

Pending Approval

Town of Lincoln, Vermont
Regular Meeting of the Lincoln Selectboard
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
6:30 pm Lincoln Town Office
and various locations via Zoom

In attendance: Selectboard Chair, Bill Finger; Vice Chair, Paul Forlenza; members Bay Jackson, Will Sipsey and Oakley Smith; Selectboard Assistant & Zoning Administrator, Ann Moreau- Kensek; Lincoln Representative to MAUSD School Board, Rob Backlund

Bill brought the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Agenda adjustments and approval: Brief discussion on whether Executive Session was necessary for discussion of salaries and wages for budgeting purposes. Agreement it was not necessary because an employee evaluation is not involved. Bill moved and Paul seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 5-0-0.

2. Public Comment: Rob Backlund reflected on how on January 20, 2021, MAUSD was going to have a thumbs up/thumbs down vote on “repurposing” Lincoln, Starksboro and Beeman Elementary Schools, and how different everything looks today. He thanked the Selectboard for being proactive, taking action, stepping up. He talked about the coming challenges and that if the other towns in our district ratify Lincoln’s withdrawal, the Interim Schoolboard will need financial support (\$2,500?), perhaps utilizing ARPA funds. Paul thanked Rob.

3. Consent Agenda:

Will moved and Oakley seconded to approve the minutes of the January 4TH and January 11th meetings. Passed 5-0-0. Payroll and AP Warrants will be sent around in the morning. Bill moved to approve AP Warrant # 22.30 and PR Warrant # 22.30. Paul seconded, Passed 5-0-0. AP 22-29 will be approved at the next regular meeting.

4. Reports:

Highway: The Highway Dept. has been busy, and things are going well. Bill noted they receive compliments on the roads after snowfall. There is nothing new on the private waterline on Gove Hill.

Selectboard Ass’t: Working on the Town Report and on document to help organize timeline for completion of job descriptions.

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Discussion on steps for interviewing candidates for Treasurer positions. Consensus to hold first interviews with two applicants and if these don’t work out then to advertise more extensively. Will and Oakley will do the interviews and Ann will coordinate the times.

Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc committee: The Committee has reached a consensus on how to proceed and is working on a document with recommendations for the Selectboard to be presented at the February 1st meeting.

Zoning Administrator:

- There are a few permits coming in, including one new home and a few outbuildings.

- 49 • There is a permit in process for a helipad/landing strip at the property at 430-432 Orchard Road
50 North. Lincoln recently received a Planning grant for \$8,000 for updates to Zoning Regulations
51 focused on Village Districts toward creating more housing that is affordable.
52 • Ann is working on a report to analyze the last five years in Zoning to see if there are trends,
53 etc., toward planning and understanding where we may be heading.
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55 5. Old Business: Budgets, Warning, and Town Report

56 a. Review and approval of FY 23 budget proposals

57 Paul reviewed the proposed budget.

58 Highlights include:

- 59 • Interim School board, for misc. expenses
60 • Raises for Town Staff and Elected Officials
61 • IT Services
62 • Sick time/vacation time payouts & Personnel Policy
63 • Tree Warden Stipend
64 • Law Enforcement
65 • Conservation Commission- More active and almost like a department of the Town, they
66 perhaps they should come up with a budget?
67 • Repair/Maintenance at the Town Garage. Some work may be able to come out of the Capital
68 Fund- for instance snow guards above the doors. Interior painting badly needed- divide over two
69 years.
70 • Winter sand- will the sand pit be operational? Costs were discussed as were permits in process
71 and some engineering for certain aspects.
72 • Chloride- depends on how many highway projects are ongoing. In the long run Chloride saves
73 money.
74 • Highway department staff and budget
75 • Revenues

76 Paul will work on the next iteration and send to the Selectboard. There will be a brief Special Meeting
77 via Zoom on Friday at 1 p.m. for a vote.
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79 b. Approve FY23 Capital Equipment Plan:

80 Discussion highlights include:

- 81 • Discussion on how to determine the amount of equipment the Town needs. Rental vs. purchase.
82 • Suggestion to build a solar shed/charging station and get an electric truck.
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84 c. Approve FY 23 Capital Plan

- 85 • The Town Garage is paid off, so this number can be reduced.
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87 d. Approve the calendar year Selectboard Report for the Town Report

88 Not yet complete- to be revisited.
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90 e. Approve Town Meeting Warning

- 91 • Change the date in March 2023 when taxes are due
92 • Reorder some of the articles
93 • How much money is going into the fund for reclamation at the sand pit?
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95 Other Old Business:
96 MAUSD withdrawal update:
97 • The other four towns in MAUSD will hold a vote the same day.
98 • Talks with Ripton are continuing.
99 • Tomorrow night there will be an informational meeting. On the January 26th there will be an
100 informational meeting for all four towns.
101 ARPA updates:
102 • New final regs are 500 pages long.
103 • Jo Jackson sent a letter of request to Paul on behalf of Lincoln Sports
104 TH36 (USFS291) :
105 • USFS is working a design for parking on the Lincoln Gap Road- right now funding is an issue.
106 • The funding will come from the federal infrastructure bill.
107 • USFS is still interested in taking ownership of TH36 Cooley Glen, not interested Natural Tpk
108 section of So. Lincoln Road vic. Spruce Lodge because of abutting private property private
109 properties there.
110 • When USFS Ranger Chris Mattrick has a design, he will come talk to the Selectboard- in March
111 or April.
112 Sand-Pit update: Discussed earlier in the meeting.
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114 6. New Business:
115 ANR/DEC notice of alleged violations at the Transfer Station. We received on January 12th a Notice of
116 Violation at the Transfer Station from a visit made on December 2nd. Bill reviewed the violation notice,
117 which included small refrigerators with freon on site, the gate being unlocked, and trash blowing
118 around.
119 Bill talked to Wade Acker, who now manages the Transfer Station and Wade will take care of the
120 violations. He will also talk with Teri at Addison County Solid Waste Management District regarding
121 possible Certification and changes.
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123 Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
124 Minutes respectfully taken by Ann Moreau-Kensek
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