

Town of Lincoln  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
October 5, 2021

Meeting Minutes [Draft]

SB Member Present: Bill Finger (BF), Bay Jackson (BJ), Paul Forlenza (PF), Oakley Smith (OS) joined meeting at 6:55pm

Staff Present: Christine Birong-Smith (CBS), SB Minutes Taker

Others Present: Andrew L'Roe (AL), Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by SB chair BF

**Agenda adjustments and approval**

Add Andrew L'Roe from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission to the agenda. He will be here to discuss allocation of money

**Motion** to approve agenda with adjustment by BF 2nd BJ

**Passed 3/0/2**

**Consent agenda**

- Minutes 9/21 Regular meeting, & 9/28 Special meeting
- Check Warrants
  - Payroll Warrants
    - PR 22-14 \$4,577.95
    - PR 22-15 \$4,350.92
  - Accounts Payable Warrant
    - AP 22-15 \$118,713.83
      - BF reviewed what items and services the money was spent on

**Motion** to approve consent agenda BF, 2nd BJ

**Passed 3/0/2**

No public comment

**Highways**

- Grants, projects - east river road drainage/sidewalk

- Status of grant: not submitted after further consideration of details and qualifications
- Winter sand supply & plan for winter maintenance - update
  - No known new developments about plowing operators
    - Town Road Foreman seems confident that some leads he has are going to come through
- Wetlands meeting update
  - General discussion of wetlands on South Lincoln road progress
- Conservation property mowing - update
  - Tony Porter mowing for reasonable price, will continue on with him
- Truck Repair
  - No new developments on damaged town truck repair
- So.Lincoln Rd - lines & signs
  - Logistics of Colby Hill work discussed, such as lanes
  - Lines on Quaker Street, Downingsville, East River Road, South Lincoln Road, and others still impending
- Roadside mowing
  - Vertical mowing has been occurring
    - General discussion of the pros and cons of vertical mowing and possibility of developing a written policy around this and getting estimates of what it would cost to hire a tree service in lieu of vertical mowing
- Private water line repair - Gove Hill Road - update
  - BF issued a permit based on the last meeting to initiate repair work
    - BF is awaiting response

### **Budget and Finance**

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021- use of funds committee/ public meeting? Planning & Zoning
  - AL from Regional Planning Commission was present to answer questions regarding town allocation of ARPA funding
- SB is trying to figure out what qualifies
- AL will send a document outlining criteria for qualifications
  - AL's provided a general breakdown of how funds can be used during the next three years
- Discussion of Maplebrood Band regarding logistics increased internet service in the area in tandem with Green Mountain Access
  - PF Check with Kate McGowan and other sources about details in preparation for public meeting
- Informal question and answer period with AL regarding what qualifies and does not qualify for ARPA funding and processes

### **Selectboard assistant**

- UVM intern - James Bottino (JB) - update

- BJ provided update
  - BJ emailed JB and has not received response

## **Old Business**

- MAUSD withdrawal update, letter to towns, public info meetings etc.
  - This afternoon PF and BF sent out a letter that they wrote re: the process to the other four towns SBs
    - Letter asks them to establish a date to ratify and suggested it be in the Nov/Dec time frame, and that each of the towns would support an informational meeting re: why Lincoln is doing this and logistics involved
    - The letter was viewed during meeting via screen share
    - Logistics of four town voting timeline was discussed
- FV21 Year-end report - continued
  - PF provided current information
    - No new developments, however, town is not going to carry over a surplus into FY23 and information will be collected from each of the departments
  - Audit is underway
    - BF has been signing confirmation forms to keep it going so town can hopefully have all the information for the year end report
- ZA- progress update
  - Nothing to report for this meeting
- Law enforcement public meeting format
  - Law enforcement and ARPA meetings will be in tandem as separate meetings
  - Format for Law Enforcement meeting discussed
    - Suggested OS be moderator and OS agreed to do this
    - SB could informally circulate questions and ideas and make comments on what we might do and what we may be shouldn't do to get ideas flowing
    - Meetings will be held at Burnham hall because of Covid safety protocols on October 26th at 6pm for Law Enforcement and 7:30 for ARPA
- Sand pit - conditional use update
  - Paper copy of letter circulated from town lawyer's office to ZBA for SB member approval
    - OS will be emailed a copy post meeting

**Motion** to approve lawyer's letter to the ZBA contingent on OS' approval by BF, 2nd PF  
**Passed 3/0/1**

- Declaration of inclusion -discussion, adoption?
  - General discussion of what it is and what SB could do with to make document and intentions visible
- Transfer station contract
  - No new developments
- Recent appointments update

- The state Health Department disapproved of the use of co-officers, but the Health Department said Jacone and Bates can be a Health Officer and a Deputy
  - Town is moving forward with this structure with Jacone as Officer and Bates as Deputy
- Planning/Zoning - recommendation for appointment to ad hoc structure committee
  - Discussion regarding logistics for proceeding for making appointments, including conflicts of interest
    - Discussion of speaking with lawyer about potential conflicts of interest for clarification and guidance on topic
- Willard's Woods (Jackson property) celebration - Oct 6 -4 -6:30 PM
  - Celebration is organized and the Conservation Commission held a meeting regarding logistics

### **New Business**

- Opioid Settlement
  - Town is being asked to sign on again to say that we agree with the settlement
  - AG's office of Vermont does not have to have unanimous approval

**Motion** that we participate in the settlement as described in the VT AG letter addressed to bill finger PF, 2nd BJ

**Passed 4/0/1**

Adjourn 8:42pm by BF

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birong-Smith