

Town of Lincoln

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

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 at the Days Inn at on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. 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 6:30pm in the evening. Carol Riley seconded the motion. Vote was in the affirmative – unanimous. Robert declared the polls open. The polls closed at 6:00pm.

ARTICLE 01: Election of Town Officers

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

Election results of Article 01:

FOR SELECTMEN – 3 year term

Jack Daly – 156 votes
Paul Schirduan – 14 votes

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE – 3 year term

Michael Simons – 132 votes
James Spanos – 137 votes
Cynthia Lloyd – 135 votes

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE – 2 year term

Alfred Poulin Jr – 133 votes

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3 year term

James “Mike” Conn – 35 votes

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 year term

Rosalind “Roz” Lowen – 135 votes
Gail W Tremblay – 136 votes

FOR PLANNING BOARD – 3 year term

Joseph Chenard – 103 votes
Paul J Beaudin II – 95 votes

FOR TREASURER – 2 year term

Janet Peltier – 156 votes

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS – 2 year term

Kathryn Jeanne Beaudin – 117 votes

FOR ZONING BOARD – 3 year term

Jack Daly – 157 votes

Article 02: Planning – Parking and Off-Street Loading: (Define & Increase Parking Space Requirements)

Amend Article III, Applicability and Non-Conforming, Section A. Definitions: Add a definition of "Parking Space." A parking space is defined as a designated, exclusive and maintained parking space a minimum of one hundred seventy square feet (170 SF) in area.

Add to "Article V General Regulations, Section A. Parking and Off-Street Loading", Paragraph 2:

- a. Subparagraph a. adding "accessory apartment" to the list of residential units and adding requirement for 2 spaces for the 1st 3 bedrooms plus 1 additional parking space for each additional 2 bedrooms.
- b. Subparagraph c. Hotel, Motel Tourist Accommodation, Lodging Unit, Boarding or Rooming House requiring 1.25 (instead of 1) parking spaces for each unit or bedroom.
- c. Subparagraph d. Delete "timeshare units" as a separate category.
- d. Subparagraph e. Change the word "Commercial" to "Business Uses and Uses Otherwise Not Listed"
- e. Add Subparagraph m. For any business that is operating without sufficient parking to satisfy current requirements, any request for expansion or change of use will not be denied based on parking requirements so long as the total number of required parking spaces does not increase over the number required for the existing use.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 132 – No 25
Article 02 passed**

Article 03: Planning – Add a New Category of Business Use Called Restricted Multi-Family Residential Housing (for Long Term Rentals)

Amend Article III, Applicability and Non-Conforming, Section A. Definitions: Add a definition of "Restricted Multi-Family Residential Housing": Restricted Multi-Family Residential Housing shall have single entity ownership, whose use is restricted to long term tenancy of greater than 180 days. This use will be subject to the business use lot coverage density requirements.

Amend Article VI District and District Regulations, Section B. District Regulations, Paragraph 2. LAND USE SCHEDULE, the Dimensional Chart by adding to the Business Uses List the Restricted Multi-Family Residential Housing. Then on the Dimensional Chart add this use to be allowed in the Village Center (VC), General Use (GU) and Mountain Residential (MR) Districts indicated with a "Y" that means the use is permitted.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 125 – No 32
Article 03 passed**

Article 04: Planning – Amend Density Requirements to Increase Green Space:

Amend Article VI District and District Regulations, Section B. District Regulations, Paragraph 4. LOT AND LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, the Dimensional Chart.

- a. Village Center (VC) District. Change Percent of Lot Coverage from 80% to 70%.
- b. Village Residential (VR) District. Change Minimum Lot Size (Sq. Ft.) for Duplex Use Only from 12,000 to 15,000 square feet. Change Minimum Lot Size (Sq. Ft.) for All Other Uses from 8,000 to 15,000 square feet.
- c. General Residential (GR) District. Change Minimum Lot Size (Sq. Ft.) for Duplex Use Only from 15,000 to 20,000 square feet. Change Minimum Lot Size (Sq. Ft.) for All Other Uses from 10,000 to 15,000 square feet.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 118 – No 39
Article 04 passed

RESULTS OF THE TOWN BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Moderator Robert Wetherell opened the Annual Town Meeting at 6:32 pm.

Moderator Wetherell welcomed everyone present and stated that he was glad those who were able to join us, recognized the importance of the annual Town meeting. Moderator Wetherell extended the town's appreciation and thanked Sonny & Hena Patel for providing the town with a location large enough to hold a safe, socially distanced election. He thanked The Public Works and Fire departments for setting up the election room as well as the meeting room. He also stated that Select Board member Tamra Ham was unable to attend in person, but is attending via Zoom. He continued to state that Select Board member Jayne Ludwig had decided not to run for reelection and thanked her for her service to the town.

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:

- Mask must be worn entering the building, and in the hall for the duration of the meeting and voting. A maskless section has been created (in the bar area) behind glass for those not wearing a mask.
*Note you shall wear a mask unless seated in the maskless section. You may participate in the meeting from there and have time to vote by secret ballot during designated times.
- Chairs have been paired and distanced six feet apart. Do not move chairs.
- For secret ballot voting please remain seated until the letter your last name begins with is called. While waiting for the next available ballot clerk stand six feet away from the party in front of you.
- While waiting to speak, stand at least six feet behind the person in front of you.
- Allow time for the microphone to be sanitized between speakers.
- All cell phones should be turned to silent
- Each participant will treat every other participant with 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 their 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 allowed 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 (including a warning at one minute remaining). Time to be determined by the moderator. All new speakers who desire to speak will be given 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 a majority of the meeting.

Article 05: Bond-Purchase & Install Water Meters

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million six hundred five thousand dollars (\$1,605,000.00) for the purchase and installation of new water meters to be installed in every existing water service throughout the whole Town and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,605,000.00 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. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Motion made by: O.J. Robinson

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

After lengthy discussion Article 05 was voted on by secret ballot requiring a three-fifths (3/5) majority to pass. Recessed at 8:02pm for vote, which remained open until 9:07pm.

Yes 39 – No 33

Article 04 failed

Article 06: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of seven million eighty thousand and fifty dollars (\$7,080,050) 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 = \$8.30/per thousand; Revenue = \$1.89/per thousand; Net Tax Impact \$6.41/per thousand.

Motion to reduce Operating Budget to \$6,880,050 (reduction of \$200,000) and be voted by secret ballot made by: Paul Beaudin

Seconded by: Roger Harrington

Appropriately signed petition was presented to Moderator Wetherell

Yes 40 – No 8

Article 06 passed as amended

Motion to restrict Articles 05 & 06 made by OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Paul Beaudin

Motion passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 07: CR-Public Works Vehicle & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$139,000) 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: \$.16/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ron Beard

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 07 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 08: CR-Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) 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: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Jayne Ludwig

Seconded by: Cliff Dauphine

Article 08 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 09: 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: \$.06/per thousand.

Motion made by: Cliff Dauphine

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 09 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 10: CR-Sewer System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000) 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: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

Article 10 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 11: CR-Water System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$245,000) to be placed in the Water System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.29/per thousand.

Motion made by: Jayne Ludwig

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 11 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 12: CR-Roads & Streets Reconstruction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$128,000) 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: \$.15/per thousand.

Motion made by: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

Article 12 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 13: CR-Kanc Rec Area Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) 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: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Jayne Ludwig

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 13 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 14: CR-Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) 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: Cliff Dauphine

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

Article 14 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 15: CR-Property & Building Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000) to be placed in the Property and Building Maintenance Expendable Trust (created in 2007). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.07/per thousand.

Motion made by: Jayne Ludwig

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 15 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 16: CR-Fire Truck & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) 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: \$.09/per thousand.

Motion made by: Cliff Dauphine

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

After some discussion Article 16 passed by voice vote with some opposition

Article 17: 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: Jayne Ludwig

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 17 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 18: CR-Library Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1991). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

Motion made by: Ted Sutton

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 18 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 19: CR-Village Center & Riverfront Park

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Village Center & Riverfront Park Capital Reserve Fund (created 2008). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

Motion made by: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Ted Sutton

Article 19 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 20: Highway Block Grant Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) 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: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

Article 20 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 21: Purchase Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$49,900) for the purpose of purchasing a replacement cruiser. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.06/per thousand.

Motion made by: Cliff Dauphine

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 21 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 22: To authorize a three (3) year lease with GCSCC Inc

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three-year (3) lease with Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. to rent municipal property to operate the Linwood Area Senior Services located at the Father Roger Bilodeau Community Center at 194 Pollard Road 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: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig

Article 22 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 23: To authorize a three (3) year lease with LWCCC

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease with Lincoln-Woodstock Community Childcare Center, to rent municipal property to operate the Childcare Center located at the Father Roger Bilodeau Community Center at 194 Pollard Road 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 to amend the word "leave" to "lease" made by: OJ Robinson
Seconded by: Randy Thomas

Motion to approved as amended made by: Jayne Ludwig
Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 23 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 24: Transact any other business

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

Roger Harrington inquired as to when the Town Hall was due to reopen. OJ Robinson stated that the Board of Selectmen will be discussing it at their next board meeting scheduled for Monday March 15, 2021.

OJ Robinson thanked the town and Jayne Ludwig for 6 years of service. He thanked those who declared candidacy and offered congratulations to the winners and ask that they please stay to be sworn in. He continued on to also thank those not on ballot, but boards and committee members, as well as volunteers.

Dave Beaudin thanked the Board of Selectmen and Days Inn.

Paul Beaudin made a motion to dissolve the 2021 Annual Town Meeting

Seconded by: Dave Beaudin

The 2021 Lincoln Town Meeting dissolved at 9:32 pm.

I hereby certify that the above return of the Annual Lincoln Town Meeting of March 9, 2021 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