

Town of Lincoln

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

The Annual Town Meeting, of the inhabitants of the Town of Lincoln, in the County of Grafton, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs was held in the Lin-Wood Public School on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Moderator Robert Wetherell called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Laurel Kuplin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant until 6:30 o'clock in the evening. Tamra Ham seconded the motion. Vote was in the affirmative – unanimous. Robert declared the polls open. The polls closed at 6pm.

ARTICLE 01: Election of Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing as follows: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Moderator, Treasurer, Budget Committee Members, Library Trustee, Cemetery Trustee, Trustee of Trust Funds, Planning Board Members, and Zoning Board Members.

Election results of Article 01:

FOR SELECTMEN – 3 year term

Joseph Chenard – 67 votes
O.J. Robinson – 121 votes

FOR TOWN CLERK – 3 year term

Kristyn Daigle-Brophy – 150 votes

FOR MODERATOR – 2 year term

Robert J. Wetherell – 183 votes

FOR TREASURER – 3 year term

Julie Rolando – 179 votes

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE – 3 year term

Paul Beaudin II – 110 votes
Susanne A. Chenard – 152 votes
Lutz N. Wallem – 126

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 year term

Danielle Black – Write-In – 24 votes

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3 year term

William M. Conn – 167 votes

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND – 3 year term

Beverly A. Hall – 152 votes

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND – 1 year term

Kathryn Jeanne Beaudin – 153 votes

FOR ZONING BOARD – 3 year term

Raymond D'Amante – 142 votes

Delia M. Sullivan – 152 votes

Article 02 Planning – Boarding or Rooming House

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town's Land Use Plan Ordinance to:

1. Amend Article IV, Definitions of "Boarding or Rooming House" as follows:

"Boarding or Rooming House": A building or premises, other than a hotel, inn, motel, or Bed and Breakfast, where rooms are let which are used primarily for sleeping and toiletry; for not more than twelve (12) persons (not including the property owner and their immediate family) provided that the house is also occupied as an owner-occupied private residence; not open to transient guests; in contradistinction to hotel, inn, motel, or Bed and Breakfast, which are open to transients. The owner-occupied provision shall not apply in the General Use (GU) District. A Boarding or Rooming House is a business use and requires Site Plan Review approval with a conditional use permit.

2. Amend Article V General Regulations, Section A, paragraph 1, Parking and Off-Street Loading, subparagraph c pertaining to parking for "Boarding or Rooming House" as follows:

Section A. PARKING AND OFF-STREET LOADING. Adequate off-street parking facilities (municipal parking facilities excluded) for employees as well as customers and off-street loading facilities shall be provided whenever a new use is established or any existing use is enlarged in accordance with the following specifications:

1. All proposed new construction shall provide for adequate off-street parking spaces in accordance with the following standards, subject to modification by the approval of a special exception pursuant to Article V, Section A.3. A single parking space is defined as being one hundred seventy (170) square feet in area and having additional adequate area for maneuvering.

c. Hotel, Motel, Tourist Accommodation, Lodging Unit, Boarding or Rooming House – one (1) space for each unit. Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 133 – No 36
Article 02 passed**

RESULTS OF THE TOWN BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Moderator Robert Wetherell opened the Annual Town Meeting at 6:34 pm.

Robert welcomed everyone present and was glad those were able to join us and recognize the importance the annual Town meeting. Robert extended the town's appreciation and thanked the Lin-Wood Public School faculty and staff for accommodating us today and tonight. He then reminded all present of the Annual Lincoln-Woodstock Public School District meeting will be held on March 17th, 2020 at the Lin-Wood Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. Voting will be from 2pm until 6pm. The official School Business Meeting will commence at 7 pm. The pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all.

Moderator Wetherell then reiterated that this is not a public forum it is a legislative body. He encouraged all to ask questions and to participate.

The Moderator then informed the voters of the rules of order for the town meeting:

- All cellular phones should be turned to silent.
- Each participant will treat every other participant with due respect and courtesy. The moderator will not allow personal attacks or inappropriate language.
- Anyone wishing to address the meeting will use the microphone and first be recognized by the moderator. Speakers will begin by stating his or her name. All other speakers will be considered out of order. I will allow non-voters to speak however please identify yourself as a non-voter. While allow to speak, you are forbidden from voting.
- The initial presentations on Articles will be limited to ten minutes, all speakers in debate will be limited to three minutes both will include a one-minute warning at one minute (time to be determined by moderator). All new speakers who desire to speak will be giving a chance to do so before one is given a second opportunity on the same issue.
- Each Article needs a motion and a second in order to discuss it.
- Only one amendment to a motion will be allowed on the floor at any one time. No amendment to an amendment will be allowed; such proposals will be dealt with as subsequent amendments after the first amendment has been voted upon. All amendments will be submitted in writing to the moderator. The subject of the original article must be addressed in the amendment and it cannot be a negative amendment.
- The moderator can be overruled by majority of the meeting.
- State statutes do govern legal procedures not listed here.

ARTICLE 03: Bond-Additional Funding Levee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred eleven thousand dollars (\$311,000) for additional funds needed to complete the project to rebuild the East Branch Pemigewasset River Granite Block Levee that was approved at the 2016 and 2018 town meetings, and to authorize the issuance of not more than three hundred eleven thousand dollars (\$311,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate and interests thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy three thousand eight hundred twelve dollars (\$73,812) for the first year's bond payment. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required) Tax Impact: 5 Year Bond \$.09/per thousand.

Motion made by: O.J. Robinson

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

With some discussion Article 03 passed by secret ballot

Yes 95 – No 3

Article 03 passed

ARTICLE 04: Bond-Purchase Parcel of Land

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$517,500) for purchase of the parcel of land known as Tax Map 114, Lot 049 and to authorize the issuance of not more than five hundred seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$517,500) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate and interests thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand three hundred fifty-two dollars (\$70,352) for the first year bond payment. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required) Tax Impact: 10 Year Bond \$.08/per thousand.

Motion made by: O.J. Robinson

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

After lengthy discussion Article 04 was voted on by secret ballot requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority to pass

Yes 52 – No 44

Article 04 failed

ARTICLE 05: Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) for the purchase of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department with one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) to be received from a FEMA Grant, AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) with no additional funding to come from taxation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact: None - Offset by Grant Funding. If Grant not awarded, no expenditures will be made

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Paula Strickon

Article 05 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 06: Construction of Water Tank on US Forest Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the design, permitting, construction and other costs related to the construction of a water tank on US Forest Service land in the area of Boyce Brook with five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to be received from Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Grant with additional matching funding to come from the existing Water Tap Fee Fund - four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) and the Water System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund - fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) and no additional funding to come from taxation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee approve this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact: None - Offset by Water Grant. If Grant not awarded, no expenditures will be made

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Faith Clark

Article 06 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 07: Convey the Town Owned Land on Arthur Salem Way

"To see if the Board of Selectman will convey the town owned land on Arthur Salem Way, in the Lincoln Industrial Park known as lot #4 to O'Connell Builders LLC."
Submitted by petition

Motion made by: Kevin Sullivan

Seconded by: James Spanos

After lengthy discussion Article 07 was voted on by secret ballot

Yes 37 – No 63

Article 07 failed

ARTICLE 08: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of six million six hundred twenty-nine thousand three hundred seventy-two dollars (\$6,629,372) for the purposes of General Government; Public Safety; Highways; Sanitation; Water Treatment; Health, Welfare, Culture and Recreation; and Long and Short Term Debt including Interest, for the ensuing year, exclusive of all special and individual warrant articles. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact: Appropriations = \$7.80/per thousand; Revenue = \$1.77/per thousand; Net Tax Impact \$6.03/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Joseph (Joe) G. Bossie

Article 08 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 09: Police Department - Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local #633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year (or portion thereof) Estimated Increase per fiscal year

2020 \$ 20,397 (9 months)

2021 \$ 32,639

2022 \$ 40,133

2023 \$ 13,032 (3 months)

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand three hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$20,397) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is not included in the operating budget. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

Article 09 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 10: Collective Bargaining: Special Meeting

Shall the town, if Warrant Article #09 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #09 cost items only? (Majority vote)

Motion to lay Article 10 on the table made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Motion passed by voice vote unanimously

Motion to restrict Articles 03, 05, 06, 07, 08 & 09 made by Tamra Ham
Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Motion passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 11: CR-Engineering & Planning

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Engineering & Planning Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1997). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.03/per thousand.

Motion made by: Joseph (Joe) G. Bossie
Seconded by: Faith Clerk

Article 11 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 12: CR-Public Works Vehicle & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$158,000) to be placed in the Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1990, amended in 2008.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.19/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: Paula Strickon

Article 12 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 13: CR-Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1984, amended in 2008.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.03/per thousand

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: O.J. Robinson

Article 13 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 14: CR-Police Department Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be placed in the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.05/per thousand.

Motion made by: Paula Strickon
Seconded by: Tamra Ham

Article 14 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 15: CR-Sewer System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$277,000) to be placed in the Sewer System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.33/per thousand.

Motion made by: Joseph (Joe) G. Bossie

Seconded by: Ivan Strickon

Article 15 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 16: CR-Water System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) to be placed in the Water System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.20/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

Article 16 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 17: CR-Roads & Streets Reconstruction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred sixty-nine thousand dollars (\$169,000) to be placed in the Road and Street Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1994). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.20/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Faith Clark

Article 17 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 18: CR-Kanc Rec Area Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000) to be placed in the Kancamagus Recreational Area Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 2005). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.05/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Grant Clark

Article 18 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 19: CR-Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund (created in 2006). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Grant Clark

Article 19 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 20: CR-Property & Building Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate seventy-nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$79,400) to be placed in the Property and Building Maintenance Expendable Trust (created in 2007). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.09/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: O.J. Robinson

Article 20 passed by voice vote unanimously

Motion to restrict Articles up to 20 made by David Beaudin

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

Motion passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 21: CR-Fire Truck & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1989). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Paula Strickon

Article 21 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 22: CR-Library Technology

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in the Library Technology Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1997). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.002/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Joseph (JJ) Bujeaud

Article 22 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 23: CR-Library Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to be placed in the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1991). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Joseph (JJ) Bujeaud

Article 23 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 24: CR-Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Solid Waste Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund (created 1999). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: O.J. Robinson

Article 24 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 25: CR-Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate nine hundred thirty-five dollars (\$935) to be placed in the Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund (created in 2006). Said sum to come from 2019 unassigned fund balance. This represents the amount paid to the Town for the sale of cemetery lots during Fiscal Year 2019. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Grant Clark

Article 25 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 26: CR-Cemetery Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand eight hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1,865) to be placed in the Town Cemetery Trust Fund (created not known). Said sum to come from 2019 unassigned fund balance. This represents the amount paid to the Town for the sale of cemetery lots during Fiscal Year 2019. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Grant Clark

Article 26 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 27: Highway Block Grant Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for purposes allowed under the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Program. This appropriation is to be offset by revenue from the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Program to the extent that it is available. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Joseph (JJ) Bujeaud

Article 27 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 28: Purchase Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand three hundred dollars (\$46,300) for the purpose of purchasing a replacement cruiser. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.05/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Ivan Strickon

Article 28 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 29: To authorize a five (5) year lease with White Mtn

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a five-year (5) lease with White Mountain Snow Mobile Club to rent municipal property during periods not needed for public use such as the land and buildings described as Tax Map 105, Lot 020 (located on US Route 3 between 431 US Route 3 and 435 US Route 3) as required by RSA 41:11-a without further vote or ratification of the legislative body of the Town. Recommended by Board of Selectmen.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: O.J. Robinson

Article 29 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 30: To allow Sports Book Retail Locations in Town

To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of Sports Book Retail locations within the Town of Lincoln. No recommendation.

Motion made by: James Spanos

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

After some discussion Article 30 failed by voice vote

ARTICLE 31: Authorize Community Choice Aggregation

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to commence a Community Choice Aggregations "CCA" program and contract for electricity supply as authorized under RSA 53-E:108 and through CCA offer residents and businesses a possible opportunity for lower electricity rates and from different sources than those offered by New Hampshire Electric Co-op. (Majority Vote Required). No recommendation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: O.J. Robinson

Article 31 passed by voice vote with some opposition

ARTICLE 32: Funds Received from Sale of Cemetery Lots

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, to allow all funds received from such sale of cemetery lots shall be deposited with the trustees of trust fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen.

Motion made by: O.J. Robinson

Seconded by: Grant Clark

Article 32 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 33: Transact any Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Joseph (Joe) G. Bossie stated that he was disgusted with the way deceased residents are treated, explaining that the crypt is unavailable for use in the winter as it is currently utilized as storage.

Joseph (JJ) Bujeaud echoed Joseph (Joe) G. Bossie's sentiments, and stated he was informed the crypt was unavailable for temporary receipt of his deceased father, resulting in the need to search for alternative reserve until his burial in May. He implored the Board of Selectman to address the issue.

O.J. Robinson stated the Board of Selectmen were shocked and unaware the crypt was not being utilized for its original purpose. He stated the cemetery is run by cemetery trustees and hopes they will act accordingly when presented with this information.

Raymond Mulleavey inquired about the purpose of new building being constructed at the cemetery and who is paying for it.

Jayne Ludwig stated it will be used for map and document storage, and Tamra Ham explained that it is paid out of the Cemetery Trustee's Maintenance Expendable Capital Reserve Fund which is taxpayer funded.

Miles Moran asked how the residents can make changes, and the Board of Selectman encouraged him and other residents to reach out to the Cemetery Trustees via mail, email or phone.

Tamra Ham made a motion to dissolve the 2020 Town Meeting
Seconded by: Kevin Sullivan
The Lincoln Town Meeting dissolved at 9:06 pm.

I hereby certify that the above return of the Annual Lincoln Town Meeting of March 10, 2020 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristyn Daigle-Brophy', written in a cursive style.

Kristyn Daigle-Brophy, Town Clerk