

Pending Approval

Town of Lincoln, Vermont
Regular Selectboard Meeting

Held at the Lincoln Town Office and at various locations via Zoom.

November 16, 2021

6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

In person: Selectboard Chair, Bill Finger; Vice Chair Paul Forlenza; Selectboard Ass't and Zoning Administrator, Ann Moreau-Kensek

Via Zoom: Selectboard Member Will Sipse; First Constable, Matt Collins; Rob Gydus, Law Enforcement for the US Forest Service (USFS); Chris Mattrick, Forest Ranger, USFS; Serena Fox, Lincoln Zoning Board of Adjustment

Missing: Selectboard members Bay Jackson and Oakley Smith.

Bill brought the meeting to order at 6:30 and introduced himself and Paul.

1. Agenda adjustment and approval: Minor amendment to include decision on whether non-profits requesting as increase in funding need a petition would be waived due to covid.

Bill moved and Paul seconded to approve the agenda with the minor amendment. Passed, 3-0-2.

2. Public Comment : None

3. Consent Agenda:

Payroll Warrant #22/20 for \$3,802.65

Payroll Warrant #22/21 for \$3,488.86

Accounts Payable Warrant # 22/21 for \$98,557.00

Highlights include:

Gravel and salt

Plow Blades

50% of funding approved at Town Meeting for the Lincoln Volunteer Fire department and Lincoln Library

The consent agenda also included affirmation of approval of the submission for By-laws Modernization Grant

Paul moved and Will seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed 3-0-2.

4. Reports:

a. Public Safety: Discussion on what can be done about break-ins at the Battell Trail and other trail heads on Lincoln.

Possible remedies include:

1. Game Cameras

- 45 2. Signs warning people to hide valuables
46 3. Encourage hikers to leave valuables with a friend or take it along.
47 The USFS has concurrent jurisdiction- Federal and State and can enforce the entirety of
48 their codes. They have a special agent for criminal leads who is aware of the problem.
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50 Discussion on recent Mailbox thefts in Lincoln.

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52 Discussion on 1st Constable using personal vehicle versus a police car.

53 Take Away: 1. Matt will research good game cameras and get back to the Selectboard

54 2. See if Rob G. can supply the Town with a template or signs

55 3. Rob will keep Matt and the Selectboard in the loop.
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57 b. Highway

58 1. Winter preparation: ready and has already been used.

59 2. Plowing Contract: Waiting on Insurance Certificate to match coverage

60 3. Plows are on the trucks. Will Clark will be helping Dave this winter as” right
61 hand man.”

62 4. Salt and Sand supply is in place

63 5. Temporary and PT drivers have been identified and will be ready to go as
64 needed.

65 6. Truck repair from accident where tree landed on the cab is still in progress, not
66 yet complete because of covid quarantine at the repair shop where it is being
67 fixed.

68 7. Connected Segments reporting- working with ACRPC app, not quite ready
69 due to email problem.

70 8. Private water line repair on Gove Hill: This was begun but heavy rain
71 interfered. Also, there was a miscommunication between the property owner the
72 the contractor. Project will continue.
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74 c. Selectboard Ass't:

75 1. UVM Intern James Bottino- no word from him.

76 2. Ann has been working on the Municipal Bylaws grant application and a variety
77 of regular tasks such as the annual updating of the Town’s SAM/DUNS
78 accounts, etc.
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80 d. Town Clerk/Treasurer/Delinquent Tax Collector

81 1. Report upcoming tax sale: postponed till November 30th.
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83 e. Budget and Finance

84 1. October budget report: Paul reviewed the financials and reported that the
85 average expenditures for this period would find the Town at about 33% but are
86 currently at 29%.

- 87 2. Paul, Ann & Ashley and possibly Lisa will meet after Thanksgiving, time yet to
88 be decided.
89 3. Discussion on changing the Treasurer's position from elected to appointed. Lisa
90 Truchon is not running again. Brief discussion on how to advertise and find
91 someone.

92 d. Planning and Zoning:

- 93 1. Zoning Administrator update: Zoning continues to be robust, with almost a
94 hundred permits to date, since Jan. 1.
95 2. Ad Hoc Committee: Will reported that committee is off to a good start.
96 Tasks will be spread over three meetings with the goal of having a
97 presentation on findings and potential changes for Town Meeting on Feb.
98 28th.

99 5. Old Business

100 a. MAUSD withdrawal process:

101 Paul Forlenza gave an update on what is happening.

102 Highlights include:

- 103 1. Lincoln School Board member Sandy Lee's defined what "School closure" is,
104 and how that also defines the intent of "repurposing," as suggested by
105 MAUSD.
106 2. Merger Committee continues to meet, and the potential merger would create
107 a huge organization.
108 3. Dan French, the Secretary of Education, visited the Ripton school to talk
109 about issues with them.
110 4. The other four towns in MAUSD will vote on Town Meeting Day on
111 whether to allow Lincoln to leave the district

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113 b. ARPA Funding requests/ideas:

114 Paul has 18 projects that could use funding, and two more came in- one from
115 Bristol Rescue and one from Turning Point. He reviewed the projects and the
116 board discussed ways of discerning what would get funded and what that
117 process would be. The Board hopes to come to a decision late spring and
118 may need someone to coordinate.

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120 c. TH36 (USFS 291) discontinuation update: nothing to report
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122 d. Sand Pit: ZBA revised Conditional Use permit: The Selectboard discussed accepting
123 this as presented. A closing needs to be scheduled with Chuck, and some engineering
124 will be needed down the road. The reclamation will be ongoing, and any bond amount
125 will be hard to predict. Will moved to accept the revised final decision. Discussion on
126 process of getting everything together. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for
127 November 30 to deal with the Conditional use, etc. on this issue.
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129 e. Transfer Station Renewal update: Randy Orvis has been in discussion with Wade
130 Acker and may sell his business to him. Moose affirmed he won't leave the Town
131 without a provision for trash and recycling. Bill will find out more at a meeting with
132 Randy on Friday.

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134 f. Board, Commission, Committee – applicants, interviews, etc. Nothing new to report.

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136 6. New Business

137 a. Lincoln Community School Kindness Rocks Extension Project request: The students
138 would like to put rocks on the triangle in the center of the village. Concerns were
139 expressed about losing them when the snowbanks pile up there. The Selectboard is
140 in favor of the project.

141 b. UCOL- Traditional annual donation of Christmas Tree from Willard's Woods. Bill
142 recused himself from any decision.

143 Continuation? Possibly let the Conservation Commission decide this/check with MALT.
144 Who would ask, and would anyone else in town make a donation? Probably a Church
145 discussion with Conservation Commission.

146 c. Waive petitions for Funding requests? Consensus was no. The only ones who need to
147 get petitions are the ones who are new or increasing their request.

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149 Meeting Adjourned.

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151 Minutes respectfully taken by Ann Moreau Kensek

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