

Town of Lincoln

Minutes of Town Meeting

March 13, 2018

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 13, 2018. Moderator Robert Wetherell called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Carol Riley made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant until 6:30 o'clock in the evening. Janet Peltier 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: Selectman, Budget Committee Members, Library Trustee, Cemetery Trustee, Trustee of Trust Funds, Moderator, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Supervisor of Checklist.

Election results of Article 01:

For Selectman – Three-year term

Jayne Ludwig – 130 votes

Brian Angelone – 87 votes

Paul Beaudin – 67 votes

For Moderator – Two-year term

Robert Wetherell – 267 votes

For Budget Committee – Two year term

Susan Chenard – 239 votes

For Budget Committee – Three-year term

Cynthia Lloyd – 159 votes

Michael Simons – 159 votes

James Spanos – 166 votes

Lutz Wallem – 93 votes

Jack Daly – 197 votes

For Library Trustee – Three-year term

Russ Bradshaw – 221 votes

Gail Tremblay – 240 votes

For Cemetery Trustee – Three-year term

Katrina Mack – 261

For Trustee of Trust Funds – Three-year term
Lutz Wallem – 221 votes

For Supervisor of Checklist – Six-year term
Janet Peltier – 259 votes

For Planning Board – Three-year term
Mark Ehrman – 184 votes
Paul Beaudin – 119 votes
Joe Chenard – 147 votes

For Zoning Board – Two-year term
Delia Sullivan – 15 votes (write-in)

For Zoning Board – Three-year term
Jack Daly – 221 votes
Paul Beaudin – 2 votes (write-in)

ARTICLE 02: Planning – District & District Regulations

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Land Use Plan Ordinance to amend Article VI District and District Regulations, Section B District Regulations, Paragraph 7 Height Requirements, to add Subsection C to exempt uninhabitable structures that are part of a tourist attraction from the height requirements and leave the height limitation to the discretion of the Planning Board as part of the Site Plan Review process. This exemption applies to ski lift towers, amusement rides and amusement towers. The Planning Board may increase the setback requirements for these higher structures as part of the Site Plan Review process.

(Full text of proposed amendments is available on file for full review at the Town Clerk's Office prior to March 13, 2018, and at the polling place on voting day.) Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 163 – No 67
Article 02 passed

ARTICLE 03: Planning – Solar Energy Systems

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Land Use Plan Ordinance to add Article VI, Section H, Solar Energy Systems to:

1. Require Land Use Authorization Permits for the installation of Solar Energy Systems capable of producing less than or equal to twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW) of electricity per dwelling unit for residential purposes (single family home or duplex).
2. Require Land Use Authorization Permits and Site Plan Review approval for the installation of Solar Energy Systems capable of producing greater than twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW) of electricity per dwelling unit and less than one Megawatt (1MW) of electricity for vacant land, land with non-residential, commercial or industrial buildings or multi-family housing.

3. Require Land Use Authorization Permits and Site Plan Review approval for the installation of Solar Energy Systems capable of producing equal to or greater than one Megawatt (1 MW) of electricity on vacant land, land with residential and non-residential, commercial or industrial buildings or multi-family housing; a Solar Energy System that is capable of producing equal to or greater than one Megawatt (1 MW) of electricity is a utility-scale Solar Energy System, and first has to be approved by the State of New Hampshire.

(Full text of proposed amendments is available on file for full review at the Town Clerk's Office prior to March 13, 2018, and at the polling place on voting day.) Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 200 – No 71
Article 03 passed**

ARTICLE 04: Planning – Lincoln Sign Regulations

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Land Use Plan Ordinance to amend Article VI-B Lincoln Sign Regulations, Section E Permit Requirements and Review Procedure, Paragraph 10 Sign Classification and Standards, Subparagraph s Portable Sign, Sub-subparagraph ii Standards, Sub-sub-subparagraph (d), to no longer require all portable signs (also known as "A-frame signs" or sandwich board signs) to be removed from public view when the business is not open, but instead require all portable signs be removed from public view prior to the business being closed for a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days or more.

(Full text of proposed amendments is available on file for full review at the Town Clerk's Office prior to March 13, 2018, and at the polling place on voting day.) Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 192 – No 80
Article 04 passed**

ARTICLE 05: Planning – Administration

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Land Use Plan Ordinance to amend Article VII Administration, Section B, by adding Paragraph 2, indicating that every applicant for a permit or approval is deemed to have consented to an inspection of the property related to the application as is necessary for the Town to acquire information appropriate to make an informed decision about the application and to determine compliance with the permit, approved plans, conditions of approval, and requirements of the Ordinance. An applicant's refusal to consent to such inspection constitutes grounds for disapproval of the application or for refusal by the Town to issue any Land Use Authorization Permit and Land Use Compliance Certificate relative to the permit or application.

(Full text of proposed amendments is available on file for full review at the Town Clerk's Office prior to March 13, 2018, and at the polling place on voting day.) Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 199 – No 69
Article 05 passed**

ARTICLE 06: Planning – Board of Adjustment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Land Use Plan Ordinance to amend Article VIII Board of Adjustment, Section A Board of Adjustment, Paragraph 5 by authorizing the Zoning Board of Adjustment to consider several new specific criteria in addition to the original four (4) general criteria when determining whether or not to grant a Special Exception, including several specific criteria relative to whether the site is suitable for the proposed development, whether the development is appropriate for the site, whether the proposed use will have a negative impact on the immediate neighborhood, whether the proposed use will be well suited to the availability of public services and facilities.

(Full text of proposed amendments is available on file for full review at the Town Clerk's Office prior to March 13, 2018, and at the polling place on voting day.) Recommended by the Planning Board

Yes 208 – No 60
Article 06 passed

RESULTS OF THE TOWN BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Moderator Robert Wetherell opened the Annual Town Meeting at 6:36 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 thanks to the Linwood Public School faculty and staff for accommodating us today. He then reminded all present of the Lincoln-Woodstock Public School District meeting to be held on March 20st, 2018 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 continue to reiterate to the voters that they are the decision makers. This is not a public forum it is a legislative body. He encouraged all to ask questions and to comment. Robert then reminded all present that voting can only be done by registered voters.

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 for bidden from voting.
- The initial presenter on an article be will limited to ten minutes, all speakers on debate will be limited to three minutes both will include one minute warning.
(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 07: Bond Additional Funding Levee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred ten thousand dollars (\$410,000) for additional funds needed to rebuild the East Branch Pemigewasset River Granite Block Levee that was approved at the 2016 Town Meeting, and to authorize the issuance of not more than four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) 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 of interest 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; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The balance of the appropriation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is to be raised by taxation to be used for bond costs and legal costs. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Motion made by: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

With some discussion Article 07 was passed by secret ballot

Polls remained open for one hour

Yes – 95 No – 2

ARTICLE 08: Levee Additional Funding by Taxation

In the event that Article 7 is defeated, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for additional funds needed to rebuild the East Branch Pemigewasset River Granite Block Levee that were approved at the 2016 Town Meeting; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project. The said sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), less any federal or state funds received for this purpose, to come from taxation. If Article 7 passes, this article will be null and void. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (majority vote required)

Motion made by: Tamra Ham to lay Article 08 on the table

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 08 was laid on table by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 09: Riverfront Park

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for phase one of the Riverfront Park with two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be received from a grant and the balance of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to come from taxation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: James Yott

Article 09 passed by voice vote with some opposition

ARTICLE 10: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five million nine hundred five thousand fifty one dollars (\$5,905,051) 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 Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion made by: Paula Strickon

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

Article 10 passed by voice vote unanimously

Motion made by: Tamra Ham to restrict Articles 09 and 10

Seconded by OJ Robinson

Passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 11: CR - Engineering & Planning

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,000) to be placed in the Engineering & Planning Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1997). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

Article 11 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 12: CR - Community Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Community Building Expendable Trust Fund (created 2005). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 12 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 13: CR - Public Works Vehicle & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ninety six thousand dollars (\$96,000) 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.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: Jayne Ludwig
Article 13 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 14: 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.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: OJ Robinson
Article 14 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 15: CR - Police Department Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: OJ Robinson
Article 15 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 16: CR - Sewer System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred thirty one thousand dollars (\$231,000) to be placed in the Sewer System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation

Motion made by: Paula Strickon
Seconded by: Randy Thomas
With some discussion and explanation by OJ Robinson
Article 16 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 17: CR - Water System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred fifty five thousand dollars (\$155,000) to be placed in the Water System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Paula Strickon

Seconded by: Hayli Ash

With some discussion and explanation by OJ Robinson and Butch Burbank

Article 17 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 18: CR – Roads & Streets Reconstruction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$214,500) to be placed in the Road and Street Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1994). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 18 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 19: CR – Kanc Rec Area Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Kancamagus Recreational Area Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 2005). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Patti Jo Ouellette

Article 19 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 20: CR – Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Town Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund (created in 2006). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

Article 20 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 21: CR – Property & Building Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Property and Building Maintenance Expendable Trust (created in 2007). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Patti Jo Ouellette

Article 21 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 22: CR – Fire Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1989.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Paula Strickon

Seconded by: Hayli Ash

Article 22 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 23: CR – Employee Separation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Employee Separation Expendable Trust Fund (created in 2010). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 23 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 24: 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.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon

Seconded by: Patti Jo Ouellette

Article 24 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 25: CR - Library Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) to be placed in the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1991). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon
Seconded by: Tamra Ham
Article 25 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 26: CR – Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Solid Waste Facility Improvements (created 1999). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: OJ Robinson
Article 26 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 27: CR – Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thirty four dollars (\$134) to be placed in the Town Cemetery Expendable trust Fund (created in 2006). Said sum to come from 2017 unassigned fund balance. This represents the amount paid to the Town for the sale of cemetery lots during Fiscal Year 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectman and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: Ivan Strickon
Article 27 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 28: CR – Cemetery Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred sixty six dollars (\$266) to be placed in the Town Cemetery Trust Fund (created not known). Said sum to come from 2017 unassigned fund balance. This represents the amount paid to the Town for the sale of cemetery lots during Fiscal Year 2017. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectman and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon
Seconded by: Tamra Ham
Article 28 passed by voice vote unanimously

Motion made by: Tamra Ham to restrict Articles 11 through 28
Seconded by James Spanos
Passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 29: 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

2017 \$ 0.00 (9 months)

2018 \$21,180.00

2019 \$27,851.00

2020 \$ 8,832.00 (3 months)

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$21,180.00) 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)

Motion made by: Ivan Strickon
Seconded by: Tamra Ham
With some discussion Article 29 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 30: Special Meeting

Shall the town, if Article #29 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #29 cost items only? (Majority vote)

Motion made by: Tamra Ham to lay Article 30 on the table
Seconded by: OJ Robinson
Article 30 was laid on table by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 31: Highway Block Grant Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) 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: Patti Jo Ouellette
Article 31 passed by voice vote unanimously

ARTICLE 32: To allow KENO in Town

To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: Patti Jo Ouellette
With some discussion Article 32 passed by standing vote
Yes 63 - No 16

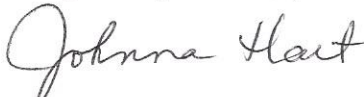
ARTICLE 33: Transact any other business

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

OJ Robinson made a motion to dissolve the 2018 Town Meeting
Seconded by: Tamra Ham
The Lincoln Town Meeting dissolved at 8:05 pm.

I hereby certify that the above return of the annual Lincoln town Meeting of March 13, 2018 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johnna Hart".

Johnna Hart, Town Clerk