

PENDING APPROVAL

Elections & Town Meeting Information
Virtual Town Meeting Public Information Hearing
Monday, February 28, 2022, 6:00 PM

Attending: Town Moderator, Todd Goodyear (TY); Selectboard Chair, Bill Finger (BF); members Will Sipsey (WS), Oakley Smith (OS), and Bay Jackson (BJ); Selectboard Ass't and Zoning Administrator, Ann Moreau-Kensek (AK); Town Clerk, Sally Ober (SO); Selectboard Secretary, Christine Birong-Smith (CBS)

Others Attending: At its peak, there were 45 participants at this meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Selectboard Chairman, Bill Finger

- After welcoming everyone, BF reviewed the following:
 - Provided guidance on virtual meeting etiquette
 - Reviewed that this meeting will not be a voting meeting and that residents will have the opportunity to vote on subjects tomorrow, March 1st
 - Outlined meeting structure

Moderator TY reviewed:

- Zoom features and their use
- Explained how he planned to moderate the meeting by reading articles 2-17 aloud and then pausing for questions or comments; some articles will have brief presentations
 - BF noted that TY would be reading articles directly from pages 29-31 of the *2021 Report of the board of officers (2021 Town Report)*

State Representative for Lincoln, **Mari Cordes**, provided a brief verbal presentation of State Legislative updates and highlighted what she, as a representative for the community, has been working on in Montpelier

Moderator TY read articles in sequential order:

Article 2: No questions, comments, or presentation

Article 3: No questions, comments, or presentation

Article 4: At this time, PF spoke about this budgeting and allocations via screen share presentation

- Tim McGowan looked for clarification regarding if pages 20-21 would be discussed, noting that this was new information
 - Information from presentation were reiterated and expanded upon
- Dave Wetmore requested sandpit update and clarification as to whether or not the budget includes use of sandpit resources
 - BF responded that the budget was written without including the sandpit as a resource in case the Town is unable to access the pit as a resource for this year

- BF talked about where the sandpit currently is re: conditional use permit details
 - The Town is hoping to get product out of there this year for next winter
- Tim McGowan asked about reclamation details
 - BF responded that the Town does not know exactly at this time
- Tim McGowan wanted to know further reasoning and details about equipment purchases
 - BF discussed budgeting strategies for highway equipment budgeting decisions

Article 5: No questions, comments, or presentation

Article 6: Article relates to the issue of shifting the position of Town Treasurer from an elected to appointed position

- PF wanted to explain the history of this decision and provide ballot clarifications for tomorrow around this topic
 - Lisa Tuchon, Treasurer, expanded upon the reasoning for shifting the position from elected to appointed, citing increased skill requirements and job complexities for the position as reasoning for appointing a skilled individual as opposed to electing an individual

Article 7: No questions, comments, or presentation

Article 8: BF gave a presentation on paving funds as they relate to this article

- Mary Micklas commented and asked in chat: Can you tell us what thickness we spec out and who is responsible to monitor that we get that thickness? We've had paving in the past that is very thin and visibly missing patches immediately after the contractors have left.
 - BF responded that the town, in recent years, has never done less than 3 inches of paving and then discussed some of the towns previous paving projects and reasoning for doing thicker pavement on projects for longevity. He noted that East River Road could receive a simple overlay to maintain the driving surface for a few more years until a fix for larger drainage and sidewalk issues can be found.

Article 9: Coco Mosley is Chair of the Board for the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool and extended gratitude for community support of the school

Articles 10-16: Presented together by TY since each of these articles relates to allocation of funds for community organizations

- Kathy Comstock: a founder of Addison Allies Network described the organization and extended gratitude for the Town's support

Article 17: No questions, comments, or presentation

Additional questions and comments:

- Mary Micklas asked about allocation of Federal dollars regarding COVID
 - BF responded by providing brief summary of ARPA
 - PF provided further details regarding current ARPA processes as they relate to the Town

- Town Clerk SO provided a reminder to all meeting participants that voting will be open from 7am to 7pm for voting at Burnham Hall
- PF thanked Lisa Turchon for her service
- PF spoke about the Lincoln Community School district withdrawal, explaining that the other Towns in the MAUSD must vote to support Lincoln's exit and that this vote will take place tomorrow (March 1st)
- WS further expanded upon the discussion around the reasoning for the Treasurer position being transitioned to an appointee because of increased qualifications

Adjourned by Moderator TY at 7:23pm