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Town Manager's Report by Ted Sutton, Town Manager

At age 70, my time has come. I hope to do some more things with my life and my family (my wife, Herta, and our son, Tom, and his wife, Jennifer) while I am still able. Therefore, I have to thank all of you for a very enjoyable six years of managing the Town of Lincoln, but as of May 25th, I will be retiring. I have appreciated working for this excellent Board of Selectmen. With their leadership and direction, we have accomplished many projects and tasks that have been in the planning stages for so long, some as many as twenty years.

One of my responsibilities has been to conduct the duties of Town Planner and to work with the Planning Board. When I started as Town Manager, one of my goals was to insure that all the new development in Town, and its needed increased infrastructure, such as water, sewer, roads, fire and police protection, etc., would not be at the expense of the existing taxpayers. Through five years of planning and development, we now have an increased/upgraded, more efficient water system which continues to be expanded; we are closely monitoring the sewer system, and this year we received \$117,000 towards new fire equipment. Collecting impact fees from all of the developments in town has also assisted us financially. We continue to collect these funds and thank the developers for their cooperation, which

has allowed us to keep the town portion of the tax rate at \$3.04 for the last two years.

Another goal we had hoped to accomplish was to develop a good working relationship with all townspeople, local businesses and developers. This is so that we can have a more cohesive relationship that helps us all for the future planning of the Town of Lincoln. I must thank all those people for their cooperation and assistance, with appreciation to Elliott Custom Homes for their contributions to the development of the Community Center. The construction companies of Conn, Donahue and Caulder have all made contributions of time, energy and money at one time or another. They all continue to support the community in many ways. We also welcome the Kircher family, new owners of another great supporter, Loon Mountain, to the community.

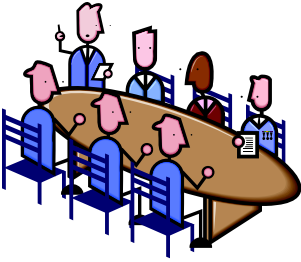
Many of the people that have joined committees with the best interests of our community in mind have been our citizens, businesspeople and developers. The Village Core group, under the guidance of John Hettinger and Marilyn Sanderson, is working on creating and maintaining recreation areas along the East Branch of the Pemigewasset via hiking/biking/walking trails, kayak put-in, future riverfront park and access to swimming holes. The sign

Board of Selectmen:
Deanna Huot, Chairman
Peter Moore
Patricia McTeague

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committee has worked hard over the past year to create a new ordinance that will enhance businesses and the look of Lincoln. The Lincoln Green committee, with Kathy Cook's guidance, is studying how to find alternative senior citizen or middle-income

housing, so we can continue to look after our seniors in our community. The newly formed Energy and Water Conservation Committee will make sure we maintain energy efficiency of our environment while we grow. The Budget committee members, under the leadership of the Chairman of the Trustees of the Thrust Funds, Charlie Cook, give many hours every year to keep our financial plan on track. All of these committees have a good understanding of our community and will continue to work for the good of Lincoln.

The bottom line is that we all need to work together as a team. Communication is so important and has allowed us to develop an excellent tourism community that will continue to maintain our low tax rate and many community services. All of this work has also contributed to our school, recreation department, community center, and local ski hill, so that we are able to keep our children safe and well educated. It is so important, yet so hard to measure, how these programs help our community's members. The money we spend for our children today will impact the future of our community tomorrow.

After 20 years of working on the developing and permitting of the South Mountain project, including planning with Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation and Centex for the final master development plan for the base area, being able to ski and ride the new lift this fall was one of the highlights of my career. This project, along with the development of the core area, with the help of InnSeasons resorts, will continue to highlight Lincoln as an excellent recreation community.

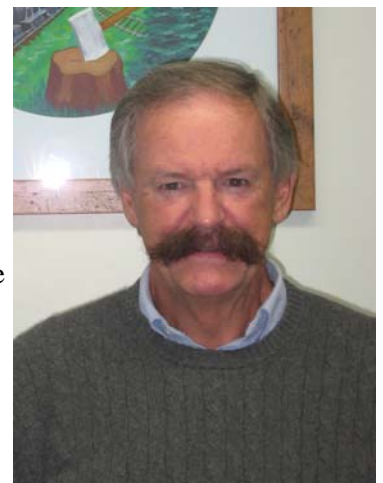
Probably the biggest, most important assets to this town are its employees. Bill Willey does an outstanding job managing the highway, water and sewer departments, has a vast knowledge of all aspects of the operation, and does an incredible job of managing the amount of work he has to accomplish with his crew of three; David Beaudin,

Daryl Hart and Andy Nichols. In the Town Hall area, Susan Chenard has proven to be very knowledgeable and incredibly dedicated to her work, and is a great asset to the smooth operation of Town business. Susan Whitman works so diligently at her job as Town Clerk and Tax Collector that you'd think every penny belonged to her. Tara Tower operates the Recreation Department with such enthusiasm and happiness; it's a joy to have her operating this large department. Helen Jones' calm, cool, collected, get-the-job-done attitude is very much appreciated in a very busy finance and assessing office. Stacey Boyce keeps the Planning and Zoning department moving smoothly. Police Chief Ted Smith has been very good to work with, particularly with his professional attitude in running his department. Fire Chief Nate Haynes is always interesting to work with and his vast knowledge and years of experience fighting fires has been invaluable to the Town of Lincoln and the entire volunteer fire department. Carol Riley has been doing an excellent job expanding the library's functions with many new activities and her friendly attitude has made the library what it is today.

A special thank you goes to the Board of Selectmen, whom I've been working closely with these past years. Chairman Deanna Huot is the matriarch of the Town of Lincoln; with her incredible number of years serving this community, she has been a wealth of knowledge and direction in helping me manage this town. Peter Moore's intellectuality has been a great asset both for the Board of Selectmen as well as his work as the representative to the Planning Board, where he, Pat Romprey and I have accomplished an incredible amount of work for the future planning of the community. Patricia McTeague's constant eye on the ball sees things that we sometimes lose sight of; her conservative tenacity keeps us focused. I thank them very much for a great several years.

I will not be leaving until the end of May, and will be working with the Board in finding a replacement. With that, I wish you all the very best.

Your Town Manager,
Ted



Recreation News by Tara Tower, CPRP, Recreation Director



Opening day for the **t-ball, farm league, baseball and softball** teams will be Saturday, May 3rd at the new “Lincoln- Woodstock Community Ball field”. Kids need to be signed up for teams by April 1st, and some teams started practicing in March this year.

The Afterschool program is for Kindergarteners to 4th graders and runs Monday – Friday during the school year. The kids are picked up at the elementary school after school and from 2:30 to 5:00 pm they play indoor and outdoor games, go to the community center and play dance-dance revolution, board games, puzzles, take part in group activities, paint and do arts and crafts. They also have time to do their homework and have a snack. The rates are \$8/day, \$25/ week or \$120 for a 7-week session. They can attend one day or everyday as needed!

The Outing Club program is for students in the 5th-8th grades. It runs every Thursday that there is school, from 2:30-5:00pm. The activities vary each week. Many trips do not have a cost. All we need is a current “outing club” emergency form on file. Pick up your trip calendar today!

The Lincoln –Woodstock Friends of Recreation will be offering several upcoming annual events. On Saturday, May 24th they will hold their annual **Memorial Day Yard Sale** at the Lin-Wood School front field from 9am-4pm. On Friday **July 4th** they will sponsor the Games & BBQ at the Kanc, starts promptly at 10am. **The Memorial Golf Tournament** at Maplewood Golf Course is scheduled for Sunday July 27th. Get your four-some ready today!

The summer day camp program “**Kanc Kamp**”, for 5-9 year olds will be run at the Kanc Recreation Area from June 23rd until August 15th. The camp runs Monday – Friday from 9am-3pm, except for July 4th. These campers make craft projects, play games, swim, put on talent shows, take field trips, and go to the children’s theatre. Registration will begin in June.



The “Adventure Camp”, for campers 10-14 years old returns, and will once again be run out of the Father Roger Bilodeau Community Center, from June 23rd until August 15th. The camp runs Monday – Friday from 9am-3pm, except Thursdays are the “late trip return days”, and there is no camp on July 4th. These campers take trips, try new activities, hike, swim, climb, and work as community volunteers.



The Goals Galore Soccer Camp will be run at the Lincoln-Woodstock Community ball field, from June 16th to June 20th, for ages 5-14. Directed by Shawn Griffin, former PSC Head Soccer Coach and current Head Coach at Hobart College in Geneva, NY. It will run from 9am–11:30am, and the cost is \$85 for the week. Every Player will receive a camp soccer ball, a camp T-shirt, and quality soccer training instruction for the week. Registration is necessary, so please sign up early!



Upcoming Senior Citizen Trip: **Lake Champlain Chocolates**: On Tuesday, May 20th we will be driving to Burlington, VT for a factory tour of the Lake Champlain Chocolate Factory. Lake Champlain Chocolates has been making fresh, all-natural gourmet chocolates for 25 years. Come see their chocolates being made and take in the aromas and tastes (free samples) of their factory! We will be leaving from the Lower Town Hall parking lot at 8:00 am and returning at about 3:30 pm. Transportation is free, the tour is free and everyone pays for lunch in the area on his or her own. Space is limited, so call 745-8673 to reserve your spot today!

For more information on any of these programs check out the Recreation Newsletter also available online at www.lincolnnh.org. If you have any questions about any of the above programs, or about receiving a copy of upcoming newsletters, call the Recreation Department today at 745-8673. Have a great summer, and remember to take the time to enjoy your local area!

Respectfully submitted,
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Library News, by Carol Riley, Library Director

HELP US!!!! The library is part of a statewide membership challenge for a chance to win \$25,000, if you are not already a patron, please drop in see all we have to offer and sign up. **IT'S FREE.**



Parents and childcare givers are you looking for fun, stories and social interaction for your child? Come join us at our Open House for Pre-School Story time April 3rd at 10:30am. Special Guest: CAT IN THE HAT

GET READY TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY

The Friends of Lincoln Public Library will be having their annual **PLANT SALE** on **Sat May 24th at the Gazebo in N. Woodstock.** Perennials, annuals, vegetables, hanging plants will be available. *All are locally grown.* **All donations of flowers and vegetable plants are welcome.** Please call the library for more information at 745-8159.

BOOK and BAKE SALE

The Friends of Lincoln Library are having their annual **BOOK and BAKE SALE** on **Sat July 12th from 9-2 pm** on the lawn next to the library. Book and bake good donations are greatly appreciated. This is a major fundraiser for the FOLL.

Other Friends of Lincoln Library sponsored programs:

March 26 at 6:30pm, **FAMILY MATH NIGHT, Grades K-5**

May 14 at 6:30 pm, **FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT, Grades K-5**

Presented by NH Public Television and sponsored by the Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club. *All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

ART LECTURES

Intro to Art - Presented by the Currier Art Museum: WED April 9 at 7:00pm

Speaking of Women: WED June 11 at 7:00pm

The library hours are **MONDAY-FRIDAY: 12-8pm** and **SATURDAY: 10-2**

Public Works News by Bill Willey, Public Works Director

I would like to take this time now to thank everyone for all of their cooperation this past winter. The public works crew had a little different winter this year than what we have seen in a long time, or ever for that matter, seeing how we still have the potential of getting more snow yet. We really tried to keep our roads open to their full width thru the winter's months so traffic could pass safely. There are some streets we had to load snow out of twice this year. There are others where we took advantage of front lawns where there was some extra room. This was a big help for us and thanks again for being so understanding. The ice storms that we had this year were very costly to deal with. On top of that, we were unable to get our normal shipments of salt due to a shortage in the Northeast. This made the ice storms almost impossible to treat properly. When we did get our salt deliveries, it was long after the storms and this made it all the harder to try and remove the ice that had already adhered to the road surface and along the ditch line. The salt deliveries came about once every three weeks. If you were wondering whether we have gone over on sand and salt budget that would be a definite. To what degree, we are not sure because we still have some winter to deal with for a little while yet.

To the people who helped with the fire hydrants, thank you for all your hard work in keeping them clean. We have over 100 hydrants in town alone, and we cleaned them at least four times this winter. Fire protection is high on our list and with all the wood stoves being used in the winter months, we don't want the fire department to have to take the time to dig out a hydrant that is buried under three feet of snow, let alone not even be able to find it.

Last but not least, I would like to publicly thank my entire crew for all the long hours and early mornings that they have put in and the extra effort they made to make our roads safe.