

Town of Lincoln
Selectboard Special Meeting
March 4, 2024

{Draft} Meeting Minutes

Vote format: YES/NO/Vacant, Absent, Abstention, Recusal

Meeting called to order at 5:16 PM by Bay Jackson, Chair

Present: Conor McDonough, Bill Finger, Tim McGowan (1 vacant)

MOTION by Bill, 2nd by Tim to approve the agenda as written.

PASSED 4/0/1

MOTION by Bay, 2nd by Bill to rescind the following two motions:

- The motion made and tabled on February 6, 2024, and amended and passed on February 20, 2024, “to use \$24,000 in ARPA funds for the one-time cost of IT upgrades.”
- The motion made and passed on February 20, 2024 “to allocate the remainder of the ARPA funds in the amount of \$71,306 to the Town Capital fund for use in the originally proposed Lincoln Gap winter parking project or other capital project(s) that may be mandated by the state or deemed necessary by the Selectboard and approved by the Town voters.”

PASSED 4/0/1

MOTION by Bay, 2nd by Tim to approve the Resolution for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation “to obligate and expend SLFRF funds in the amount of \$95,363.66 for the purpose of municipal workforce retention.”

- This course of action was recommended to all towns by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to ensure that all ARPA funds could be obligated and expended by March 31, 2024. The original deadline for allocating funds was December 31, 2024 and for expending funds was December 31, 2026. The thinking on that could apparently change.
- There was a new quote for the IT upgrade project that came in far lower than the \$24,000 originally approved by the Board. To avoid risking the loss of any ARPA funds, the previous motion was rescinded to allow for a new motion.
- The Board had also just been made aware of the need to replace the town garage doors and discussed whether this need should be dealt with now or by the new Board.

Previous **MOTION** withdrawn by Bay.

MOTION by Bay, 2nd by Bill to allocate \$19,191 in ARPA funds for IT upgrades through a contract with VC3.

PASSED 4/0/1

MOTION by Bill, 2nd by Conor to allocate \$30,140 in ARPA funds to replace the town garage doors.

PASSED 4/0/1

MOTION by Bay, 2nd by Tim to approve the Resolution for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation “to obligate and expend SLFRF funds in the amount of \$46,062.66 for the purpose of municipal workforce retention.”

PASSED 4/0/1

Adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Kristyn Brady

**RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)
ALLOCATION**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, ARPA created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) that provided direct funding to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lincoln has accepted an allocation of SLFRF in the amount of \$ 371,054.66; and

WHEREAS, SLFRF provides needed fiscal relief for recipients that have experienced revenue loss due to the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.”; and

WHEREAS, Recipients may elect a “standard allowance” of \$10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance; and

WHEREAS, All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance instead of calculating lost revenue using the formula provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including those with total allocations of \$10 million or less; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lincoln has the need to fund government services while in the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Selectboard of the Town of Lincoln, Vermont, authorize the following:

Section 1. The following allocation of SLFRF funding to fund government services under the replacing lost public sector revenue spending category as follows:

Obligate and expend SLFRF funds in the amount of \$46,062.66 for the purpose of municipal workforce retention.

Passed and Adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Lincoln, Vermont
on the 4th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:








