

1 PENDING APROVAL
2 Town of Lincoln, VT
3 Special Selectboard Meeting
4 Held at the Lincoln Town Office and various locations via Zoom
5 Tuesday, May 10, 2022
6 6:30 p.m.
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8 Attending: Selectboard Chair Bill Finger; Vice Chair Oakley Smith, members Paul Forlenza,
9 Bay Jackson, and Alan Schmidt; Selectboard Ass't Ann Moreau Kensek

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11 Guests: DRB candidates Kyle Clark, Emmet Mosely, and Nicole Lee; Ila Halby, Josiah Jackson,
12 Sandy Lee, Kerry Malloy, and Christie Sumner
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14 The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m.
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16 1. Agenda adjustments and approval:

17 Bill wants to get approval from the board for go ahead to adapt Norton Ridge Road where
18 it meets Lincoln Gap Road to meet road standards re: sand pit conditions
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20 2. Public Comment:

21 Ila Halby came to talk about preschool request for ARPA funds. Bill noted this meeting is
22 not the public meeting for proposals. Ila briefly described the preschool's need to expand the
23 size of the building and to add a restroom. They recently applied for a grant and need \$10,000 as
24 to demonstrate community support. The preschool will send plans to the Selectboard of what
25 they want to do.

26 Paul moved and Bay seconded to allocate \$10,000 to the Lincoln Community Preschool with the
27 condition that they comply with all the necessary State and safety permitting requirements.

28 Oakley noted he wants to see reporting on how the funding will be allocated on the project.
29 Vote called and passed 5-0-0. Paul will be the point person.
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31 3. – 7. DRB Interview process, etc.:

32 Among the questions asked were:

- 33 • Why do you want to be on this board?
- 34 • Describe a situation where you disagreed with a rule or regulation but had to apply
35 it/follow it?
- 36 • Tell us about an experience you've had collaborating with a group.
- 37 • Assuming controversial land use issue is before the board, how would you reconcile
38 your personal opinions and emotions should they be in conflict with the policies and
39 regulations established by the Town Plan, Town Ordinances, and Town By-laws? Are
40 you comfortable making decisions that may be deemed unfavorable by some, perhaps
41 even at odds with your own preferences?
- 42 • Some issues that the DRB hears may be controversial and draw large and sometimes
43 unfriendly audiences. At public hearings, board members must discuss openly among
44 themselves any given matter before a decision is made, and they must do so before
45 sometimes large and unfriendly audiences. Do you think you work well in group
46 situations under such circumstances?

- 47 • Do you have a long-term interest in being on the DRB?
- 48 • Would you consider a leadership position on the DRB?
- 49 • What else would you like us to know about you that makes you a strong candidate for
- 50 the DRB?

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52 Candidates interviewed were:

53 Kyle Clark, Emmet Mosely, and Nicole Lee.

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55 8. ARPA Funding- Review and discussion on preliminary requests for American Recovery Plan
56 Act (ARPA funds)

- 57 • Oakley Smith reviewed the process for the meeting.
- 58 • Sandy Lee and Christie Sumner from the Lincoln Sports Board spoke about Lincoln
- 59 Sports' long term plan for improvements to the Lincoln Sports property and request for
- 60 funding for ARPA money.

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62 9. ARPA Procedure for review, public presentation of requests and possible uses for ARPA
63 funds:

- 64 • Oakley reviewed a method that may be of help in categorizing ARPA requests for
- 65 funding.
- 66 • Public Process is important
- 67 • Concerns about implementation of projects, monitoring, and review.
- 68 • Reporting to Federal Gov't is simplified because Lincoln took the Standard Allocation.
- 69 • VLCT has guidance on this.
- 70 • Discussion on the process—town requests/projects and out of town requests as well as
- 71 Maple Broadband and the best way(s) to get public input.
- 72 • Oakley will email each organization that has requested funding and ask them to send a
- 73 short paragraph describing their need/project.
- 74 • Bay will create a survey to send to residents.

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76 10. Addition to Agenda for discussion on work on Norton Ridge Road regarding site distance,
77 etc.

- 78 • Bill reported that the Stormwater permit came in on May 5th. The Selectboard needs to
- 79 get the info back to the ZBA. The Town can make required changes to the Norton Ridge
- 80 Road/Gap Road intersection for safe entry/egress to the Sand Pit that meets the required
- 81 standards in 4-5 days. Further discussion on the sand pit project and the "Change Plan"
- 82 Otter Creek sent to DEC incorporating changes requested by the ZBA.
- 83 • Bill moved to proceed with the work on the Gap Road at a cost of about \$5,000 to the
- 84 Town. Oakley seconded. Bay asked to see the new plans. The "Change Plan" is a
- 85 reconfiguration of the original plan to comply with the wishes of the ZBA. Bill will
- 86 supply this to the Board.

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88 Josiah Jackson commented that this seemed to him a large item to add at the beginning of a
89 Special Meeting. Vote passed: Bill, Oakley, and Paul in favor, Bay against, Alan abstained.

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91 Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

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