groups
- 126 • Ann will draft a letter to send to nonprofits letting them know all funds will be spent in
- 127 Lincoln.
- 128 • Bay will review the final blurb for the survey with Bill.
- 129 • Brief discussion on whether there is more in Paul Forlenza's selectboard email regarding
- 130 ARPA

131 Other Business: Discussion on talking with the Conservation Commission regarding hunting in
132 Willard's Woods, signage, and motorized vehicles. Bill will pull out the agreement with MALT
133 and see what it says.

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135 Next meeting the proposed Pollinator Garden at the Town Office will be discussed, and Mary
136 Gemignani will come talk about the State Board of Education meeting recently held at the
137 Lincoln School.

138 Oakley moved and Bay seconded to adjourn. Passed, 4-0-0.

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