

2019
Report of the board of officers
TOWN OF LINCOLN, VERMONT



Town Clerk Sally Ober with Emmett Leavitt and Asher Smith

The Lincoln Town Office Vault
One of the “Seven Wonders of Lincoln”

Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting
Burnham Hall
Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM
To reserve childcare or transportation for Town Meeting, please call 453-2980

If you burn outdoors- do it safely!

- **Get a burn permit from your local town forest fire warden.** Permits are required by Vermont State law when there is no snow covering the ground. Please call the Town Forest Fire Warden, Matt Atkins, at (802) 349-9142 for a permit. Having a permit does not relieve you from the responsibility for burning safely.
- Clear the ground of all flammable material for at least 10 feet around the burn pile.
- Do not locate a fire closer than 50 feet to any structure.
- Have fire tools and a water supply onsite and available.
- Don't burn on dry, windy days.
- **Don't burn trash—it is illegal.** Burning treated materials, such as painted wood and pressure treated wood is also illegal. Only natural materials are allowed, including brush, untreated lumber and similar materials.
- An adult should attend the fire at all times.
- Make sure the fire is 100% out and the coals are cool to the touch. Place coals in a covered metal container if you are moving them from the burn site.
- Consider your neighbors when burning, so the smoke direction doesn't cause a problem for them.

Town Quick Tips

The Town Office is open M, T, W & Th. 8 to 2, Wed. 4-7, and also by appointment

The Town Office Phone number is 453-2980

The Town Garage Phone number is 453-3703

Selectboard Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Administrator hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8-10 a.m.

Transfer Station Hours are Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lincoln Library will be hosting a bake and food sale on Election Day at the Town Office.

There will be soup for take-out and a variety of homemade baked goods to choose from.

The sale will continue until we're sold out.

Thank you for your support!

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The Wonders of Lincoln

By Sally Ober, Town Clerk

April 4, 2019 was an exciting day; I received a visit from two Lincoln Community School (LCS) second grade students, Asher Smith and Emmett Leavitt. They were accompanied by School Librarian, Beth Nelson. Asher and Emmett were visiting the Town Office to investigate one of the Lincoln Wonders: *OUR TOWN VAULT*.

Here's the back story: Second Grade Teacher, Patty Schoenhuber, shared a book with her students called, *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* by Betty G. Birney. The story is about a boy whose Pa challenges him to find seven wonders in his own neighborhood. This story led to a discussion about what the wonders of Lincoln might be. Students were asked to nominate a wonder, and to make a pitch to their classmates about why that place should receive a vote. The class got to vote on which were the top wonders of Lincoln. Asher nominated the Town Vault, which he originally referred to as the "special fireproof closet." I had shown him the vault when he visited our town office one day with his mom. Asher must have given good reasons for his classmates to vote for the vault, because it made the final list. We are so honored!

After the class agreed on which places were the Wonders of Lincoln, they went to visit them. The students reported their findings, which led to the creation of a slide show that would make anyone proud to call Lincoln their home. The day Emmett and Asher came to visit, I was concerned whether I would be able to keep the attention of seven- and eight-year-olds with a room full of old books. Not to worry... these two were very enthusiastic students!

We began with a short tour of what was in the vault and this quickly led to questions and further exploration. The boys asked about the vault's construction and why there is a caged area inside of it with another door. I explained that there are books in the vault which the public uses for research. There are other things we keep inside the cage so nobody will touch them, such as elections materials and confidential records.

We examined the big heavy vault door which is lined with stone to make it fireproof. I showed them the dial locking mechanism and explained that the combination was super-secret, and only a few town officials know the numbers. We saw some of the oldest Land Records books which are very large and have cursive handwriting. We talked about how some people own their homes and some people rent them. I mentioned that land and homes cost a LOT of money and most people need the help of a bank to purchase property. Emmett was excited to share that his Mom works at a bank, and she helps people buy homes!

Asher and Emmett wanted to look up their birth certificates. Nearby pages in this book included their friends as well. Emmett knew that he shares a birthday with his friend Connor. We studied the facts and found out that Emmett is about a half day older than Connor. We looked up Emmett and Asher's brothers' birth records too.



Sally shows Asher and Emmett where they can find their birth certificates.

We inspected some survey maps and saw one where Emmett's grandparents subdivided their land to make the lot where Emmett lives. On the map we could see their driveway, a pond, house sites, and a sugar house. Asher enjoyed looking at the maps and said he might like to be a map maker someday.

Too soon, Beth told us that it was time to go back to school. Neither boy wanted to leave. They kept asking more questions and I was delighted to hear that they would like to come back sometime. The visit from Emmett and Asher made me proud of all the work we do here at the office to take care of our records, to store them in an organized fashion, and to invest in infrastructure that will help preserve our archives for generations to come.

Which other places in Lincoln would you consider to be wonders of our town? This is the third year that LCS second graders have done this Wonders Project. They have also chosen the Lincoln General Store, Lincoln Library, Atkins Farm, the old store (now owned by the Richards family), Lincoln Gap, Lincoln Sports Field, United Church, Burnham Hall, Garland's Bridge and Potato Hill Park. Go see these special places and please come visit the vault. Thank you to Asher and Emmett for appreciating our vault, and to our taxpayers for supporting its ongoing needs. My gratitude goes out to all in our community who care for the places we hold dear.



Emmett and Asher at the Lincoln Town Office



Sally, Asher and Emmett look at land record indexes.



The Town Land Records can be pretty interesting!

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Town Clerk Report

Sally Ober, Town Clerk 453-2980

A highlight of 2019 was celebrating 100 years of the Burnham Foundation. There were many activities throughout the year including a well-attended Hill Country Holiday in February and a festive town meeting in March. A community theater performance in June packed Burnham Hall and prompted many to donate to the Burnham Centennial Campaign. We honored Mark Benz for his tireless work bringing in grant funding to restore and sustain Burnham Hall. All of this has deepened my appreciation for the hall and the role it plays in the heart of our community.

One of our biggest accomplishments this past year was to organize. We installed some new shelving in the meeting room closets and in the vault. This has allowed us to unpack some things since our move and it has made our everyday functions more efficient. We also now have a beautiful new map table on the Lister and Zoning side of the office. Ongoing purging of disposable records and providing better space for our permanent archives has made the vault a place that even second grade students marveled at. If only I was this motivated at home!

As we head into another big election year, I continue to educate myself about changes in election laws and procedures. It is a priority to be informed and vigilant about cyber security, and to uphold the integrity of our elections. I love my work here and it's mostly because of the people. Please contact me if you have concerns or questions, I am here to help.

The Lincoln Town Clerk's Office offers many services. Here is an overview:

Office Hours: Regular Town Clerk hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. We post regular hours and changes on the answering machine, door, and town website. If our regular hours don't work for you, please call; we are happy to make an appointment. Sally walks to work, so you may not see a car in the parking lot. We put the flag out when we are open.

Dog licenses: All residents with a dog or wolf-hybrid over the age of 6 months are required by State Law, to license the animal with their Town Clerk. Bring a copy of a current rabies certificate from your veterinarian, along with \$15 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$19 for an intact animal. The deadline for licensing is April 1st, each year. After April 1st, the fees go up to \$17/neutered and \$23/intact. **We are holding a rabies clinic on Saturday, March 7 from 9-10 a.m. at the Town Office. Vaccines will cost \$20 each for dogs or cats.**

Transfer Station Stickers: These allow you to use the Lincoln Transfer Station during Saturday hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your first sticker costs \$15; additional or replacement stickers are \$4 each. Stickers expire each year on June 15th and may be purchased at the Lincoln General Store as well as at the Town Office. We can recycle glass, paper, cardboard, metal, and plastics #1- #7 in comingled open bins, but plastic bags must be separated out. Please rinse and clean your recyclable materials. Food scraps are also accepted at the transfer station in a separate container. Trash disposal fees depend on the size of your bag or barrel, and tire disposal is \$4/tire (no rims please). These fees can be paid to the transfer station attendant on site with cash or check.

Property Tax Payments: These can be made at any time during the year.

Zoning Permits: Applications for Building, Access, Temporary Use Permits, and Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance are available here. Bob Hall, our current Zoning Administrator, holds office hours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Land Records: This office keeps permanent records of property transfers, liens, zoning, surveys, and other land records. The recording fee is \$15 per document page, and \$25 for maps, of which \$4 is reserved for restoration and conservation of the records. Copies of land records cost \$1 per page.

Vital records: Certified copies of Vermont birth, death, and marriage certificates may be obtained here for \$10 per copy. You must now show an ID to request copies of vital records.

Civil Marriage Licenses: The fee is \$60, and licenses are valid for 60 days after the issue date.

Voter Registration: You may register to vote here if you are a U.S. Citizen, you are 18 years old on or before an election, and your primary residence is Lincoln, Vermont. You must bring your Vermont Driver's License, PID#, or Social Security number in order to register to vote, if you have one. If you do not have a Vermont Personal ID# or Social Security number, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division at (800)439-8683. 17-year-olds may vote in the primaries if they will turn 18 on or before the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Elections: If you want to volunteer to help as an election worker, please contact the Town Clerk.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): We can process a vehicle, boat, or trailer registration renewal, as long as it is not more than 60 days expired; and snowmobiles within the year. A check or money order for the DMV renewal fee is required (no cash). There is a \$3 fee for the Town, payable separately from the DMV check. We issue a temporary registration and sticker while you wait for your renewal to come by mail. New vehicles or registrations more than 60 days overdue must be processed directly with DMV. Many DMV forms and manuals are available here.

Excess Weight Vehicle Permits: Excess Weight Permits are required for operators of vehicles in excess of the posted weights for Lincoln's roads and bridges. These permits cost \$5 for a single vehicle, or \$10 for a fleet, and they expire each year on March 31. A valid certificate of insurance is required along with the fee. If you are working in multiple towns it would be easier to apply at the Addison County Sheriff's Office at 35 Court Street in Middlebury. Call (802) 388-2981 to inquire.

Land Posting: State law requires landowners who post property against hunting, shooting, fishing, or trapping, to record this notice annually at the Town Clerk's Office; the fee is \$5.

Fish and game licenses: These are not available at the Town Office, but the Lincoln General Store does sell them.

Notary Public services: The Town Clerk is a Notary Public. She must witness the signing of the document. Please bring a current I.D. There is no fee for this service.

Green Mountain Passports: These are available for residents of Vermont who are either over age 62, or a Veteran of the uniformed services. The cost is \$2. The passport offers discounts at state parks and the Addison County Fair.

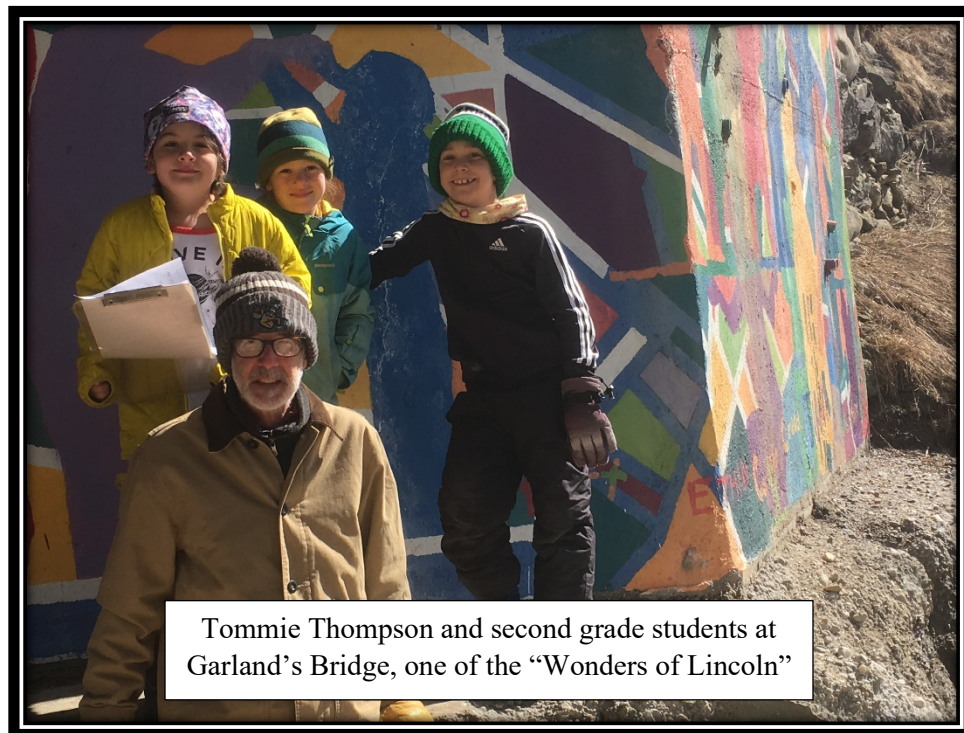
9-1-1 Reflective Address Signs: These can be ordered from Constable, Josh Otey, at (802) 448-2325. Payment goes to Lincoln Neighborhood Watch. A single-sided sign is \$15 and double-sided is \$20. These help emergency services find your home.

Town of Lincoln Web Site: A great way to find information! Go to www.lincolnvermont.org. Please send suggestions or corrections to clerk@lincolnvermont.org.

Town E-news: For Lincoln news and announcements, sign up for Front Porch Forum at www.frontporchforum.com, to receive a free electronic newsletter.

In February or March we plan to start a Town email list for communications like road closures, construction projects, and reminders of upcoming elections, etc., from Town officials. The format and purpose of these announcements will be different than postings on Front Porch Forum. If you want to join the Town email list, please send an email to: townbk@lincolnvermont.org and put “Town email list” in the subject line. Put your name(s) and email address(es) in the body of the email, and we’ll put you on the list. Soon you’ll be able to sign up via the Town website at www.lincolnvermont.org, too. Of course, you can unsubscribe at any time. Thank you!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. –Sally Ober, Town Clerk and Asst. Clerks Lolly Otis and Linda Daybell.



Elected Town and School Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Selectboard	Ellie Bryant, <i>Clerk (2 yr.)</i>	989-0123	3/2020
	Paul Forlenza, <i>Vice Chair (3 yr.)</i>	453-3592	3/2021
	Will Sipsev (3 yr.)	453-3665	3/2022
	Oakley Smith (2 yr.)	453-5078	3/2021
	Bill Finger, <i>Chair (3 yr.)</i>	453-4296	3/2020
Town Clerk	Sally Ober	453-2980	3/2020
Assistant Clerks (<i>App't by Clerk</i>)	Lolly Otis and Linda Daybell	453-2980	3/2020
Treasurer	Lisa Truchon	453-2980	3/2020
Asst. Treasurer (<i>App't by Treasurer</i>)	Larry Masterson	453-2980	3/2020
First Constable	Josh Otey	(802) 448-2325	3/2020
Second Constable	Mark Truax	453-2046	3/2020
Delinquent Tax Collector	Nancy Stevens	453-4294	3/2020
Town Meeting Moderator	Will Sipsev	453-3665	3/2020
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits	Rebecca Otey	(786) 390-0629	3/2020
Grand Juror	Rebecca Otey	(786) 390-0629	3/2020
Agent to Deed Real Estate	Rebecca Otey	(786) 390-0629	3/2020
Board of Listers (3 yrs.)	Dan Adam	453-2643	3/2021
	Jim Brown	453-4563	3/2022
	Lisa Truchon	453-2980	3/2020
Justices of the Peace (2 yrs.)	Ilana Brett	453-5371	2/2021
	Ari Kirshenbaum	453-2403	2/2021
	David Marsters	453-4198	2/2021
	Mark Mulqueen	453-5320	2/2021
	Ann Pollender	349-4811	2/2021
	Nancy Stevens	453-4294	2/2021
	Sally Taylor	453-5953	2/2021
Mt. Abraham Unified School District Directors (3 yrs.)	Elizabeth Ratta	(412) 478-9043	3/2020
	Sarah McClain	453-7183	3/2021
Lincoln Library Trustees (3 yrs)			
1 (<i>Elected by Town of Lincoln</i>)	Ed Hanson	453-3785	3/2022
2 (<i>Elected by Town of Lincoln</i>)	<i>Vacant</i>		3/2022
3 (<i>Elected by Town of Lincoln</i>)	Grace Freeman <i>Vice Pres.</i>	453-4731	3/2021
4 (<i>Elected by Town of Lincoln</i>)	Ruth Shepherd	453-4786	3/2020
5 (<i>Elected by Town of Lincoln</i>)	<i>Vacant</i>		3/2020
6 (<i>Appointed by Library Board</i>)	Sally Baldwin, <i>President</i>	453-7231	3/2020
7 (<i>Appointed by Library Board</i>)	Elizabeth Keenan, <i>Secretary</i>	(413) 250-9334	3/2021
8 (<i>Appointed by Library Board</i>)	Deb Heleba	(802) 363-3512	3/2021
9 (<i>Appointed by Library Board</i>)	Barb Aitken	(802) 458-5327	3/2022
	<i>Teen Trustee</i>	Grace Orvis	3/2020
	<i>Teen Trustee</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	3/2020

Officers Appointed by Selectboard

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
Administrative Asst. to Selectboard	Ann Moreau-Kensek	453-2980	Indefinite
Road Foreman	David Cavoretto	453-3703	Indefinite
Zoning Administrator	Bob Hall	453-2044	3/2021
Transfer Station Operator	Randy Orvis	(802) 897-5637	3/2021
Animal Control Officer	Nathan Reynolds	453-6300	Indefinite
Health Officer	Eleanor Scully	453-5637	11/2022
Energy Coordinator	Oakley Smith	453-5078	3/2020
Emergency Manager	Barbara Rainville	453-5797	3/2021
Ass't Emergency Manager	Peter Brown	453-2974	3/2021
Addison County Regional Planning Commission Delegates	Steve Revell	453-4384	7/2020
	Oakley Smith, <i>alternate</i>	453-5078	7/2020
Addison County Solid Waste Management District Delegates	Bill Finger	453-4296	2020
	Oakley Smith, <i>alternate</i>	453-5078	2020
Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee	Will Sipsey	453-3665	7/2020
	Paul Forlenza, <i>alternate</i>	453-3592	7/2020
Lincoln Conservation Commission	Tina Scharf, <i>Chair</i>	453-4658	Indefinite
	Ilana Brett	453-5371	Indefinite
	Lisa Nading	349-5942	Indefinite
	Ed Clark	453-3310	Indefinite
	Judy Witters	453-7043	Indefinite
	Sandra Murphy	(928) 255-3111	Indefinite
Lincoln Planning Commission (3yrs)	Aaron Thomas, <i>Chair</i>	453-2603	9/2021
	Victor Atkins	453-3772	9/2021
	Matt Atkins	349-9142	9/2021
	Sally Taylor	453-5953	9/2021
	Tommie Thompson	349-2271	9/2021
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3yrs)	Tommie Thompson, <i>Chair</i>	349-2271	9/2022
	Steve Alexander, <i>Ass't Sec.</i>	453-5807	9/2022
	David Brett	453-5371	9/2020
	Barry Olson	453-5985	9/2020
	Jonathan Berg	377-1886	9/2020
	Nicole Lee, <i>Secretary</i>	349-3576	9/2021
	Nate Wallace-Gusakov, <i>V. Chair</i>	453-7935	9/2021
	Trish Waugh	(802) 253-1704	9/2021
	Harrison Reynolds	349-5362	9/2022
	Stephen Halnon, <i>alternate</i>	453-3517	9/2021
Fence Viewers	Paul Forlenza	453-3592	3/2020
	Stephen Halnon	453-3517	3/2020
	Mark Truax	453-2046	3/2020
Inspector of Lumber	Dan Adam	453-2643	3/2020
Tree Warden	Vacant		

Other Town Organizations

Organization Name	Name	Phone	
Lincoln Cemetery Association	Judy Brown, <i>President</i>	453-4563	
	Mary Lu Harding, <i>Secretary</i>	453-5379	
	Michael Harding, <i>Trustee</i>	453-5379	
	Nancy Stevens, <i>Treasurer</i>	453-4294	
	David Wood, <i>Trustee</i>	453-7071	
	Nancy Stevens, <i>Treasurer</i>	453-4294	
Lincoln Neighborhood Watch Patrol	Josh Otey, <i>Chair</i>	453-2325	Radio call #103
	Katie Banks, <i>Vice Chair</i>	453-3628	Radio call #113
	Morris Clark	453-5514	Radio call #101
	David Marsters	453-4198	Radio call #115
	Katherine Mikkelson, <i>Treas.</i>	453-4014	Radio call #104
	Mark Truax	453-2046	Radio call #107
Lincoln Sports	Mary Micklas, <i>Chair</i>	453-6051	
	Elise Brokaw	453-5420	
	Jo Jackson, <i>Vice Chair</i>	989-6340	
	Sandy Lee, <i>Secretary</i>	453-3540	
	Kevin Micklas	453-6051	
	Sally Ober, <i>Treasurer</i>	349-3440	
	Christie Sumner	453-3231	
Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company	Dan Ober, <i>Chief</i>	349-3594	Term ex. 1/2021
	Alan Kamman, <i>President</i>	349-4588	1/2021
	Matt Atkins, <i>1st Ass't Chief</i>	349-9142	1/2021
	Dudley Leavitt, Jr. <i>2nd Ass't Chief</i>	453-5791	1/2021
Forest Fire Warden (5yrs) (app't by Selectboard)	Matt Atkins	349-9142	2022
Walter S. Burnham Committee	Brian McDonough, <i>Chair</i>	453-2210	Term ex. 2022
	Mark Benz	453-2250	2021
	Lisa Goodyear-Prescott	453-4119	2022
	Greg Orvis	453-4573	2021
	Ann Pollender	349-4811	2020
	David Wetmore	453-5592	2020
	Ellie Bryant	989-0123	3/2020
	Bill Finger	453-4296	3/2020
	Paul Forlenza	453-3592	3/2021
	Will Sipse	453-5078	3/2021
	Oakley Smith	453-5078	3/2021
	To Rent Burnham Hall	Jodi Gale	453-2785

Voter Information

Sally Ober, Town Clerk 453-2980

Town Meeting:

Vermont Town Meeting Day is the first Tuesday in March. In Lincoln, the Annual Town Meeting is held the Monday night before Vermont Town Meeting Day. This year Lincoln's Town Meeting is Monday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m. upstairs at Burnham Hall, which is located at 52 East River Road.

Town Meeting Day Local Election:

The annual Local Election is on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. **The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office, 62 Quaker Street.** We will be voting by Australian ballot on town and school officers, and on the annual school budgets for the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD) and for the Hannaford Career Center. Voters under 18 years of age will not be eligible to vote in the town and school election, even if they qualify to vote in the Primary.

Presidential Primary Election:

The Presidential Primary will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. This is for the major party Democratic or Republican candidates for President of the United States. You will be asked which ballot you would like to vote on. Any eligible voter who will be 18 years of age on or before the November 3, 2020 general election may register and vote in the primary elections immediately preceding that general election.

Petitions for Articles to be included in the Warning:

The warning shall contain any article or articles requested by a petition signed by at least five percent of the voters of the municipality and filed with the Town Clerk not less than 47 days before the day of the Town Meeting. *17 V.S.A. 2642(a)(3)(A)* An organization requesting town funds should file a short report, explaining how Lincoln residents were helped by the organization, along with a budget summary, which can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

Nominations, Petitions for Candidate for Office:

Nominations of the municipal and school officers shall be by petition. The petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk, together with a written consent of the prospective nominee to the printing of his/her name on the ballot, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Monday preceding the day of the election. *17 V.S.A. 2681(a)* A petition shall contain the name of only one candidate. A person consenting to be nominated may withdraw by notifying the Town Clerk in writing no later than 5:00 pm on the Wednesday after the filing deadline. *17 V.S.A. 2681(d)*

Applications to be added to the Voter Checklist:

A person who desires to register to vote in an election shall, during regular hours, file an application in the office of the Town Clerk in which he/she claims to be a resident. If our regular hours don't work for you, please call to make an appointment or you can register online. The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>. Applications shall be accepted until the close of polls, or 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. To avoid delay at the polls on Election Day, voters are strongly encouraged to register prior to the day of the election.

Absentee Voting:

A voter, who expects to be an absent voter, or an authorized person on his/her behalf, may apply to the Town Clerk for early/absentee ballots until 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the election. Absentee ballot requests may be made by telephone, in person, in writing, by fax, e-mail, or through the My Voter Page login at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>, and shall be valid for the elections or time frame specified by the applicant, within the same calendar year. *17 V.S.A. 2532(d) and (e)*

A person may vote early, in person at the Town Clerk's Office; by mail; by picking your ballot up and bringing it home to be voted; or, if ill or needing help, a pair of Justices can bring the ballot to your home. We must hand or mail early ballots directly to the voter, you cannot send someone to pick them up for you. Please leave enough time for mailing, especially if you will be overseas. If you have questions regarding absentee voting, please call the Town Clerk's Office.

Vermont Elections Management:

The Vermont's Elections Management platform is administered through the Secretary of State's Office. Eligible Vermont residents can now register to vote online, and once registered, voters can log into their *My Voter Page* to access information pertaining to voting.

Candidates for Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Contest	Name on Ballot	Term Length	Vote For
Selectboard (3 year)	William Finger	3 year	1
Selectboard (2 year)	Louella (Ellie) Bryant Bay Jackson	2 year	1
Town Clerk	Sally Ober	1 year	1
Town Treasurer	Lisa Truchon	1 year	1
First Constable	Matt Collins	1 year	1
Second Constable	Mark Truax	1 year	1
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Nancy Stevens	1 year	1
Town Meeting Moderator	Todd Goodyear Will Sipsey	1 year	1
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits	Rebecca Otey	1 year	1
Grand Juror	Rebecca Otey	1 year	1
Agent to Deed Real Estate	Rebecca Otey	1 year	1
Lister	Lisa Truchon	3 year	1
Mt. Abraham Unified School District, Lincoln Director	Rob Backlund	3 year	1
Lincoln Library Trustee	Ruth Shepherd	3 year	2
Lincoln Library Trustee, 2 years remaining of a 3 year term	Jaqueline Olson	2 year	1

*Vital Records- Births, Civil Marriages, Deaths and Burials***2019 Births Registered in Lincoln**

<u>Month of Birth</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>
3/2019	Acker Schmidt	Emma	Raegann	F
5/2019	Backlund-Niles	Suvi	Maxine	F
5/2019	Brown	Lucas	Matthew	M
7/2019	Cox	Amelia	Anne Marie	F
4/2019	Cutler	Sally	Rose	F
12/2019	Drago	Layla	Dio	F
2/2019	Ford	Penelope	Ann	F
9/2019	Gusakov	Olen	Arthur	M
2/2019	Jewell	Leah	Margaret	F
2/2019	Leonard	Lila	Mae	F
8/2019	Ploof	Zander	Arlanda	M
8/2019	Russell	Dawson	Reed	M
12/2019	Treftz	Forest	Lyle	M

2019 Certificates of Civil Marriage

<u>Month</u>	<u>Names</u>
January 2019	Joseph Drago and Adella Sanderson
July 2019	Rebecca Hannah and David Byrd
August 2019	Marissa Patti and Anthony Green II
September 2019	Dana Hart and Wilder Yost
September 2019	Nicole Nice and Alexander Goulette
October 2019	Thayer Osborne and Lea Calderon-Guthe

2019 Deaths Registered in Lincoln

<u>Month of Death</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
7/2019	Brown	Harriett	Blanche	100 years
9/2019	Cram	Rudolph	Herman	75 years
7/2019	Fitzgerald	Elisa	Bridget	59 years
4/2019	MacDonald	Alexander		68 years

2019 Burial-Transit Permits and Burials or Interments

<u>Month of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Burial or Interment</u>
December 2018	Paul Douglass Farr	Maple	April 2019
January 2019	Penny Sherwood	Maple	May 2019
April 2019	John Roberts	Maple	April 2019
April 2019	Bertha Lee Miles	Maple	May 2019
April 2019	Marjorie Alice Vosburgh	Maple	May 2019
May 2019	Doris Alvira Cousino	Maple	May 2019
<i>Unknown</i>	Fred & Anna Wells	Maple	May 2019
June 2006	Ward Truax	Maple	July 2019
<i>Unknown</i>	Ray & Shirley Barrows	Maple	August 2019
July 2019	Harriett Blanche Brown	Maple	August 2019
September 2019	Rudolph Herman Cram	Maple	September 2019
December 2018	Darlene Simmons	Maple	October 2019
October 2019	Donald Lee Bessette, Jr.	Maple	October 2019

2020 Selectboard Report to the Citizens of Lincoln

Bill Finger, Chair 453-2980

It's 2020!

Our vision is clear and seeing well into the future, we have planned and budgeted accurately, we are fully prepared for whatever weather conditions might come our way, we know when interest rates will adjust and when the cost of living will go down. The world is perfect, conflict is predictable and resolved peacefully, elections are honest, elevating only skilled, qualified men and women to occupy high offices! Ah what a dream! We are living a very real dream here in our little corner of the world called Lincoln. Many, many folks are engaged daily in building and sustaining a very real, energetic community, working together for the common good. Far from the turmoil and chicanery of big government and big business, we labor on, daily encountering and embracing the challenges and opportunities that help us make our town and state a bastion of hope, happiness and responsibility in a weary, dreary and blurry world. It's 2020, as we look clearly at our future, determined to make it better.

Lincoln is a town with a severely limited property tax base.

We are blessed with the Green Mountain National Forest occupying nearly 50% of our land. The beautiful mountains are conserved and managed to ensure that future generations can enjoy and reap the forest benefits. We are cursed by the fact that our federal government does not pay property taxes on the forest land. Instead it pays a so-called payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) that amounts to a total of barely \$25,000 per year. That's about \$2.30 per acre. Lincoln Gap Road is heavily used by motorists, bicyclists and other outdoor enthusiasts to access the Long Trail, and the steepest paved road in the country. The Gap Road is a town owned road. We are obligated to maintain it for all to use. Occasional grants to help us with paving are few and far between. As the popularity of the gap grows, the burden on Lincoln taxpayers grows because we are required to address public safety and security issues and to assure emergency access, as accidents and incidents on the road and trails increase.

Lincoln Gap Parking

Your Selectboard recently met with Forest Service officials to discuss parking improvements and enforcement efforts at the top of the gap. We are assured that this spring will bring changes that will alleviate some of the parking and traffic chaos and improve pedestrian and vehicle safety. An increasing number of bicycle races and events feature Lincoln Gap as a major challenge for their riders. We are hopeful that the increased attention of the Forest Service will help reduce the conflicts that naturally occur between cars, trucks and bicycles. We have also explored, with the help of a small planning grant, potential for a small parking area in the vicinity where the gap is officially closed for the winter. While several possibilities were identified, the costs for developing and long-range maintaining such a facility would place undue strain our local budget and taxpayers. We continue to discuss this issue with USFS with an eye toward having the federal government assume responsibility for providing parking to access its property.

Natural Turnpike

A very steep, narrow section of TH 33 (So. Lincoln Road – AKA the Natural Turnpike) is badly eroded and is being undermined by the Blue Bank Brook. This road is a primary access to National Forest land. The town has applied for grant funds to repair that section of road to prevent further deterioration. The

Forest Service has requested the Town to consider discontinuing TH 36- (Forest Road # 201) turning over ownership and maintenance responsibilities to the USFS. We have discussed this issue along with the Natural Turnpike issue with the Forest Service and believe there may be common interests that could be served by changing ownership and maintenance responsibilities while preserving the access rights established by several private property owners abutting both roads.

Lincoln is a town with very high costs for road maintenance.

Unlike our neighboring towns, Lincoln has no numbered state highways. The main streets in Starksboro are VT 116 and VT 17, in Ripton it is VT 125, Goshen's Main Road is VT 73. These roads are built and wholly maintained by the State of Vermont. While state ownership of a highway is certainly not perfection, it does remove a huge maintenance and financial liability from the towns. Lincoln's main road is East and West River Road with major feeder roads such as Quaker Street and South Lincoln Road. The town receives, annually, an average of about \$2,300/mile from the State of Vermont toward maintaining 53 miles of road.

Highway Grants

In the last few years we've had the good fortune of receiving several state highway grants for specific projects. The work that was done in the last two summers on Quaker Street, South Lincoln Road, Gove Hill Road and Colby Hill has been partially grant funded. A large structures grant enabled repair and widening of a box culvert near the old pallet mill on East River Road. Voter approval of a "Paving Reserve Fund" permits us to maintain a funding source for paving that bridges between fiscal years and helps us to invest wisely on projects done correctly that will last a longer time. In addition to funds in the proposed FY 21 highway fund budget we are asking for voter consideration and approval of \$150,000 to be reserved for paving, matching and facilitating whatever grant applications may be approved.

This money also assures us that we will be able to continue paving improvements even in years that grant funds are not available. A major washout of the large culvert at the intersection of Grimes and Ripton Roads last October provided graphic evidence that Lincoln's need for road upgrades and maintenance far exceed the available financial resources. Coupled with recent state mandates to correct road construction and maintenance practices to reduce pollution in our waterways and Lake Champlain the challenge is daunting. Thanks to recent grants and voter approval of additional funds we have made good progress. With your continued support we will make it happen.

Local Sand Resource

One of Lincoln's costliest items each year is obtaining a supply of sand to apply to snow and ice covered roads. With no local sand supply, it requires a minimum 35 mile round trip for a dump truck to travel to a sand pit in Middlebury or Hinesburg and return with a 14 yard load of sand to the town garage. The trucks travel downhill empty and uphill loaded. Each round trip takes at least one hour. The adverse environmental impact is obvious with many tons of CO2 pumped into the atmosphere. Safety on the haul route is a major concern as trucks are required to pass through a narrow, often congested section of the Lincoln Road near the popular Bartlett Falls swimming hole. Other natural attractions for recreation and sight-seeing frequently find the road lined with bicycles, people, kayaks and cars. Dump trucks in the midst of chaos serve only to exacerbate a dangerous situation.

We have spent a lot of time in the last year and a half analyzing the potential for a long-term sand supply in Lincoln. A seven, more or less, acre parcel of land containing an estimated 25-year supply of high-

quality sand has been offered for town purchase. Preliminary engineering and testing confirm the accuracy of the estimate. The sand resource parcel is located approximately one mile from the Town Garage. Sand would be extracted from the pit and hauled downhill to the town garage. A round trip would take approximately 20 minutes. The benefit in terms of time, reduced wear and tear on roads and trucks., reduced carbon emissions and improved safety is obvious. The town's annual cost for sand alone is approximately \$65,000. That does not include the cost of hauling all the sand. If voters approve purchase of this sand resource parcel, we will be able to purchase the property, open a sand pit solely for use by the Town of Lincoln, operate the pit and haul the sand to the town garage for stockpiling. The entire purchase, operation and transportation will be covered by the existing budget and will result in net savings. **There will be a public information meeting in February to present details and answer questions. There will be further discussion at Town Meeting on Monday, March 2. Voting will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3.**

Pedestrians in Lincoln are safety challenged.

As beautiful as Lincoln is, walking on town roads, especially East and West River Roads can be frightening, unnerving, unpleasant and downright dangerous. No roads in Lincoln are easily widened **nor** can sidewalks be easily installed. We have been looking at ways to better accommodate all road users by creating and preserving respect and consideration between pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Our two new radar speed signs on River Road seem to make folks more aware of their speeds. When translated to slower overall speeds, the environment for other road users has improved without a major negative impact on motorists. On the flat, straight section of Quaker Street headed north out of "downtown Lincoln" we are experimenting with so-called "advisory bike lane" pavement markings. These attempt to call attention to the possibility of non-motorized road users while not requiring additional construction or expense. This area sees a lot of foot, skateboard and bicycle traffic in addition to motor vehicles. Casual observation seems to show that pedestrians are staying closer to the road edge and that the motorized and non-motorized are paying closer attention to each other. Advisory lanes are not appropriate in all locations, but they may prove to be a low-cost way to address the challenge.

Sidewalk to the Lincoln Community School

At the same time, we have been approved for a Bicycle-Pedestrian Scoping Grant that will provide a professional engineering analysis of how to rehabilitate existing sidewalk from Lincoln General Store to the Olde Hotel and provide new sidewalk between the Hotel and Lincoln Community School. If this project is successful, a much needed connection will make it possible for LCS pupils and staff to walk to Burnham Hall, Lincoln Sports and the store without confronting traffic. A new Lincoln Trails Committee has formed this year and is working on a plan to connect various town sectors via trails using Class 4 roads and ultimately connecting many of the existing private trail networks. All of these efforts together should make Lincoln much friendlier and safer for all users.

Straightening the Urz Curve

For many years the old Urz house stood empty on South Lincoln Road. It looked down a sharp, blind curve where many motorists and pedestrians have experienced a scary moment. In spring 2019, the Town obtained clear title to the Urz house. After required asbestos inspections, the house was quickly demolished, its remains transported to the ACSWMD transfer station in Middlebury. We are fortunate to have obtained a planning grant to pay for engineering and permitting necessary to straighten the road. The benefits will be a safer road with improved sightlines. The road will be moved back from the river's edge to prevent the repetitive washouts that occur at that location when the river rages. We hope to provide a

small off-road parking area for observation of the beaver colony in the Ron Rood Nature Preserve and also provide a small parking area on the east side of the road for access to the nearly 80 acres of conserved, town owned property. Because they will no longer need to access the property via the Town Garage it will improve safety for folks wanting to recreate or hunt there.

Burnham Award

2020 is the second year for the Burnham Award essay contest. The essay contest seeks to preserve the legacy of Walter Burnham, whose generosity built Burnham Hall and has supported and encouraged education for Lincoln students for more than 100 years. MAUHS juniors and seniors are encouraged to write an essay describing their experience volunteering in the Lincoln Community. A financial stipend accompanies the award.

Please come to town meeting and participate in meaningful discussion

Enough “news” for now. We look forward to discussing these matters at Town Meeting and hope that everyone will fully participate. Your vision at this level will be clearer than anything in Montpelier or Washington. Please get involved. It’s your community.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Finger, for The Lincoln Selectboard



Paving on South Lincoln Road
Class 2 Grant

Share the Road for Safety



Testing advisory bike/pedestrian pavement marking on Quaker Street

An effective means of traffic calming and reminding motorists, pedestrians and bicyclist to share the road respectfully





No major widening or construction required. Cost effective, share the road signs and annual line painting.

Emergency Repairs



October 31
Flooding washes out 8' culvert
GRIMES ROAD CLOSED



Header repair, stone and gravel restored, guardrail repaired



November 1 @ 11:00 am
GRIMES ROAD Re-opens to traffic

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT



Cold planing & Bomagging

- Grinds and removes multiple layers of deteriorated asphalt
- Material is reused for road base or shoulder improvement



Drainage is improved

- Culverts are replaced as necessary
- Ditches are cleaned and stone or grass lined to reduce erosion and mitigate long-term damage to waterways and Lake Champlain



New asphalt pavement is installed

- Base course in first season
- Finish course in next season
- {This two phase process allows for settling and discovery of any base flaws before the top course is applied}

SOUTH LINCOLN ROAD RE-ALIGNMENT - 2020



Recurring Flood Damage on So. Lincoln Rd



Urz House Demolition



Preparation for So Lincoln Road re-alignment at Urz curve



Public Awareness & Safety



Community Information & Education



Environmental awareness, compliance and commitment

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Cash	\$ 164,652	\$ 240,220
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	92,765	70,897
Other Receivable		7,127
Total Assets	\$ <u>257,417</u>	\$ <u>318,244</u>
 Liabilities & Fund Balance		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,242	\$ 3,575
Payroll Taxes Payable	596	596
Due Other Funds	161,699	157,208
Deferred Revenue	12,316	56,787
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>178,853</u>	\$ <u>218,166</u>
Fund Balance:		
Reserve for Records Restoration and Management	\$ 9,825	\$ 9,268
Reserve for Energy Grant	320	320
Reserve for Surplus of Tax Sale Proceeds	2,277	2,277
Reserve for FY 2020 & 2019 Budgets	40,650	47,564
Unreserved	25,493	40,650
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>78,564</u>	\$ <u>100,078</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ <u>257,417</u>	\$ <u>318,244</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes (Including Current Use)	\$ 443,874	\$ 448,227	\$ 4,353
Interest Income	2,000	5,304	3,304
Dog Licenses	2,700	3,229	529
Marriage/Civil Union Licenses	100	(10)	(110)
Liquor Licenses	70	70	-
Transfer Station Permits	4,500	3,586	(914)
Zoning Permits	6,200	5,493	(707)
Recording Fees	12,000	11,880	(120)
Office Fees	4,000	3,136	(864)
Heavy Vehicle Fees	500	1,005	505
Civil Fines	-	162	162
Other	-	6,252	6,252
Total Revenues	\$ 475,944	\$ 488,335	\$ 12,391
Expenditures:			
Expenditures - See NEMRC report	\$ 523,859	\$ 507,573	\$ 16,286
Total Expenditures	\$ 523,859	\$ 507,573	\$ 16,286
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		\$ (19,238)	
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018		100,078	
Deduct: Adjustments to Beginning Fund Balance		<u>(2,275)</u>	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019		\$ 78,564	

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
HIGHWAY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

Assets	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
Due From General Fund	\$ 134,410	\$ 147,705
Due From State of Vermont	18,250	12,252
Total Assets	\$ <u>152,660</u>	\$ <u>159,957</u>
Liabilities & Fund Balance		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,995	\$ 1,480
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>1,995</u>	\$ <u>1,480</u>
Fund Balance:		
Reserve for FY 2020 & 2019 Budgets	\$ 74,326	\$ 58,651
Unreserved, Undesignated	76,339	99,826
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>150,665</u>	\$ <u>158,477</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ <u>152,660</u>	\$ <u>159,957</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
HIGHWAY FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>Actual</u>		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 770,492	\$	770,513	\$	21
State Aid - Highways	123,500		123,053		(447)
Grant Income	-		200,785		200,785
Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	25,500		30,031		4,531
Proceeds from Equipment Note			259,737		259,737
Miscellaneous Revenue	-		40,450		40,450
Total Revenue:	<u>\$ 919,492</u>	\$	<u>1,424,569</u>	\$	<u>505,077</u>
Expenditures:					
Expenditures - See	978,893	\$	1,432,381	\$	(453,488)
					-
Total Expenditures:	<u>978,893</u>	\$	<u>1,432,381</u>	\$	<u>(453,488)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)					
Expenditures		\$	(7,812)		
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018			<u>158,477</u>		
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019		\$	<u><u>150,665</u></u>		

TOWN OF LINCOLN - CAPITAL FUND PLAN

Year	Purchase Price	Term	Interest Rate	FISCAL YEAR						
				2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Town Garage	2001	650,000	20	2.8 - 5.18%	\$ 27,753	\$ 33,871	\$ 32,328	\$ 30,777	\$	\$
Town Office	2016	590,000	20	1.9 - 3.2%	43,239	42,764	42,253	41,704	41,114	40,479
New Garage Energy Retrofit										
					30,000					
Garage Generator										
					8,240					
Total Fund Expenditures					\$ 109,232	\$ 76,635	\$ 74,581	\$ 72,481	\$ 41,114	\$ 40,479
Fund Deposits and Earnings:										
Transfers from General Fund					\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Interest Earnings					764	491	486	698	912	1,210
Total Additions					\$ 75,764	\$ 75,491	\$ 70,486	\$ 70,698	\$ 70,912	\$ 71,210
Net Change to Capital Fund					\$ (33,468)	\$ (1,143)	\$ (4,096)	\$ (1,784)	\$ 29,798	\$ 30,731
Fund Balance at Fiscal Year End					\$ 98,270	\$ 97,127	\$ 93,031	\$ 91,248	\$ 121,046	\$ 151,777

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 118,482	\$ 179,619
Total Assets	\$ <u>118,482</u>	\$ <u>179,619</u>
Liabilities		
Due to General Fund	20,212	47,881
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance	98,270	131,738
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ <u>118,482</u>	\$ <u>179,619</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -
Interest Income	659	764	105
Total Revenues	\$ <u>75,659</u>	\$ <u>75,764</u>	\$ <u>105</u>
Expenditures:			
Bond and Long-Term Notes:			
Principal	\$ -	\$ 61,917	\$ (61,917)
Interest	-	9,075	(9,075)
Garage Energy Efficiency	30,000	38,240	(8,240)
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>30,000</u>	\$ <u>109,232</u>	\$ <u>(79,232)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		\$ (33,468)	
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018		<u>131,738</u>	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019		\$ <u>98,270</u>	

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 160,643	\$ 139,967
Due from General Fund	28,008	20,079
Total Assets	\$ <u>188,651</u>	\$ <u>160,046</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance	\$ 188,651	\$ 160,046
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>188,651</u>	\$ <u>160,046</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Transfer from Highway Fund	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Transfer from Genral Fund	9,686	9,686	-
Interest Income		677	677
Total Revenues	\$ <u>129,686</u>	\$ <u>130,363</u>	\$ <u>677</u>
Expenditures:			
Long-Term Notes:			
Principal	\$	\$ 94,898	\$ (94,898)
Interest		6,860	(6,860)
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>101,758</u>	\$ <u>(101,758)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		\$ 28,605	
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018		<u>160,046</u>	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019		\$ <u>188,651</u>	

TOWN OF LINCOLN - CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND PLAN

	Calendar Year	Purchase Price	Term	Interest Rate	FISCAL YEAR					
					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Truck (Utility)	2015	98,564	5	1.95%	\$ 20,863	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Backhoe/Excavator	2016	135,000	5	2.00%	21,465	21,060	20,655			
Dump Truck	2016	134,344	4	1.95%	35,573	34,896	34,241			
Loader	2017	106,744	5	2.35%	23,857	23,356	22,854	22,352	21,850	
John Deere Grader	2018	259,737	7	3.25%		45,546	44,341	43,135	41,929	41,929
Dump Truck	2019	159,303	5	2.50%			35,843	35,047	34,250	33,454
Dump Truck	2021	162,000	5	3.35%				37,827	35,656	35,656
Total Fund Expenditures					<u>\$ 101,758</u>	<u>\$ 124,858</u>	<u>\$ 157,934</u>	<u>\$ 138,360</u>	<u>\$ 133,686</u>	<u>\$ 111,039</u>
Fund Deposits and Earnings:										
Transfers from Highway Fund					\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Transfers from General Fund					9,686	9,686	9,686	9,450		
Interest Earnings					677	943	972	1,254	1,595	1,474
Total Additions					<u>\$ 130,363</u>	<u>\$ 130,629</u>	<u>\$ 130,658</u>	<u>\$ 130,703</u>	<u>\$ 121,595</u>	<u>\$ 121,474</u>
Net Change to Capital Fund					\$ 28,605	\$ 5,771	\$ (27,275)	\$ (7,657)	\$ (12,091)	\$ 10,435
Fund Balance at Fiscal Year End					<u>\$ 188,651</u>	<u>\$ 194,422</u>	<u>\$ 167,147</u>	<u>\$ 159,490</u>	<u>\$ 147,399</u>	<u>\$ 157,835</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
BRIDGE EMERGENCY REPAIR FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Due to General Fund	\$ 9,747	\$ 19,747
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>9,747</u>	\$ <u>19,747</u>
Total Fund Balance (Deficit)	\$ <u>(9,747)</u>	\$ <u>(19,747)</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
BRIDGE EMERGENCY REPAIR FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Transfer from Highway Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ <u>10,000</u>	\$ <u>10,000</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Expenditures:			
Bridge Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		\$ 10,000	
Fund Balance (Deficit), July 1, 2018		(19,747)	
Fund Balance (Deficit), June 30, 2019		\$ <u>(9,747)</u>	

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
PAVING RESERVE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 363	\$ 63,144
Due from General Fund	9,817	38,555
Total Assets	\$ <u>10,180</u>	\$ <u>101,699</u>
Liabilities & Fund Balance		
Fund Balance	\$ 10,180	\$ 101,699
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ <u>10,180</u>	\$ <u>101,699</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
PAVING RESERVE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Transfer from Highway Fund	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Grant Income		41,873	
Interest Income		219	219
Total Revenues	\$ <u>60,000</u>	\$ <u>102,092</u>	\$ <u>219</u>
Expenditures:			
Paving Expense	\$ -	\$ 193,611	\$ (193,611)
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>193,611</u>	\$ <u>(193,611)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		\$ (91,519)	
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018		101,699	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019		\$ <u>10,180</u>	

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
TOWN OFFICE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Assets		
Due From General Fund	\$ 11,524	\$ 11,524
Total Assets	\$ <u> 11,524</u>	\$ <u> 11,524</u>
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance	\$ 11,524	\$ 11,524
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u> 11,524</u>	\$ <u> 11,524</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
NATIONAL FOREST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 10,503	\$ 10,466
Total Assets	\$ 10,503	\$ 10,466
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance	\$ 10,503	\$ 10,466

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
NATIONAL FOREST FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:	
Interest Income	\$ 37
Total Revenues	\$ 37
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018	\$ 10,466
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019	\$ 10,503

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
REAPPRAISAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 73,933	\$ 67,270
Due from General Fund	7,068	6,341
Total Assets	\$ <u>81,001</u>	\$ <u>73,611</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance	\$ <u>81,001</u>	\$ <u>73,611</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
REAPPRAISAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

Revenues:	
State of Vermont	\$ 7,068
Interest Income	322
Total Revenues	\$ <u>7,390</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018	\$ 73,611
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019	\$ <u>81,001</u>

Audit Statement

The Town of Lincoln's financial statements for Fiscal Year 2019 (7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019) have been audited by Telling & Hillman, P.C. of Middlebury, VT. The full audit report is available at the Town Office or on the town website, www.lincolnvermont.org

Town Meeting Procedures – Town Moderator

Will Sipse, Town Moderator

1. ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER are the basic rules of order for this meeting except where Vermont Law takes precedence. (MH – Prologue) You cannot change Vermont State Law, but you can change Robert’s Rules with a 2/3 vote if you desire. MH (3a) – State Law vs. Robert’s Rules.
2. An article must be MOVED and SECONDED by the body, then RESTATED by the Moderator before it is under consideration and debate on the article may begin. (RRO Page 38 Line 17.)
3. ARTICLES may have only ONE AMENDMENT at a time ASSOCIATED with them, and AMENDMENTS TO AN ARTICLE, likewise, may have only ONE AMENDMENT at a time associated with them. (RRO Page 126 Line 26, MH – Motions (6))
4. AFTER YOU’VE SPOKEN once on a particular article, you will not be recognized a second time during discussion on that article or amendment until all other voters who wish to speak on the issue for the first time are given an opportunity to do so. (RRO Page 375, Line 20)
5. DIVISION OF THE HOUSE can be requested by one voter before or after a voice vote. Vermont State Law provides for a PAPER BALLOT vote on the REQUEST OF SEVEN VOTERS unless the town has made other arrangements, again, before or after a voice vote, or after a division of the house. This means that the Moderator could ask for a voice vote and declare the motion passed. Someone could immediately request division of the house. The Moderator then must require a vote by show of hands or rising, and the Moderator would declare the motion passed. Someone could immediately request a paper ballot, and the Moderator would then have to honor this request if the number of people asking for the paper ballot meets minimum requirements. (MH – (5) Voting, 17 V.S.A 55 §2658)
6. DEBATE MAY BE CUT OFF by a motion to Call the Question and a two-thirds vote to do so. (MH (6d) – Motions)
7. All motions, remarks and discussion must be ADDRESSED TO THE MODERATOR. I will do my best to recognize you in the order that you have raised your hands. You must be recognized to speak, even to “Call the Question”. After being recognized, please stand up, then give your name, and speak in a loud voice so that your comments may be heard by everyone. (RRO Page 380 Line 16)
8. Vermont State Law prohibits consideration of articles that have NOT BEEN WARNED. This means you cannot take binding action under the article "Other Business", and you can't amend warned articles such that they would deal with business that hasn't been warned. [MH (13) – Other Business, 17 V.S.A 55 §2660(d)]

9. RECONSIDERATION of an article is allowed by Vermont State Law until a point is reached where another article is under consideration. This means that if you have voted down an article, a motion can be made to reopen consideration of this article by a person on the prevailing side (Yes, I need to ask...). However, once I have placed another article before you, no more action can be taken regarding the article at this meeting. (MH (3) – State Law Versus Robert’s Rules - Reconsideration, RRO Page 304, 17 V.S.A 55 §2661)



Will Sipsey and Town Clerk Sally Ober

10. My role, as moderator, is to help you ACCOMPLISH THE BUSINESS you intend to do. Please raise your hand and ask questions.

Will Sipsey, Town Moderator



Second Grade Students at the Lincoln School's Potato Hill Park, one of the "Wonders of Lincoln."



Town of Lincoln
WARNING
Annual Town Meeting - 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Lincoln are hereby warned and notified to meet at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and transact business, and on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Town Office, the polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

Agenda for Meeting at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

- Article 1** To elect all town officers as required by law, by Australian ballot, voting to be held at the Lincoln Town Office, polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday March 3, 2020.
- Article 2** To act upon the reports of the Town Officers as submitted by the Town Select Board.
- Article 3** Shall the Town authorize the payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer, in two equal installments, with the due dates being the second Wednesday of October [October 14, 2020] and the second Wednesday of March [March 10, 2021], per 32 V.S.A. 4871?
- Article 4** Shall the Town collect interest on overdue taxes from the due date of each installment in the amount of .5% (1/2 of 1%) per month or fraction thereof, in accordance with 32 V.S.A 4873?
- Article 5** Shall the voters authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$ 1,052,578 of which \$ 682,003 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 294,236 by non-tax revenues and \$ 76,339 is surplus revenue?
- Article 6** Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$ 424,452 of which \$ 262,839 shall be raised by taxes, \$ 136,120 by nontax revenues and \$ 25,493 is surplus revenue?
- Article 7** Shall the voters authorize a sum of \$150,000, for further restoration and improvement of existing Class 2, asphalt surface Town highways, to be deposited in the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article 8 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to exempt the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company from municipal and state property taxes, per 32 V.S.A 5404a.(a)(4)?

Article 9 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to exempt the Lincoln Cooperative pre-school from paying municipal taxes for a period of 5 years and to pay the state education tax due as a voted exemption, per 32 V.S.A 5404a(d)?

Article 10 Shall the voters of the Town of Lincoln authorize the purchase by the Town of a 7+/-acre parcel of land and appurtenant right of way from William J. Norton, Jr., and Kim M. Norton for the purpose of operating a municipal sand pit, at a purchase price not to exceed \$393,840, to be paid as follows: an initial payment of \$10,840, and the balance to be financed through mortgage financing from the sellers, William J. Norton, Jr., and Kim M. Norton, in an amount not to exceed \$383,000, with an annual interest rate not to exceed 3.00%, over a period not to exceed 25 years?

(To be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2020)

RECESS TOWN MEETING (15 +/- minutes):

- 1. Notice of School Budget vote by Australian ballot 3/3/2020**
- 2. Recognition of civil service**
- 3. Introduction of candidates for election 3/3/2020**
- 4. Stretch and socialize**

RE-OPEN TOWN MEETING

- Article 11** Shall the Town authorize the Agent to deed property?
- Article 12** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to help support the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool?
- Article 13** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,000 in support of the Lincoln Library?
- Article 14** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to help support Lincoln Sports, Inc.
- Article 15** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,896 to the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company?
- Article 16** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to Bristol Rescue?
- Article 17** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Lincoln Cemetery Association?
- Article 18** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$400 to the Lincoln Conservation Commission for invasive species control?
- Article 19** Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the Lincoln Community School Mentor Program?
- Article 20** Shall the town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the services of the Turning Point Center of Addison County?

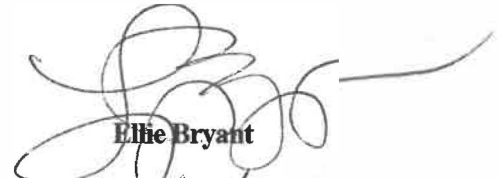
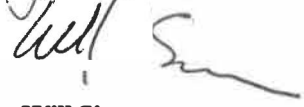
Article 21 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to approve the following agency requests?

\$1,250	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc
200	Addison County Restorative Justice Services
1,300	Addison County Parent/Child Center
600	Addison Counter Readers
400	Addison County River Watch
1,170	Addison County Transit Resources
500	Addison County Economic Development Corporation
2,500	Bristol Recreation Department
1,100	Age Well (formerly CVAA)
750	Comm Hlth Svcs of Addison County – Open Door Clinic
1,600	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.
1,000	Charter House Coalition
700	Elderly Services, Inc.
2,000	HOPE – (Addison County Community Action Group)
250	Homeward Bound
650	End of Life Services (Hospice Vol. Svcs)
1,000	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter
490	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
500	Vermont Adult Learning
1,250	WomenSafe
\$19,210.00	TOTAL

Article 22 To transact any other legal and proper business when met.

Dated this 21st day of January 2020


William Finger


Ellie Bryant

Will Sipse

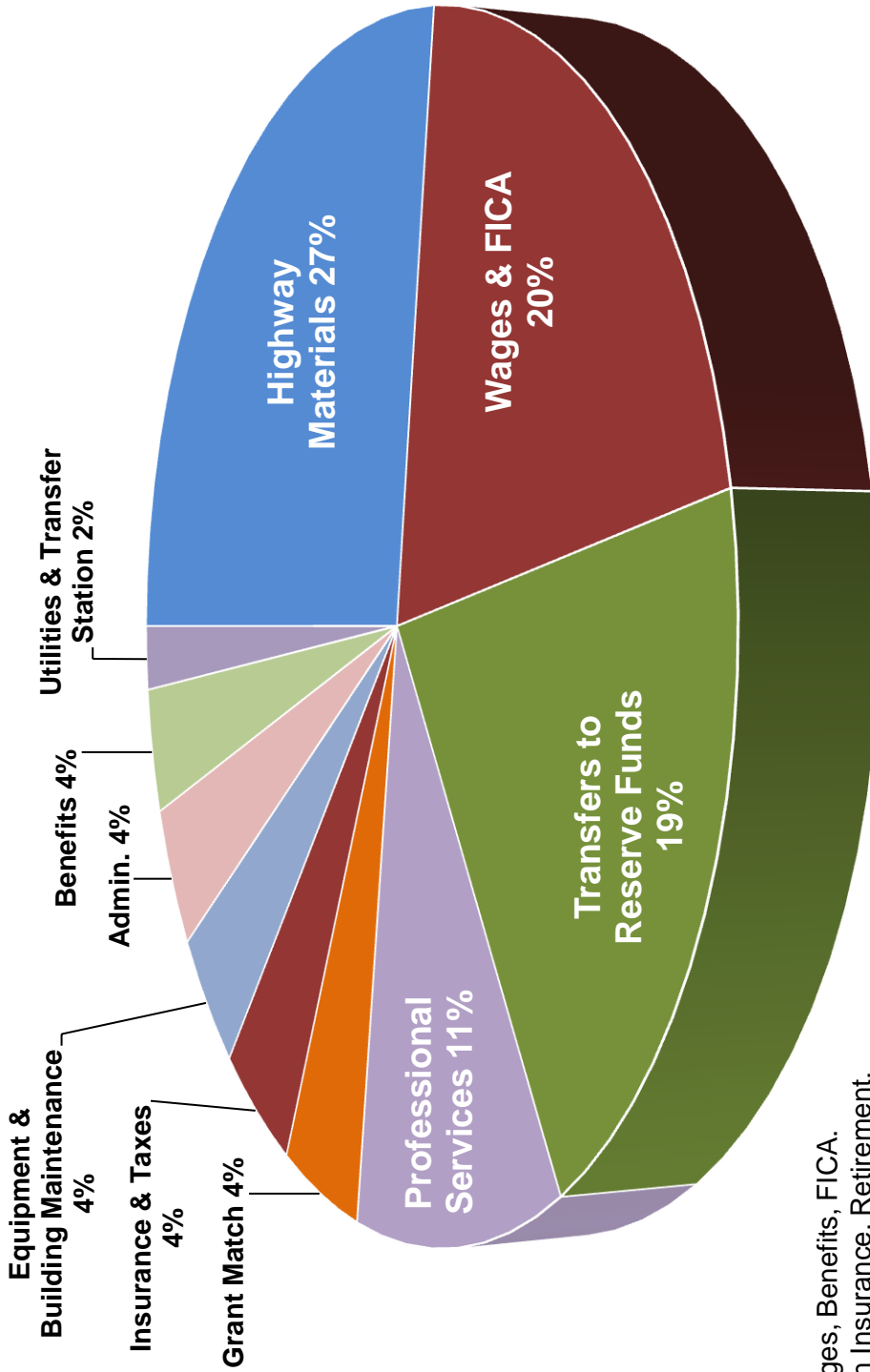

Oakley Smith


Paul Forlenza

Lincoln, Vermont Selectboard

Estimates of Revenue for FY2021				
A	B	C	D	E
Line #	Account Description	Approved Budget FY19	Proposed Budget FY20	Proposed Budget FY21
1	General Fund Estimated Revenue			
2	Current Tax Revenues	208,055	216,153	262,839
3	Delinquent Tax Revenue	-	-	-
4	Delinquent Tax Interest	2,000	2,000	2,000
5	Current Use	96,814	96,000	96,000
6		306,869	314,153	360,839
7	License & Fees			
8	Dog License	2,700	2,500	2,700
9	Liquor License	70	70	70
10	Recording Fees	12,000	14,000	20,000
11	Office Fees	4,000	3,800	3,800
12	Marriage/Civil Union License	100	100	100
13	Zoning Permits/App	6,200	6,500	6,500
14	Access Permits	-	-	-
15	Truck Permits	500	500	750
16		25,570	27,470	33,920
17	Transfer Station			
18	Transfer Station Permit	4,500	4,200	3,600
19	Sale of Recyclables	-	-	-
20		4,500	4,200	3,600
21	Other Revenues			
22	Interest Peoples Checking	600	600	600
23	Lister's Grant	-	-	-
24	Judicial/ Civil Fines	-	-	-
25	Misc. Other Revenue	-	-	-
26		600	600	600
27	General Fund Total	337,539	346,423	398,959
28	Surplus GF	47,564	40,650	25,493
29	Total General Funds Requested	385,103	387,073	424,452
30	Highway Fund Estimated Revenue			
31	Grant Income	750	145,000	145,236
32	Better Back Road Grant In	-	-	-
33	Current Tax Revenue	770,492	683,809	682,003
34	State Aid	123,500	123,500	123,500
35	Proceeds from Equipment	-	-	-
36	PILT	25,500	25,500	25,500
37	HWY Misc. Other Revenue	-	-	-
38	Total Highway Revenue	920,242	977,809	976,239
39	Surplus HY	58,651	74,326	76,339
40	Total Highway Funds Requested	978,893	1,052,135	1,052,578
41	Grand Total General & Highway Funds	1,363,996	1,439,208	1,477,030

FY21 Expense Budget by Categories



Personnel: Wages, Benefits, FICA.
Benefits: Health Insurance, Retirement.
Transfers to Reserve Funds: 6 Funds.
Building & Equipment Maintenance: Garage, Backhoe, Loader, Trucks.
Grant Match: For Construction and Repairs of , Bridges, Culverts, Roads, Sidewalks.
Utilities & Transfer Station: DSL, Electricity, Garage, Heating, Recycling, Telephone.
Highway Materials: Chloride, Culverts, Fuel, Gravel, Guard Rails, Mowing, Salt, Sand, Signs.
Insurance & Taxes: Insurance for Buildings, Liability, Works Comp & Unemployment; County tax.
Professional Services: Consultants, Contractors (non-HY), Enforcement, Legal, Office cleaning, VLCT.
Town & Highway Admin: IT Equipment & Fees, Copier, Dog Warden, Election Expenses, Garage Supplies, Heating.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2021 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)					
A	B	C	D	E	F
Line #	Description	Approved Budget FY2019	Actual Expenses FY2019	Approved Budget FY2020	Proposed Budget FY2021
1	Town Administration				
2	Care of Cemeteries	600	350	600	600
3	Legal Services	1,500	5,740	5,000	15,000
4	Advertising/ Notice & Hearings	800	493	800	850
5	League of Cities & Towns	2,395	2,481	3,000	2,800
6	County Tax	6,708	6,708	6,750	7,000
7	Insurance Liability, Prop	12,821	8,986	13,337	14,000
8	Burnham Hall Insurance	5,253	3,943	5,526	5,500
9	Insurance-Workers Comp	600	475	500	1,000
10	Town Report Printing	3,600	3,752	3,000	3,000
11	Election Expense	1,400	1,820	750	3,400
12		35,677	34,748	39,264	53,150
13	Selectboard				
14	Select Board Salary	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
15	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	-	77	383	383
16		5,000	5,077	5,383	5,383
17	Selectboard Assistant	-	-		
18	Admin asst. salary	34,320	34,463	35,006	35,777
19	Secretary to SB	2,340	1,526	2,448	2,500
20	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	3,008	2,397	2,865	2,928
21	Retirement	-	1,416	1,488	1,722
22	Health Insurance	24,949	22,657	21,402	23,334
23		64,617	62,459	63,210	66,261
24	Town Administration				
25	Delinquent Tax Collector	-	-	-	-
26	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	1,057	1,482	1,267	1,750
27	Consultants (Auditors & IT Services)	7,000	7,000	7,000	10,000
28	Training (Consolidated)	4,600	1,499	3,900	2,000
29	Travel & Meetings (Consolidated)	1,600	458	1,300	1,000
30	Insurance-Unemployment	500	328	500	500
31	Insurance- Workers Comp	500	-	500	1,000
32	Misc. Administrative	2,500	3,708	2,500	4,000
33		17,757	14,474	16,967	20,250

A	B	C	D	E	F
Line #	Description	Approved Budget FY2019	Actual Expenses FY2019	Approved Budget FY2020	Proposed Budget FY2021
34	Town Clerk	-	-		
35	Town Clerk Salary	31,712	31,712	32,346	33,058
36	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	2,426	2,360	2,474	2,529
37	Retirement	1,538	1,308	1,375	1,488
38	Records Restoration	3,000	4,840	3,000	3,000
39	ACS Computer Fees	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
40	Health Insurance	24,949	23,795	23,882	26,388
41	Software/Support	2,000	71	1,000	1,000
42	Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
43		71,825	70,285	70,278	73,662
44	Asst. Town Clerk	-	-		
45	Asst. Town Clerk Salary	7,800	6,365	8,115	8,162
46	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	597	467	621	624
47		8,397	6,832	8,736	8,787
48	Listers	-	-		
49	Chief Lister Salary	14,000	10,737	14,000	14,308
50	Assistant Lister #1 Salary	2,000			1,500
51	Assistant Lister #2 Salary	2,000			1,500
52	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	1,377	809	1,071	1,324
53	Retirement	873	422	595	644
54	Professional Services	900		900	-
55	Tax Map Update	750	1,450	1,100	1,250
56	Software/Support	1,200	1,283	1,240	2,600
57	Equipment	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
58	Manuals & Software	100	-	200	300
59		24,200	14,701	20,106	24,426
60	Treasurer	-	-		
61	Town Treasurer Salary	17,319	17,319	17,319	17,700
62	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	1,325	1,325	1,325	1,354
63	Retirement	840	719	736	797
64	Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
65	Software/ Support	1,000	1,008	1,000	2,500
66	Equipment/accounting system			-	-
67		20,484	20,370	20,380	22,351

A	B	C	D	E	F
Line #	Description	Approved Budget FY2019	Actual Expenses FY2019	Approved Budget FY2020	Proposed Budget FY2021
68	Asst. Town Treasurer	-	-		
69	Assistant Treasurer Salary	1,836	1,836	1,873	1,914
70	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	141	141	143	146
71		1,977	1,977	2,016	2,060
72	Zoning	-	-		
73	Zoning Salary	7,956	7,956	8,115	8,294
74	Administrative	500	-	500	500
75	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	608	608	621	634
76	Professional Services	750	1,450	1,100	1,250
77		9,814	10,014	10,336	10,678
78	Planning	-	-		
79	Administrative Salary	450	-	450	450
80	Consultants-ACRP	2,400	1,598	1,625	2,000
81		2,850	1,598	2,075	2,450
82	Public Safety	-	-		
83	Health Officer & Admin Ex	500	500	500	600
84	Dog Warden & Census	745	1,034	800	1,000
85	Law Enforcement	4,155	1,800	10,000	2,500
86	Constable Reimbursement	2,400	2,000	3,000	3,000
87	Signs	-	6,168	-	5,000
88	Humane Society Contract	500	600	600	600
89	School Generator Main/Fuel	3,000	1,945	3,000	2,000
90	Street Lights	2,426	1,898	2,426	2,500
91	Green Up Day	450	450	450	450
92		14,176	16,396	20,776	17,650
93	Town Office	-	-		
94	Postage	1,734	1,402	1,900	1,950
95	Copier	1,000	1,628	1,600	1,660
96	office equipment repair	250	-	250	250
97	Office Supplies	3,000	2,497	3,000	3,000
98	Computer Expense	3,300	2,796	500	500
99	Equipment	1,000	812	1,000	1,000
100	Electricity	1,684	1,819	1,700	2,000
101	Heating Fuel	1,500	431	1,500	1,700
102	Telephone	2,750	2,737	2,805	2,900
103	Repair/ Maintenance	1,500	6,093	1,530	1,600
104	Lawn Mowing	750	974	1,450	1,500

A	B	C	D	E	F
Line #	Description	Approved Budget FY2019	Actual Expenses FY2019	Approved Budget FY2020	Proposed Budget FY2021
105	Cleaning	2,000	1,679	2,351	3,900
106	FICA (Soc. Security + Medicare)	-	-	-	298
107	Misc. Town Office	500	1,253	500	1,500
108		20,968	24,120	20,086	23,758
109	Transfer Station	-	-	-	-
110	Wages			-	-
111	Transfer Station Stickers	175	364	275	400
112	Monitoring	-	-	-	-
113	Recycling	-	189	-	6,000
114	Maintenance	2,500	278	2,500	2,500
115		2,675	831	2,775	8,900
116	Transfers	-	-	-	-
117	Transfer to Capital Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	70,000
118	Transfer to Capital Equipment Fund	9,686	9,686	9,686	9,686
119	Transfer to Conservation Fund	-	-	-	5,000
120	Line 119 to develop Ash Tree Plan	84,686	84,686	84,686	84,686
121	Total General Fund	385,103	368,567	387,073	424,452
122	Highway Personnel and Contract Services			-	
123	Full & Part-Time Wages	162,872	162,119	193,514	131,251
124	Benefits & FICA	61,481	47,110	63,906	22,852
125	Contractors (non-grant)	-	-	-	58,570
126	Highway Consultant	5,000	7,380	10,000	5,000
127	Insurance-Unemployment	898	478	900	1,200
128	Insurance-Workers Comp	16,842	12,779	16,542	18,000
129	Training and Travel				500
130	Employee Uniform Rental	2,500	2,842	2,731	1,000
131	Highway Expense Misc.	2,500	4,348	1,990	2,500
132		252,093	237,055	289,583	240,874
133	Equipment Maintenance			-	
134	2015 Terra Star (Single)	3,414	11,565	1,000	-
135	2016 Dodge Pickup	1,277	152	1,300	1,300
136	2012 Western Star (Tandem)	10,737	39,614	11,000	8,000
137	2016 Freightliner (Tandem)	3,853	8,659	4,400	5,000
138	2020 Freightliner (Tandem)				2,000
139	2011 International (Single)	9,687	17,874	10,000	8,000
140	1995 Mack (flatbed)	1,309	-	1,300	1,300

A	B	C	D	E	F
Line #	Description	Approved Budget FY2019	Actual Expenses FY2019	Approved Budget FY2020	Proposed Budget FY2021
141	Grader (CAT 143H)	12,633	13,639	6,000	6,000
142	Backhoe (CAT 416C)	2,285	202	2,300	3,000
143	Loader (JD 544K)	3,958	17	2,000	2,000
144	Excavator (CAT 311)	1,500	470	1,500	1,500
145	Other-Contract Labor	2,975	-	3,000	3,000
146	Tires and Chains				10,000
147	Insurance Reimbursement		(35,048)		
148		53,628	57,144	43,800	51,100
149	Equipment	-	-	-	
150	Equipment Purchase	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
151	Equipment Rental	6,000	-	6,000	3,000
152	Fuel	45,000	47,043	45,000	40,000
153	Lubricants	2,500	3,063	2,500	3,500
154		56,500	50,105	56,500	49,500
155	Town Garage	-	-	-	
156	Insurance Liability Prop	13,972	9,694	15,351	15,650
157	Garage Supplies	7,000	2,871	-	-
158	Electricity	2,700	1,897	2,781	3,000
159	Heating Fuel	2,500	4,814	2,000	5,000
160	Telephone	1,800	1,891	2,100	2,100
161	Misc. Garage Expense (consolidated)	2,500	3,002	15,000	7,500
162		30,472	24,168	37,232	33,250
163	Building Maintenance	-	-	-	
164	Repair/Maintenance	10,000	8,540	10,000	9,000
165	Mowing	600	570	600	650
166		10,600	9,110	10,600	9,650
167	Supplies	-	-	-	
168	Winter Sand	60,000	61,843	61,800	64,935
169	Gravel	130,000	138,500	133,900	145,425
170	Salt	45,000	53,565	50,000	56,244
171	Chloride	18,000	10,128	20,000	35,000
172	Culverts	15,000	38,990	17,000	25,000
173	Roadside Mowing	18,000	15,806	20,000	20,000
174	Equipment Supplies	-	2,695	-	-
175	Guard Rails	5,000	-	5,000	10,000
176	Cold Patch	4,000	8,839	4,120	-
177	Paving	5,000	-	5,000	-

A	B	C	D	E	F
Line #	Description	Approved Budget FY2019	Actual Expenses FY2019	Approved Budget FY2020	Proposed Budget FY2021
178	Road Improvement	12,100	55,566	12,100	12,100
179	Bridge Improvement	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
180	Grant Match/Better Back R	-	-	-	20,000
181	Contractual Services (non grant)	25,000	21,354	25,000	25,000
182	Signs	2,500	4,468	2,500	3,500
183		345,600	411,754	362,420	423,204
184	Highway Projects	-	-	-	
185	Grant Match for Major Projects	40,000	-	52,000	45,000
186		40,000	-	52,000	45,000
187	Transfers to Capital Fund	-	-	-	
188	Transfer to Capital Equipment Fund	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
189	Transfer to Paving Reserve Fund	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
190	Transfer to Bridge Fund	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000
191		190,000	190,000	200,000	200,000
192	Total Highway Fund	978,893	979,337	1,052,135	1,052,578
193	Grand Total General & Highway Funds	1,363,996	1,347,904	1,439,208	1,477,030

Estimated Tax Rates for FY2021				
A	B	C	D	E
Line #	Revenue Categories	Approved Budget FY2019	Approved Budget FY2020	Proposed Budget FY2021
1	Total General Funds Requested	\$ 385,103	\$ 387,073	\$ 424,452
2	Current Use	(96,814)	(96,000)	(96,000)
3	Non Tax Revenues GF	(32,670)	(34,270)	(40,120)
4	Surplus GF	(47,564)	(40,650)	(25,493)
5	General Funds to be Raised	\$ 208,055	\$ 216,153	\$ 262,839
6				
7	Total Highway Funds Requested	\$ 978,893	\$ 1,052,135	\$ 1,052,578
8	Surplus HY	(58,651)	(74,326)	(76,339)
9	Grants	(750)	(145,000)	(145,236)
10	Non Tax Revenues HY (State Aid, PILT)	(149,000)	(149,000)	(149,000)
11	Highway Funds to be Raised	\$ 770,492	\$ 683,809	\$ 682,003
12				
13	Exempt Properties Funds to be Raised	\$ 2,224	\$ 2,383	\$ 2,383
14				
15	Total Revenues to Raise (lines 5, 11, 13)	\$ 980,771	\$ 902,345	\$ 947,225
16				
17	Grand List (per \$100 assessed value)	\$ 1,753,580	\$ 1,756,466	\$ 1,756,219
18	Estimated Tax Rates			
19	General Fund	0.1186	0.1231	0.1497
20	Highway Funds	0.4394	0.3893	0.3883
21	Exempt Properties	0.0013	0.0014	0.0014
22	Total Estimated Tax Rate for General, Highway, Exempt Funds	0.5593	0.5137	0.5394
23				
24	Separately Warned			
25	Articles for Organizations	\$ 139,006	\$ 139,506	\$ 143,006
26	Transfer to Paving Reserve	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000
27				
28	Estimated Tax Rates for Separately Warned Articles			
29	Articles for Organizations	0.0793	0.0794	0.0814
30	Transfer to Paving Reserve	-	0.0569	0.0854
31	Total Estimated Tax Rate for Separately Warned Articles	0.0793	0.1364	0.1668
32				
33	Estimated Tax Rates if Voters Approve all Financial Articles	0.6386	0.6501	0.7062

**Town of Lincoln
Minutes
Annual Town Meeting – 2019**

Moderator, Will Sipsey, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and reviewed the rules of the meeting. He asked non-voters to identify themselves. Selectboard members present were Chair, Bill Finger, Paul Forlenza, Oakley Smith, and Will Sipsey. Absent: Ellie Bryant. Town Clerk, Sally Ober, introduced Robby Cavoretto and Sophie Venman, students who volunteered to help run microphones during the meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Lincoln are hereby warned and notified to meet at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and transact business, and on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Town Office, the polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

Agenda for Meeting at Burnham Hall on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Article 1 To elect all town officers as required by law, by Australian ballot, voting to be held at the Lincoln Town Office, polls to be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday March 5, 2019.

No action required. None taken.

Hearing no objection, Moderator Sipsey invited State Representatives Mari Cordes and Caleb Elder to speak. Rep. Elder serves on the House Education Committee and Rep. Cordes is on the House Health Care Committee. They are also both active members of a climate solutions caucus. Both Caleb and Mari highlighted some of the things they have been working on and encouraged people to contact them; they want to hear from their constituents.

Article 2 To act upon the reports of the Town Officers as submitted by the Town Select Board.

Motion: *Dave Wetmore, Second: Ethan Ready, Discussion: none. Passed by voice vote.*

Article 3 Shall the Town authorize the payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer, in two equal installments, with the due dates being the second Wednesday of October [October 9, 2019] and the second Wednesday of March [March 11, 2020], per 32 V.S.A. 4871?

Motion: *Lisa Truchon, Second: Bill Finger, Discussion: Nancy Stevens reminded people that property taxes are due next Wednesday, March 13. Passed by voice vote.*

Article 4 Shall the Town collect interest on overdue taxes from the due date of each installment in the amount of .5% (1/2 of 1%) per month or fraction thereof, in accordance with 32 V.S.A 4873?

Motion: Lisa Truchon, **Second:** Bill Finger, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 5 Shall the voters authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,052,136 of which \$683,810 shall be raised by taxes and \$294,000 by non-tax revenues and \$74,326 is surplus revenue?

Motion: Bill Finger, **Second:** Claude Rainville, **Discussion:** Selectboard member, Paul Forlenza presented a Power Point presentation showing further detailed explanations of the budget. He reviewed the estimated tax rate for both Highway and General Fund budgets. There was a call from the audience that the General Fund is not germane to this article. The Moderator asked for unanimous consent to allow Paul to continue his presentation, which covered both the Highway and General Fund. Consent was granted and Paul continued. Questions were about the surplus, what year did it come from? Lisa Truchon, Town Treasurer, answered that the surplus money lags a year behind so we are able to decide about it at Town Meeting. It is not a rainy day reserve fund. Mark Mulqueen asked about the \$100,000 separately warned article; is that included in this budget request? Answer: no, this budget plan includes \$60,000 to transfer to the Paving Reserve Fund. There is a separate article asking to spend \$100,000 more. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 6 Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$387,973 of which \$313,053 shall be raised by taxes, \$34,270 by nontax revenues and \$40,650 is surplus revenue?

Motion: Paul Forlenza, **Second:** Greg Vitercik, **Discussion:** Paul Forlenza indicated that there was a \$900 mistake made when finalizing the budget and warning, so he made a **motion to amend the amounts to: operating expenses of \$387,073 of which \$312,153 shall be raised by taxes, \$34,270 by nontax revenues and \$40,650 is surplus revenue.** **Seconded** by David Wood. **Paul's amendment passed by voice vote.** Nancy Stevens expressed appreciation for the new radar speed signs in town and asked about how the Selectboard plans to spend the \$10,000 budgeted for law enforcement shown on page 30 of the Town Report. In honor of our good friend, Jim Apgar, Nancy asked if the board could find another way to control speeding besides hiring the Addison County Sheriff. Selectboard member, Bill Finger, indicated that Ellie Bryant, our newest Selectboard member who was not present, has taken up efforts to address people's concerns about speeding in town. Bill said that last spring the board cancelled our contract with the Sheriff, instead opting to try a couple of new radar signs. The one they installed a couple of years ago near the Lincoln Community School has made a difference, and as soon as these newly installed signs are online, the board is hoping to help reduce speeding in the village center. The Selectboard has met with various law enforcement officials,

and is still trying to decide what to do. They hope to have a public meeting to discuss their options before making a decision about how to spend the law enforcement funds. Christine Masterson asked whether the budget line item for “signs” was for the flashing radar signs? Bill Finger explained that no, it was not. The new radar signs were actually purchased this year under the line for “law enforcement”. Question: is there data for in-town vs. out-of-town traffic citations issued? Bill Finger replied that a portion of traffic ticket fines comes back to the town, but they have not done the research about resident/non-resident ratios. Question: Why is the line for law enforcement more than doubling in this budget proposal? Paul Forlenza indicated that they are contemplating a contract with one of the local law enforcement departments and this seemed like a good amount to put in the budget. **Tim McGowan made a motion to reduce the budget by \$10,000** and advised the Selectboard that he would like to see it come out of the law enforcement line. Tim’s amendment would change Article 6 to read: **operating expenses of \$377,073 of which \$302,153 shall be raised by taxes and \$34,270 by nontax revenues and \$40,650 is surplus revenue, seconded** by Lisa Truchon. **Discussion on Tim’s motion:** Are the new radar signs already paid for? Answer: yes. The funds under “law enforcement” in the budget could be used for speed signs or a law enforcement contract. There was a suggestion to leave options open for the Selectboard to address speeding problems, and to have a public discussion about how to spend the funds. **Tim’s amendment failed by voice vote.** Back to the main motion as amended by Paul Forlenza....A question was raised about the increase for legal expenses, Bill Finger indicated that this was for legal work needed for some road right-of-way issues they are trying to address. Dave Wetmore asked if all the street lights had been changed to LED? Burnham Hall has not seen any reduction in their costs. Oakley Smith, said that the lights in town were all changed to more efficient bulbs a few years ago, but he doesn’t know why Burnham’s power bill hasn’t gone down. **Vote on Article 6 as now amended:** **Shall the voters authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$387,073 of which \$312,153 shall be raised by taxes, \$34,270 by nontax revenues and \$40,650 is surplus revenue? Passed** by voice vote.

Article 7 Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to use a sum from the Town Capital Plan Fund Balance not to exceed \$15,000 for installing an emergency generator at the Town Garage located at 281 South Lincoln Road?

Motion: David D’Alleinne, **Second:** Bill Finger, **Discussion:** Bill Finger began with a humble apology and confessed that the generator has already been installed. He explained that we had some power failures and the town garage doors don’t open without power. The portable generator was having trouble and the Selectboard gave authorization to install a replacement automatic generator. The board is now asking the voters to authorize this expenditure retroactively. Question about why we are not taking this expense out of the surplus? Bill said that it would come out of the Capital

Reserve Fund, which is mostly for paying mortgages on the Town Garage and the Town Office, and this article is basically asking if we will authorize repayment to that fund. Paul Forlenza said the fund balance is not the same as surplus budget funds. Lisa Truchon said that using money from the Capital Reserve Fund allowed us to pay the bill sooner, so we did not have to wait until the beginning of our next fiscal year in July. **Article 7 passed** by voice vote.

Article 8 Shall the voters authorize a sum of \$100,000, for further restoration and improvement of existing Class 2, asphalt surface Town highways, to be deposited in the Paving Reserve Fund ?

Motion: Nancy Stevens, **Second:** Greg Vitercik, **Discussion:** Rob Reiber asked if there would be any improvements to pedestrian and bicycle access when roads are re-paved? Rob would like to see roads widened to address these needs. Bill Finger replied that there is nothing specific planned, but all paving projects are now subject to a “complete streets” review, and the Selectboard tries to maximize these benefits when it is cost effective. Bill Finger took a moment to recognize our Road Foreman, Dave Cavoretto, for his crew’s good work on maintaining our roads. [round of applause] Bill Finger presented a Power Point slide show, specifying the different road improvement projects the Selectboard is planning to do from FY19-FY20. These include Quaker Street (already begun), South Lincoln Road (may not be fully completed by FY20 depending on funding), East River Road, West River Road, Creamery Street, and Colby Hill. Project estimates and possible funding sources were shown. Bill also explained that with new State legislation, we are required to address road runoff impacts on the Lake Champlain Watershed. Lincoln has one of the highest numbers of connected segments (road drainage directly impacting our waterways) and he warned that a very costly process lies ahead. This is essentially an unfunded mandate from the State of Vermont. Bill said that the Selectboard has in the past, waited for paving grants to be awarded before working on paved roads, but we haven’t been getting enough to get the needed work done. Now the board is asking for \$100,000 of additional funds to be put into the Paving Reserve Fund to allow for more work to be done. Question: is there any money planned for Forge Hill Road and the York Hill Bridge? Bill Finger explained that even though Forge Hill Road is a class 3 connector road, it may be eligible for class 2 funds if proposed legislation in Montpelier passes during this session. Further discussion was about frost heaves and pot holes helping to slow drivers down, but it also slows our plow trucks down and causes stress and strain on vehicles. The Selectboard has considered the option of “unpaving” some roads, which is less expensive than maintaining paved roads. It may be a way of addressing immediate and severe road problems until we can gather the funds to re-pave them. **Article 8 passed** by voice vote.

RECESS TOWN MEETING (15 +/- minutes):

The meeting was recessed at 7:55 p.m. at which time, Sally Ober, and Rhonda Hutchins (Co-chairs of the Burnham Centennial Celebration Committee) presented a plaque honoring Mark Benz for the tremendous amount of work he has done to raise grant funds for the restoration and preservation of Burnham Hall. One of Mark's biggest accomplishments was flood-proofing the building after the Flood of 1998, when the basement was inundated with 5 feet of water. Mark's enthusiastic perseverance in applying for grants has brought in roughly \$500,000 for improving Burnham Hall. This recognition was a special moment in our year-long centennial celebration of the Burnham Foundation. [Mark received a standing ovation.] Sally Ober also mentioned a number of other Burnham Centennial Celebration displays and events, including a Burnham history exhibit at the Lincoln Library, and a well-attended Hill Country Holiday in February. [It is noted here that Town Meeting was extra festive this year in honor of the Burnham Centennial Celebration. Each person attending was given a "Mardi Gras" beaded necklace, there were balloons and banners around the hall, and the Mark Benz recognition was the highlight of the meeting.]

1. Notice of School Budget vote by Australian ballot 3/5/2019 School Board Member, Sarah McClain, and Dawn Griswold, School Board Member, from Monkton, gave an overview of the proposed 2019-20 Mount Abraham Unified School District budget and the Australian ballot vote to establish a capital reserve fund. One of the big focus points for the school board this year is Community Outreach. Discussion included challenges following staff cuts last year, declining student populations, policy governance, interventionists and teacher coaches, Ends Policy, and cost savings associated with consolidation. People expressed interest in hearing from a Lincoln Community School representative at next year's town meeting. Christie Sumner thanked Sarah McClain for serving and she encouraged people to attend school board meetings. Claude Rainville said that years ago he was a member of the Mt. Abraham School Board when the addition was built on the south end of the school. At that time, it had about 900 students, and was projected to have up to 1,500 enrolled in grades 7-12. Now we have 659 students in grades 7-12, and so it difficult for the present school board to convince the "old timers" of the school's current needs.

2. Recognition of civil service Sally Ober thanked outgoing town officials for their service including: James Needham, Selectboard, Amy Heath, Rebecca Otey and Barry Olsen, School Board, Jared Buker, Justice of the Peace, and Wendy Truax has served as Justice of the Peace for around 35 years!! [round of applause]

3. **Introduction of candidates for election 3/5/2019** *People running for office introduced themselves: Sally Ober, for Town Clerk, Ellie Bryant for Selectboard (1 yr), Oakley Smith for Selectboard (2 yrs.), Will Sipsey for Selectboard (3 yrs.) and Moderator, Nancy Stevens for Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Jim Brown write-in for Lister, David D'Alleinne write in for School Director, Elizabeth Ratta write-in for School Director.*

4. **Stretch and socialize**

RE-OPEN TOWN MEETING **TIME:** 8:42 p.m.

Article 9 Shall the Town authorize the Agent to deed property?

Motion: Dave Wetmore, **Second:** Ann Pollender, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 10 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to help support the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool?

Motion: Greg Vitercik, **Second:** Alison Parker, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 11 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$44,000 in support of the Lincoln Library?

Motion: Mark Mulqueen, **Second:** Judi Danforth, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 12 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to help support Lincoln Sports, Inc.?

Motion: Jo Jackson, **Second:** Mike Fisher, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 13 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,896 to the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company?

Motion: Claude Rainville, **Second:** Fred Danforth, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 14 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to Bristol Rescue?

Motion: George Dunne, **Second:** Greg Vitercik, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 15 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Lincoln Cemetery Association?

Motion: David Wood, **Second:** Mike Fisher, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 16 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$400 to the Lincoln Conservation Commission for invasive species control?

Motion: Mark Mulqueen, **Second:** Christie Sumner, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 17 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Lincoln Community School Mentor Program?

Motion: Judi Danforth, **Second:** Christie Sumner, **Discussion:** What is this? Mike Nason, who is a mentor, explained that it is a program to match students with adult volunteers. Mentors develop relationships with students and help with their social development. It is available to grades K-6. We now have 19 matched pairs of students and mentors at Lincoln Community School. The program was begun with grant funds, and this funding would help allow it to continue. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 18 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to approve the following agency requests?

\$1,250	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc
200	Addison County Restorative Justice Services
1,300	Addison County Parent/Child Center
600	Addison County Readers
400	Addison County River Watch
1,170	Addison County Transit Resources
500	Addison County Economic Development Corporation
2,500	Bristol Recreation Department
1,100	Age Well (formerly CVAA)
750	Comm. Health Svcs of Addison County - Open Door Clinic
1,600	Counseling Service of Addison County; Inc.
1,000	Charter House Coalition
700	Elderly Services, Inc
2000	HOPE (Addison County Community Action Group)

250	Homeward Bound
650	Hospice Volunteer Services
1,000	John W Graham Emergency Shelter
490	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
500	Vermont Adult Learning
1,250	WomenSafe
\$19,210	Total

Motion: Greg Vitercik, **Second:** Christie Sumner, **Discussion:** none. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 19 Shall the Town of Lincoln vote to approve the following resolution?

Whereas

We live in a democratic society founded in 1776 and governed by our Constitution, adopted in 1787 and subsequently amended;

And Whereas,

Democracy is a treasure to be nurtured and preserved as the best form of government.

And Whereas,

Democracy and self-government require fair and honest elections,

It is hereby resolved that we the people in the Town of Lincoln, do hereby support the following positions:

- Voting integrity is paramount and hence requires in the Secretary of State to use and approve all appropriate technology to allow full audit capability, which may include hardcopy of actual voting;
- Voting is a right for all eligible citizens, and there should be no efforts at the local, regional, state, or national level which suppress or hinder the voting process. Government should act to improve voter participation, and should reject actions intended to limit voting.

And, further, Whereas,

Voter participation rates in Lincoln in recent elections have been among the highest in the state,

It is further resolved that we hereby thank the voters and the officials of Lincoln who have worked together to reach this level of community involvement.

And, lastly, it is resolved that this resolution be sent by the Town of Lincoln to all appropriate elected officials including, in particular, the Governor and the Secretary of State

Motion: Van Talmage, **Second:** Judith Siegel, **Discussion:** Van Talmage, a member of Lincoln Bridges reminded us that it is important to not take things for granted, and we need to raise our voices. He urged people to vote yes on this resolution. **Passed** by voice vote.

Article 20 To transact any other legal and proper business when met.

- *Bill Finger recognized and thanked Ann Kensek and Rhonda Hutchins for their good work on compiling the Town Report this year.*
- *Mark Mulqueen asked if people would want future Town Meetings to be held on a Saturday instead of Monday?*
- *Paul Forlenza announced an upcoming meeting in April, he is working to try to link hiking trails together in Lincoln. Contact him if you are interested.*
- *Sally Ober thanked Robby Cavoretto and Sophie Venman for being our microphone runners this evening.*
- *Sally Ober announced that a play performance is planned for May, in connection with the Burnham 100 year celebration. Two more young actors are needed.*
- *Ann Kensek thanked Rhonda Hutchins and Sally Ober for their enthusiasm in leading the Burnham Centennial Celebration.*
- *Will Sipsev thanked Bill Finger and Paul Forlenza for their organization and extra work on the Selectboard budget planning.*

Town Meeting 2019 adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally Ober, Town Clerk:

Minutes approved by Will Sipsev, Town Meeting Moderator:

Minutes approved by Bill Finger, Selectboard Chair:

*Board of Listers Report, Definitions and Calendar**Lisa Truchon, Dan Adam, Jim Brown 453-2980***Definition of Terms and Calendar Activities**

According to the State of Vermont, Department of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review Lister's Handbook the job description is as follows:

The overarching responsibility of the Lister is assessment equality. Generally speaking, consistent practice in assessment, use value data, voted exemptions, taxable value, exempt property value and statutory exemption qualification and property sales information. We are responsible also with creating and maintaining accurate Current Use Program information and files.

The activities of the Listers follow the State of Vermont Listers Calendar

- January 15** Property Valuation sends list of Current Use parcels that have received preliminary approval for the upcoming tax year. We receive the information as an electronic file and will continue to process the Current Use file until all parcels are certified, the Current Use Exemption must be 100% certified by December 31 of each year.
- February** On the first Tuesday, if there is no suit pending, Listers and Selectboard certify the Grand List Book.
- Beginning in February and continuing thru September, all sales are reviewed and vetted as part of the 3 year Equalization Study
- Beginning in February, electronic downloads for Homestead Declarations are available, and each download is reviewed as it is processed
- April 1** Assessment Date. All parcels brought up to date regarding current value. Construction completion, any additional building project, decks, garage or outbuildings and condition changes are accounted for and the assessed value calculated. Any property owner has the ability to file a grievance of assessed value annually.
- June 4** Latest date to lodge the Grand List, Change of Appraisal notices sent.
- June 30** Education Tax Rates available from the Department of Taxes
- July 1** State Payment information transmitted to Town
- July 2-9** Grievance Hearings end and Results of Grievance mailed
- August 15** Copy of Grand List Form 411 (abstract of the grand list) and Form 427 (statement of Taxes assessed) due at Department of Taxes
- September 1** Applications due for Current Use program due at the Department of Taxes
- December 31** Final Grand List sent to the Department of Taxes for final reconciliation of Education Taxes due to schools

Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)

The coefficient of dispersion is a measure of equity. It shows how fairly distributed the property Assessment is within a town. A high COD (above 20) means that many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less. If a town's COD is higher than 20, a town is required to reappraise. The COD is the average of the absolute deviations of each sales ratio from the median ratio divided by the median ratio.

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)

The common level of appraisal is the education property value (listed value) divided by the equalized education property value. Vermont Law requires property to be assessed at 100% of the fair market value. If the CLA falls below 85% or above 115%, a town is required to reappraise.

Grand List

The Municipal Grand List is the value used to raise municipal funds. One percent of the listed assessed value as established by the local assessing officials. The Education Grand List values are used to raise statewide education funds. The Grand List includes any personal property taxable at the local level (in Lincoln this is only COMCAST property) and excluded locally voted exemptions. (this includes Lincoln Co-op Preschool and the voted increase of the Veterans Exemption from 10,000 to 40,000)

Report of the Board of Listers

The Board of Listers is made up of 3 board members. This year Jim Brown joined the board, filling a vacant position created when Dave Harrison relocated.

Each year the Department of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review conducts an annual Sales Equalization Study. The Sales Study, is used to equalize the Education Grand List statewide. The equalization results for FY2019 were CLA 105.85 (previous year 108.6) and a COD of 12.44 (previous year was 10.62). The statistical results for Lincoln have been relatively stable in the past, but the change in the COD is representing a larger problem with lack of equity. We are in need of a full Town Wide Reappraisal. The last Town Wide Reappraisal was completed in 2010.

There are a limited number of contractors engaged in Reappraisal work and the schedules are tight, we expect to be on the schedule for a full Town Wide Reappraisal completion for 2022. The State of Vermont pays each town a per parcel payment for Reappraisal costs annually. The revenue is held in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund, we will have adequate funds available for the project. The Listers are in the process of developing a Request for Reappraisal Proposal document to mail out later this spring. The Reappraisal will allow us to update and correct the residential data by doing a 100% parcel data collection and review, new land schedule with current land uses and market factors as part of the process.

The State Wide Mapping project has been completed for Lincoln. There are new updated maps available at the town office. We are planning on annual updates, which will reflect changes in

ownership, Boundary Line Adjustments and Subdivisions as well as clarifications made due to new recorded surveys.

The Listers maintain a paper file for each parcel. We also maintain computer records for all those files. The Lister records are available to the public during regular Town Office hours. If you have any questions or need additional information, please leave a message at the Town office or email the Listers at Listers@lincolnvermont.org.

With the ever-changing requirements from the Department of Property Valuation and Review, the statutory calendar remains fluid. The Listers are responsible for Homestead Declarations, State Education Payments, Current Use electronic downloads, and the Revised Tax Bills going out until the end of December along with the regular duties of the office.

The State Homestead Declaration is required to be filed each year. The filing due dates, eligibility and process can be found at the State of Vermont Department of Taxes website, tax.vermont.gov

TOWN OF LINCOLN

Computation of FY2020 Tax Rate

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Taxes to be Raised</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Municipal:				
General Fund:				
Selectboard Request (Article 6)	\$	312,153	\$	(1)
Separately Warned Articles (10 thru 18)		139,506		(1)
Less: Estimated Current Use received from the State		(96,000)		(2)
Net General Fund	1,756,466	\$ 355,659	0.2025	
Highway Fund:				
Selectboard Request (Article 5)		683,810		(1)
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 8)		100,000		
Total Highway Fund	1,756,466	\$ 783,810	0.4462	
Exempt Properties	1,756,466	\$ 2,383	0.0014	(5)
Total Municipal Taxes to be Raised		\$ 1,141,852	\$ 0.6501	
Education:				
Education Homestead Tax Rate			1.4930	(3)
Education Non-Homestead Tax Rate			1.4678	(4)

Notes:

- (1) Articles voted at Town Meeting on March 4, 2019
- (2) Estimated amount to be received from State of Vermont for property enrolled in the Current Use program.
- (3) Tax Rate calculated by the Vermont Department of Taxes by multiplying the base homestead tax rate by the school district spending adjustment and dividing the result by the Common Level of Appraisal for the Town of Lincoln.
- (4) The Vermont Department of Taxes calculates the rate by dividing the base Non-Residential Tax rate by the Common Level of Appraisal for the Town of Lincoln.
- (5) Lincoln Pre-School has been voted exempt from property taxes by the Town, but the State of Vermont doesn't recognize the exemption relative to the Education Non-Residential Tax. This tax covers the Education Non-Residential Tax on that exempt properties. The State of Vermont exempts the first 10,000 of Veterans exemption but requires the Town to make up the NR education liability of the additional 30,000 of each exemption.

Town of Lincoln Grand List 2019
Form 411 - Town Code 354 as of 12/31/2019

(Taxable value includes only those values used when issuing tax bills.)

Real Estate	Count	Taxable Municipal LV	Taxable Education LV Homestead	Taxable Education LV NonResidential	Taxable Total Education LV
Residential I	282	59,669,200	48,257,300	11,411,900	59,669,200
Residential II	251	104,883,000	65,437,900	39,445,100	104,883,000
Mobile Homes-U	2	67,300	21,500	45,800	67,300
Mobile Homes-L	38	4,527,900	3,075,300	1,452,600	4,527,900
Vacation I	13	781,300	0	781,300	781,300
Vacation II	25	5,017,500	1,816,300	3,201,200	5,017,500
Commercial	7	1,527,400	0	1,527,400	1,527,400
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	1	2,681,000	0	2,681,000	2,681,000
Utilities-O	1	14,800	0	14,800	14,800
Farm	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	6	1,737,000	0	1,737,000	1,737,000
Miscellaneous	94	10,934,200	590,900	10,343,300	10,934,200
TOTALS	720	191,840,600	119,199,200	72,641,400	191,840,600
PP Cable	1	403,005	0	403,005	403,005
Machinery and Equipment	0	0			
Inventory	0	0			
Total Taxable Property		192,243,605	119,199,200	73,044,405	192,243,605
Misc Contracts		796,705		231,300	231,300
Current Use Exemptions		15,705,000	6,359,700	9,345,300	15,705,000
Veterans Exemptions		120,000	30,000		30,000
Total Exemptions		16,621,705	6,389,700	9,576,600	15,966,300
Total Municipal Grand List		1756219.00			
Total Education Grand List			1128095.00	660,768.18	1762773.05
Non-Tax	18	Non-Tax Parcels are not included on the 411			

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

Grand List:		
Real Estate	\$	<u>1,753,558</u>
Taxes and Penalties Assessed:		
Residential Education (\$1,133,528.00 x \$1.4836)	\$	1,681,702
Non-Residential Education (\$623,736.19 x \$1.4649)		913,711
Voted Exemptions (\$1,753,558.00 x \$0.0013)		2,280
Late Filing Homestead Penalties		2,684
General Fund (\$1,753,558.00 x \$0.1979)		347,029
Highway Fund (\$1,753,558.00 x \$0.4394)		770,513
Total Billed	\$	<u>3,717,919</u>
Taxes and Penalties Accounted For:		
Collections	\$	2,967,420
State Payments		627,691
Delinquent Taxes to Tax Collector		122,808
Total	\$	<u>3,717,919</u>
Allocation of Taxes and Penalties:		
General Fund	\$	351,413
Highway Fund		770,513
School Fund		2,595,993
Total	\$	<u>3,717,919</u>

Report of the Duly Elected Lincoln Delinquent Tax Collector

Nancy Stevens, Tax Collector 453-4294 nstevens@gmavt.net

The current delinquent tax total due the town as of January 6, 2020, is \$56,673.36 and consists of 14 delinquent taxpayers whose names are listed below. Back in the “olden” days when the State started offering assistance to taxpayers, checks were issued to the individual. Unfortunately, sometimes that money did not get to the town’s coffers. A few years ago, the State started issuing the tax equalization checks directly to the towns. The amount of the state assistance is determined using a formula with information from a person’s tax return and the amount of property tax due. There has been concern that disclosing the amount of the State’s assistance to the property tax payer would disclose very personal financial information. Due to a Supreme Court ruling on this issue, we now publish the list of names of those persons who owe the town delinquent tax dollars but not the individual amounts. Our goal is to keep Lincoln citizens informed but also to protect the privacy of those owing taxes to the town.

Those owing delinquent taxes to the Town of Lincoln are: Robert Cagnina, Estate of Herman Cooper, George Cunningham, Jorge DeNapoli, Cindy Hanson, Brett Kirchhoff, Tara Mayo, Ethan McArdle, Donald Poole, Richard Russell, Shelley Solworth, Sarah Wells, Wilder Wheelock and James White.

We did not have any tax sales this past year. However, we do have some tax payers whose properties will go up for sale this spring. Although it is a difficult process, it is best for the town and for the taxpayer to keep current with their obligations. **Consequently, please be advised that if you owe two years (or more) of taxes as of the end of March 2020, your property will be referred for tax sale.**

I would like to remind people how the penalty and interest are assessed since we pay taxes twice a year. Those people who did not or could not pay all of their **October 14, 2019** installment of their taxes are not declared officially “delinquent” until **March 14, 2020**. Consequently there are no 2019-2020 delinquent taxes on the current list. I will receive the 2019-2020 Delinquent Tax Warrant from the Town Treasurer by **late March of 2020**. The 8% penalty will be assessed on all outstanding taxes due at that time. However, since 10/14/19, the Town has assessed half of 1% per month interest on the tax installment which was due on 10/14/19 and has not been paid since then. That same half of 1% interest on the tax (only) will continue after **March 14, 2020** until the tax is paid in full. Again, the 8% penalty on all late 2019-2020 property taxes will be assessed around **March 14, 2020**.

Feel free to contact me with questions at any time.

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	Total	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Balance, July 1, 2018	\$ 70,896.92	\$	\$ 44,335.83	\$ 11,440.94	\$ 10,962.66	\$ 4,157.49
Add: Delinquent Taxes to Tax Collector	122,808.20	122,808.20				
Total Balance & Additions	<u>\$ 193,705.12</u>	<u>\$ 122,808.20</u>	<u>\$ 44,335.83</u>	<u>\$ 11,440.94</u>	<u>\$ 10,962.66</u>	<u>\$ 4,157.49</u>
Deduct:						
Collections	\$ 100,939.92	\$ 72,625.36	\$ 18,994.56	\$ 3,052.93	\$ 2,109.58	\$ 4,157.49
Total Deductions	<u>\$ 100,939.92</u>	<u>\$ 72,625.36</u>	<u>\$ 18,994.56</u>	<u>\$ 3,052.93</u>	<u>\$ 2,109.58</u>	<u>\$ 4,157.49</u>
Balance, June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 92,765.20</u>	<u>\$ 50,182.84</u>	<u>\$ 25,341.27</u>	<u>\$ 8,388.01</u>	<u>\$ 8,853.08</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Municipal Officers and Organizations

Animal Control Officer

Nathan Reynolds 453-6300 or 349-8282

20 stray dog calls
6 missing dog calls
4 missing cats
1 call for a possible trapped porcupine
1 call for loose pigs destroying property

2019 was a full year of stray dog calls and reports. Unfortunately, many of those reports and calls involved aggressive behavior and even attacks. Lincoln compared to some larger towns has always been relatively lenient with regards to “controlling” your animals. If you as residents want to keep it that way I suggest if you have a dog that is not always friendly or may be a little questionable when around strangers or other dogs, that you do your utmost to keep your dog secured. While I am tolerant of friendly dogs on the loose, I am much less understanding of an aggressive animal running around unchecked.

As always, thank you to all who assisted and supported me this past year. And a special thanks to those folks who worked issues out as neighbors and fellow community members. I am always happy to help and will do my best to meet all your needs. I can be reached at 453-6300 or 802-349-8282.

Board of Civil Authority

Sally Ober, Town Clerk and Clerk of the BCA 453-2980

The Lincoln Board of Civil Authority is made up of 13 members: seven Justices of the Peace, five Selectboard Members, and the Town Clerk. This board, commonly known as the BCA, is charged with overseeing all elections in Lincoln. The BCA also assists the moderator at Town Meeting. The BCA has the authority to hear tax appeals when taxpayers disagree with the Listers’ assessment of their property. No tax appeals were brought before the BCA in this past year. We also act as the Board of Abatement, along with the Town Treasurer, when a taxpayer requests a hearing for abatement of taxes for statutory reasons. In 2019 we had one abatement hearing and we conducted our regular voter checklist review as required in odd numbered years.

The BCA has implemented a Polling Place Code of Conduct, to help the Presiding Officer oversee activities during elections. You can read this document on the Town of Lincoln’s website: www.lincolnvermont.org, under elections. All of our current members are listed in the General Information section of this Town Report under Selectboard and Justices of the Peace.

Conservation Commission

Tina Scharf, Chair 453-4658

This year's "X Out Xotics" invasive plant pulling day (to control wild chervil and poison parsnip) was very enjoyable—the weather was neither too hot nor rainy. We had a delicious lunch provided by the Lincoln Store, and prizes were awarded. One great addition to our roadside invasive control program is that a number of folks have volunteered to "adopt a highway" and keep watch over sections of roadside throughout the growing season. This is very helpful because poison parsnip continues to sprout over a number of weeks—even if you pull all the poison parsnip you find on a given day, more may appear in the same spot a few weeks later. We will be in touch with you all when the wild chervil begins to flower next June! Alan Borys did further work with a weed whacker and brush hog, and some landowners are taking care of patches on their own property. Thanks to all of you who are helping to maintain our native plant diversity by controlling wild chervil and poison parsnip! As they say, it takes a village.

This year the LCC also took part in an initiative to reclassify two streams in our town and Ripton: Alder Brook and Blue Bank Brook. The Ripton Conservation Commission has been working hard with the State to upgrade these two streams from B (2) to A (1), which is the highest level of protection afforded by the Vermont Water Quality Standards. The Lincoln Selectboard supports this initiative.

In the coming year(s) you may be hearing from the LCC about the emerald ash borer. This exotic beetle has been destroying ash trees all over the Midwest and is now present in our area. We are quite concerned about this threat to our beautiful and useful ash trees and hope to come up with the stopgap measures by which to save some of the trees for the future. Stay tuned.

Thanks to everyone for your continuing support.

See Individually Warned Article #18 for \$400.



**TOWN OF LINCOLN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2019 AND JUNE 30, 2018**

	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Assets		
Due from General Fund	\$ 832	\$ 632
Total Assets	<u>\$ 832</u>	<u>\$ 632</u>
Fund Balance		
Unreserved, Undesignated	\$ 832	\$ 632
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 832</u>	<u>\$ 632</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Expenditures:			
Program	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (200)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 200</u>	<u>\$ (200)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over			
Expenditures		\$ 200	
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018		<u>632</u>	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019		<u>\$ 832</u>	

Health Officer

Eleanor Scully 453-5637

There were no major problems in 2019 other than the usual dog/pet reports received from hospitals and veterinary offices. Each report received was followed up with the veterinary offices and with the individuals involved. Up to date vaccinations were verified, and owners were contacted. All were OK. There was one incident where a hunter bitten by an unidentified dog that came out of the woods and aggressively attacked the victim and bit him. The dog then ran into the woods after the victim kicked him several times in the head. The victim was seen at the hospital Express Care and received Rabies vaccine. Follow up was initiated. Another incident in town involved two dogs that got into a "dog fight." One of the dogs was bitten and needed medical care.

Although Lincoln has no "leash law," it is strongly recommended that if your dog is running loose, he/she be under your supervision. Better still, have the dog on a leash. Make sure your animals are up to date with their rabies shots and registered with the town.

Any requests for water sampling kits are now referred to Vermont Dept. of Health in Burlington.

If anyone has any concerns regarding any possible health code violations (accumulation of garbage around a home, failing septic systems, etc.) contact your Health Officer.

Lincoln Constables

1st Constable Josh Otey (802)448-2325, and 2nd Constable Mark Truax, 453-2046

In case of Emergency call 911

We continue to answer calls for service and increase our presence in the community. We have received reports from local residents of suspicious activity and circumstances throughout the year which were handled locally or referred to the Vermont State Police.

In 2019 we responded to or initiated requests for service and provided hundreds of hours of patrol time and assists to other law enforcement agencies in our community. We have responded to service requests for speed complaints, ATV complaints, parking problems, animal complaints, abandoned vehicles, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Verifications, funeral assists, traffic control, vacant house checks, letters of reference for background purposes, and noise disturbances.

We would like to thank the citizens of Lincoln for their continued vigilance and reporting of suspicious activity throughout the community. Your observations and reporting of suspicious activity is crucial to making our community the safe place we all enjoy.

Planning Commission

Aaron Thomas, Chair 453-2603

The Planning Commission's purpose is to preside over sub-division applications and to draft regulations that govern these applications along with the town plan. The commission spent the majority of 2019 focusing on reviewing the town zoning regulations. We presided over several sub-division requests and approved all applications. Looking to the future, the Planning Commission will review the Town Sub-Division regulations and update these documents. We would like to thank Owen Farnsworth for his many years of dedicated service to the town and

welcome Matt Atkins and Sally Taylor. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the commission if you have questions or concerns or if you are interested in serving on the board.

Walter S. Burnham Foundation

Ellie Bryant, Committee Member 989-0123

The year 2019 marked the Burnham Centennial celebrating 100 years since Walter S. Burnham left a legacy gift to the town of Lincoln to establish the Burnham Foundation. In late 2018 Sally Ober and Rhonda Hutchins hosted a meeting of town leaders to brainstorm activities scheduled throughout the following year.

During last February's Hill Country Holidays parade, children from Lincoln Preschool staged a skit honoring the Burnham legacy and the building named for him. Children from Lincoln Community School taped their artwork depicting Burnham Hall to the downstairs walls of the building, and a Walter S. Burnham look-alike contest gave cash awards to winner Abigail Gusakov and runner-up Josiah Jackson, half of which was to be contributed to a Lincoln nonprofit. The Historical Society exhibited early photos of Lincoln at the Lincoln Library, and Linda Barnard led discussions of Burnham memories.

The Select Board established a \$500 Burnham Award for a high school student involved in community service. The first award went to Mt. Abraham senior Roman Mayer and was presented to him in June before the play, *Silas Takes the Air*. The 1927 comedy by Donald Jacobus directed by Martha Chesley and Andrea Gordon with a cast of local actors was sold out for two evening performances. Members of the Ladies Aid Industria wore Burnham Centennial tee shirts during their rummage sale, and tee shirts were sold during the town-wide yard sale. A number of other organizations contributed to the recognition of the contribution Burnham Hall has made to this community.

A fundraiser for building repairs brought in more than \$7,000, which will supply the match for a grant of \$9,388 awarded by the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation to repair deteriorating exterior windowsills.

Burnham Hall continues to host a monthly music event and a monthly senior luncheon as well as providing space for meetings and celebrations.

The Burnham committee meets every Tuesday downstairs at the hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a cup of coffee.



Burnham Hall, one of the "Wonders of Lincoln"



Lisa Goodyear- Prescott shares a photo of historic Burnham Hall with second grade students.

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
WALTER BURNHAM FOUNDATION
SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT**

	Issue Date	Amount of Original Issue	Outstanding Balance 12/31/2019
Long Term Note @ 3.11%	6/1/2007	\$ 250,000	\$ 154,963
Total Long-Term Debt		\$ <u>250,000</u>	\$ <u>154,963</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
WALTER BURNHAM FOUNDATION
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	12/31/2018	12/31/2019
Assets		
Cash	\$ 3,886.96	\$ 7,984.28
Total Assets	\$ <u>3,886.96</u>	\$ <u>7,984.28</u>
Fund Balance		
Fund Balance:		
Restricted	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Restricted - Veterans' Memorial	375.63	375.63
Restoration Projects	1,734.30	1,734.30
Fund Balance - Unreserved	777.03	4,874.35
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>3,886.96</u>	\$ <u>7,984.28</u>

**TOWN OF LINCOLN
WALTER BURNHAM FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Revenues:

Interest Income:

Trust	\$ 27,896.16
Hall Rental	3,625.00
Music Series Donations	5,470.25
Community Donations	11,339.75
Town voted insurance support	4,244.62

Total Revenues	\$ 52,575.78
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Expenditures:

Custodian	\$ 5,200.00
Electricity	1,453.98
Telephone	661.06
Fuel	4,645.41
Repairs/Maintenance	587.21
Supplies/Lawn Care/Snow Removal	2,337.63
Streetlights	676.14
Rubbish Removal	205.00
Burnham Series	6,050.00
Construction Note Debt Service	16,302.24
Miscellaneous	6,115.17
Insurance-Property/Liability	4,244.62

Total Expenditures	\$ 48,478.46
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Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 4,097.32
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Fund Balance, January 1, 2019	3,886.96
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Fund Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 7,984.28
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Zoning Administrator

Bob Hall 453-2044

2019 was very similar to last year. This was another year where permits for new houses, additions, barns and stuff just weren't there. Statistics for the year show 36 Certificates of Compliance and/or Occupancy (this generally means someone is refinancing or selling); six access permits; 11 garages, sheds, barns; four new houses; five additions or renovations; one subdivision; two Boundary Line Adjustments; and, three appeals or waivers to the Board of Adjustment. The number of structures that increase the Grand List has remained fairly constant. Over the years there have been several subdivisions that have created many building lots but they are either not selling or people are not building. In the 1980s and '90s, when things were moving too fast, Lincoln put a limit on the number of houses that could be built in a year. A formula was incorporated into the "limiting section" that if followed today would allow over twenty new homes to be built. Even with the number of subdivided lots that can be developed twenty new homes is unrealistic. Hopefully when the Planning Commission revamps the zoning regulations that section can be modified to reflect reality.

It is with a twinge sadness that this will be my last report to the good people of Lincoln. It is time for this old man to step aside and let the new generation take over. While the mind is willing the realities of my evening years say otherwise. It has been a pleasure to have worked in a town that is so "together." Zoning can be a touchy item for many people, especially those with an independent spirit, but the cooperation I have received from all of you has been wonderful. Many thanks to: the Selectboard; the Planning Commission; the Board of Adjustment; Sally, Lisa, Ann, Lolly and all of you, for several years of enjoyment working in Lincoln.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Tommie Thompson, Chair 453-2449 (Report by Nicole Lee, Clerk)

This year Tommie Thompson is stepping into the role as Chair, Nate Wallace-Gusakov Vice Chair, Nicole Lee Clerk, and Harry Reynolds as a member of the board. The board is made complete by members Steve Alexander, Jonathan Berg, Barry Olson, Dave Brett, Trish Waugh, Nate Wallace-Gusakov, and Alternate Steve Halnon.

This fall concluded Barbara Rainville's term as Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, but she will continue to lead in other capacities within the community and beyond. Barbara graciously served the Lincoln community as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 22 years, the last 14 as Chair. We would like to thank her for all of her years of service to the community and wish her well in all her endeavors.

As a reminder, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Zoning Administrator are here to help you through the permitting process, so don't be intimidated by the regulations. Most projects can be easily approved by Bob Hall, the Zoning Administrator, with only minimal work on your part. If your project is beyond the scope of the zoning regulations, your request for a permit will be denied and then you can appeal the decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to see if a waiver or conditional use can be granted for your project. The process is an easy one and hopefully by doing your homework, understanding the regulations, and knowing the process together we can make the experience a productive one.

Bristol Rescue Squad

Mark Rickner, Head of Service 802.453.4257 mark.rickner@gmail.com

In 2020 Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. (BRS) celebrates our 50th year of operation, providing emergency medical services and transport for the Five Town region. We provide 24/7/365 coverage, responding to over 750 calls per year within our service area and through requests for mutual aid. We rely on the support of our subscribers, billing, and the Towns we serve, for the funding that allows us to provide our services.

In 2019, to meet an ever-increasing volume of calls and to maintain our service level, BRS hired additional paid per diem staff to supplement our volunteer members. We continue to build our volunteer member base, with eight new members enrolled in the current EMT class. BRS pays for each class enrollment, typically between \$500 to \$1000 per individual, depending on the class level.

We are also actively recruiting volunteers from local College EMS organizations, and over the past year have had members join us from UVM Rescue, St. Michaels Rescue, and Middlebury College First Response. This influx of younger members has brought new life into BRS and we continue to look for new opportunities to serve.

Over the past year BRS members, and equipment, have been involved at multiple school-based events, including the Mock-Crash at Mt Abraham Union High School and public safety days. BRS members are also taking active roles in local planning for active shooter/mass casualty events.

Although our cost of operations has increased with the move to a combined volunteer/paid staffing model for the coming fiscal year we are keeping our funding request level with last year's.

As with all volunteer organizations we are always seeking new members. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help your fellow Five Town residents, please feel free to call or email.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We look forward to serving the Five Town region for the next 50 years.

See Individually Warned Article #16. Requested Amount is \$7500.

Friends of the Lincoln Community School

Andrew Furtsch, President

In October 2010, a group of Lincoln parents and community members created an independent 501 © (3) non-profit organization: The Friends of LCS. Our goal is to raise money through individual donations and grants to support educational and enrichment activities at the Lincoln Community School. Please visit us at: www.friendsoflcs.org

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I keep reading "letters to the editor" from families in Ripton that are distraught over the notion that their elementary school may be closed. Both Ferrisburgh and Addison are fighting to keep their elementary schools open. I'm certain that many of you agree that the Lincoln Community School (LCS) is vital to our town and at the very center of what makes us a community. Last year, Sas Carey shared her knowledge of Mongolia with LCS as part of the annual cultural study and said "being at LCS was one of my best-ever experiences. You have this little oasis of how the world could be. It fills my heart."

We are deeply committed to our community school and activities that take learning beyond the classroom and expose each and every one of our children to new ideas, perspectives and skills. These

activities include bringing authors, artists and musicians to LCS, supporting the cultural study program, Flynn theater trips, the Rikert cross country ski program, and a scholarship fund to ensure that all children can participate in all activities. This year we are very excited to bring writer, illustrator and two-time Caldecott Medal winner Sophie Blackall to LCS!

Many of the decisions, funding and otherwise, that affect our school take place at the district or state level. We support grant requests that originate directly from LCS. Your commitment and investment allows LCS to thrive and to make a dramatic difference in what the school can offer our children.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 annually. Please consider a donation to enrich the academic experience of our children and support all of the young learners at our wonderful community school. Donations can be made on our website: www.friendsoflcs.org or by mail at Friends of LCS, PO Box 361, Bristol, VT 05443. We greatly appreciate your support!

Lincoln Cemetery Association

Judy Brown, President 453-4563

The Lincoln Cemetery Association, managed by a Board of Trustees, is responsible for the Lee and Maple Cemeteries –which are located on lower Quaker Street and West River Road respectively. Our annual meetings are held the second Tuesday in June; the public and lot owners are encouraged to attend.

The cost of a lot is \$500 which includes cost of first burial, with an additional \$100 assessment for additional cremation burials in the same lot. In Maple Cemetery each lot is allowed one full burial (casket) plus three cremations, OR four cremations.

Last year we opened a “cremations only” section at the north end of the cemetery. The trends seem to indicate that more people are leaning toward cremation, and this is a less expensive option. The cost of these lots is \$300 with two cremations allowed in the 4 by 4 foot lot. All grave markers in this section must be flush with the ground and nothing is allowed around the stones that will impede mowing. Lots may be purchased by calling Judy Brown at 453-4563.

Lot owners and families should be aware that we will be trying to cut down on the plastic flowers and items left around monuments for long periods of time. The wires from plastic flowers become projectiles when caught in a mower’s blades, as do other small items around stones. Any seasonal decorations should be removed following the holiday. Our goal is to make it easier and safer for upkeep. We appreciate the professional level of care Steven Patterson has given the cemetery the past several years.

There are many stones in the old section of the Maple Cemetery that are sinking or in danger of tipping over. We have begun righting and securing those stones little by little.

While there were thirteen burials in the Maple Cemetery this year, many of these were in lots that had been previously purchased. This year only five lots were sold. We are doing our best as a board of trustees to be responsible with the town's money when we request it. The cost of maintenance is high, around \$10,000 a year, and we seek to do our best to keep the cemeteries maintained to the highest standard. We are requesting \$5000 again this year from the town to help with upkeep.

Please feel free to visit the cemeteries during daylight hours, but please be sure to supervise dogs and children in your care. Some of the older stones are very fragile, and some could even be toppled if children were to climb on them. Please remember that all arrangements must be made for burial before digging the grave site, to include placement of burial, type and placement of stone. Lot owners are not

permitted to dig their own hole for full burials but are permitted to dig for cremations. Contact Judy Brown if you have questions.

See Individually Warned Article #17. Requested Amount is \$5,000

Lincoln Mentors

Beth Nelson, Lincoln Mentors Coordinator 453-2119

The Lincoln Community School requests \$1000 from the town of Lincoln to sustain Lincoln Mentors, a community-wide, multigenerational program that builds enduring relationships between children and adults. Based at our community school, this program encourages contributing and belonging among children and adults in our town.

Mentors, students, parents, guardians and educators tell uplifting and rich stories about the positive and lasting effects of Lincoln Mentors. Through the program, we match students in grades kindergarten through sixth grades with adults from our community in mentoring relationships, aiding in children's personal and social development. Adults enjoy forming a bond with a child and being an integral part of the community school.

Since the start of the program in 2014, the program has had an average of nineteen mentor/mentee matches. Mentors and mentees meet once a week in school, or in the community or a mix of the both. During this time together they talk, eat lunch, play games, do crafts, take hikes – anything and everything to foster a healthy relationship between the student and the adult mentor. They may also attend plays at Mt. Abraham Union High School or UVM soccer games or the ECHO Center in Burlington.

Mentors serve as an adult friend, role model and sounding board. They share their interests and support their mentee in exploring their interests. As part of the state-wide Mentor Vermont program, adults are screened for suitability and are subject to background checks. Each mentor/mentee relationship takes on its own character within program guidelines. Some Lincoln Mentor matches are in their fourth year. Many matches carry on through the mentee's middle and high school years.

This year, Lincoln Mentors has become part of the MAUSD Mentor Program. Best of all, the position of MAUSD Mentor Director has been created. Besides being a resource for guidance, this position has taken over various administrative tasks, allowing the local Lincoln Mentor Coordinator to focus on the important day-to-day tasks of running the program. Also newly established is the District Mentor Advisory Board. This board is made up of the MAUSD Mentor Director, the Mentor Coordinators and a mentor from each of the towns. This will encourage valuable collaboration across towns and better facilitate the critical transition of mentor/mentee relationships from elementary to middle school.

As part of the MAUSD Mentor Program, Lincoln Mentors receive funds from Mentor Vermont, the MAUSD operating budget, EPSDT (federal funds received through MAUSD) and Friends of LCS. All programs are requesting funds from their towns. Funds support the part-time Lincoln Mentor Coordinator and part-time MAUSD Mentor Director as well as group events such as bowling, barbeques and initial and on-going training for mentors.

See Individually Warned Article #19. Requested Amount is \$1,000.

Lincoln Cooperative Preschool

Kerry Malloy, 802-453-3113

The Lincoln Cooperative Preschool is a State of Vermont STARS accredited preschool that supports the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of 3-5 year-olds from Lincoln and surrounding towns. Attending preschool prepares children for kindergarten and beyond, and access to preschool has been shown to improve outcomes for kids through their school years. Whether or not we have kids of our own, we all benefit from investments in high-quality early-childhood education.

Lincoln Cooperative Preschool is one of the oldest cooperative preschools in the state. True to the original cooperative model, parent volunteers manage the school's finances and basic administration, maintain the building and grounds, and fundraise in order to keep costs down. Our tuition has remained stable for the past five years at roughly \$40/day. We are currently serving 22 families and 23 children.

Thanks to our STARS accreditation, and the licensure of our Director and Lead Teacher Kerry Malloy, we provide 1.5 days/week of publicly funded preschool for each child in partnership with the MAUSD. We also have a scholarship fund to provide for children of families in need so they can attend school for additional days. Upkeep of our building and grounds is ongoing and mostly done by parents, but when we need to hire a professional or purchase materials, we do incur costs. The town contribution is used in part to sustain our scholarship and capital funds for such purposes.

The Preschool requests \$5,000 from the town, as in last year. We are grateful for your ongoing support. Thank you for helping keep this vital resource accessible by supporting our town contribute at town meeting!

See Individually Warned Article #12. Requested Amount is \$5,000.

Lincoln First Response

Don Gale, President; George Dunne, Treasurer; Elanor Scully, Secretary

As in previous years the organization known as Lincoln First Response awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating student from Lincoln who plans on furthering her education in the Health Care Field. (If none is entering this field, the award would go to a deserving Lincoln graduate chosen by the Mt. Abe High School scholarship committee.)

The 2019 recipient of this scholarship is Emily Rathbun. This student will receive this award after she has submitted a transcript of her first semester grades and a schedule of her next semester's classes. Good Luck in your future endeavors, Emily!

Lincoln Historical Society

Rhonda Hutchins, President

Many thanks to volunteers for donations and assistance at our Yard Sale and Bottle Wagon, for fixing our flagpole, and donation of new flags! Our “Bottle Wagon” is available for your drop off convenience usually 24/7. Steve Harris mans our Bottle Wagon, and Eleanor Menzer the Yard Sale. We thank you for your contributions to both.

Our Annual Letter will be out in March. A reminder that our Lincoln History books are available for purchase at the Museum, the Library, the Town Office and the General Store.

We continue to field calls from people looking for information on Lincoln, this year one from the Rokeby looking for information on several locales mentioned in a diary, one about historic industries in town for a Masters Naturalist Class at UVM, and others from families looking for genealogy information.

Our 2019 displays both at the Library and at the Museum honored the Centennial Celebration of the very special Burnham Hall. Our research into the Burnham family led to a further belief in Lincoln ties to the writings of Rowland Robinson of the Rokeby. In September we had an informative and pleasant visit to the Rokeby Museum.

In early June we hosted a meeting with E. Corcoran of the VT State Historic Society at Burnham Hall. Historic Societies from 7 other Vermont towns attended. There were lively and interesting discussions on approaches used to reach out to the various communities.

In July we hosted a very pleasant visit by the Monkton Historical Society. Monkton was most impressed with our buildings – they have no building and have to keep materials in their private homes. While we are proud of our facilities, they are aging and in need of several repairs.

At our annual meeting in August, in an effort to better communicate our policies we accepted a revised Collection Management Policy. We continue to welcome and encourage your donations to our collection. We also enjoyed a talk by Bobby Patterson on local wildlife.

As of the 2020 season the barn is FULLY OPEN. After several years of work, we are very pleased to present displays of farm equipment, sports equipment, local manufactured materials and more. You really need to come view it! While you are there sit on the porch and enjoy our gardens and perhaps read a ghost story, or something else of interest from our Library!

In 2020 we will assist the Library as they celebrate an anniversary in their “new building.” Also at the Library and later at the Museum we will present a display about Women’s Suffrage, which will celebrate 100 years in Vermont in 2020.

Lincoln Library

Sally Baldwin, President, Board of Trustees

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Lincoln Library’s “new” building. Many of you remember that sunny, summer day in June 2000 when folks moved salvaged books from Burnham Hall to the brand new library building. In her clown costume, Debi Gray escorted a parade of balloons, adults, and children pulling little red wagons across town to the new location. There was, of course, much more “behind the scenes” work going on when finally, after 74 years of occupying Burnham Hall’s flood-prone basement, the library re-opened with plenty of airy and bright room for expanding collections and library programming. The flood of 1998 was a watershed event bringing people together to create a beautiful new library for the entire community.

This year we will be celebrating both the library's past and its future. Throughout 2020 we will be having displays, programs, and events that honor the history of our library and recognize the many people who had a dream for a town library and executed that vision. Looking forward, we will also be working to ensure that the library continues to serve the community in a relevant, supportive way for the next twenty years. Although the particular details may vary from year to year, our continuing mission is "to promote positive growth in our community by providing free access to library materials, resources, programs and services for people of all ages for their personal enrichment, and leisure."

Last year, we expanded our lending offerings with non-book items. A grant from RISEVT provided us with snowshoes and Addison Community Athletes helped us introduce a tennis racquet lending program. With generous local sponsorship, we have also begun adding activity packs that contain a mixture of toys, games, puzzles and books. Each of these items is available for checkout at no cost to patrons and is perfect for a visiting relative or a caretaker.

Also in 2019 we completed the first phase of a grant-funded computer upgrade. The second and final phase will be completed this year, ensuring that our patrons and staff have access to current computer technology.

Our librarian Wendy McIntosh and the Board of Trustees are working to develop a financial strategy to fund building maintenance and library programming for the next twenty years. We are planning to increase grants, endowments, and other fundraising efforts to achieve this long-range goal.

For the past four years we have level-funded our monetary request from the town. To continue this "tradition" the Lincoln Library is requesting support in the amount of \$44,000 for this coming year. We appreciate and thank you for your support and patronage.

See Individually Warned Article #13. Requested Amount is \$44,000.



The Red Wagon Parade to the new library, June, 2000

**LINCOLN LIBRARY
OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Fiscal Year 2019 Budget</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2019 Actual</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 19,327.00	\$ 19,327.00
Receipts:		
Town of Lincoln	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 44,000.00
Ladies Industria	400.00	400.00
Fundraising:		
Annual Appeal Letter	6,000.00	5,935.00
Trustee Events and Other Fundraising	4,000.00	3,066.00
Operations	1,950.00	1,913.00
Grants/Donations	400.00	4,025.00
Operations & Endowment Interest	20,500.00	20,985.00
Total Receipts	\$ 77,250.00	\$ 80,324.00
Disbursements:		
Salaries	\$ 43,252.00	\$ 41,401.00
FICA	3,308.00	3,167.00
Utilities	7,800.00	6,836.00
Bldgs & Grounds Repairs & Maintenance	5,625.00	7,471.00
Insurance	4,400.00	3,921.00
Books, Video's and DVD's	7,400.00	7,238.00
Conferences & Travel Expense	500.00	594.00
Postage and Supplies	2,600.00	2,634.00
Copier & Computer Expense	600.00	209.00
Fundraising Letter Expenses	500.00	439.00
Online Services	1,000.00	1,291.00
Program Expense	500.00	304.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 77,485.00	\$ 75,505.00
Ending Balance	\$ 19,092.00	\$ 24,146.00

Lincoln Sports, Inc.

Mary Micklas, Chair 453-6051

Thanks to some forward-thinking residents in the 1960s, the Lincoln Sports property was bought through fundraising and donations, and became a non-profit organization. In the heart of Lincoln, a variety of recreational facilities are available for the benefit of the townspeople. These include a ball/soccer field, tennis court, half basketball court, pavilion, and nature trails through our forest.

A board of seven oversees property maintenance, programs, our very popular summer camp for children entering grades one through eight, and the annual Hill Country Holiday Winter Carnival in February, which includes other town organizations.

Quite a bit of people power, time, and resources, both monetary and in-kind, made possible an upgrade to the ball field in May (due to the wet spring, other teams in our area were able to play their schedules, when their fields were too wet). The new bleachers, purchased last year and installed, were much appreciated by teams and fans through the spring, summer and fall sports seasons.

During 2020, the tennis court resurfacing and painting will be scheduled (perhaps with pickle ball lines as well!), a new equipment shed will be built to replace the current deteriorating one, and a memorial structure for Peg Rood will be finalized. While we have donations or have budgeted for some of the general maintenance and the summer rec camp, we are asking the town for \$4000 to supplement our Annual Appeal and the tremendous number of in-kind hours, supplies and equipment from our local folks and businesses.

Thank you to all who support and use the Lincoln Sports property. As a board, we appreciate your donations, both individually and as a town, to continue to make this resource available to all.

See individually Warned Article #14. Requested amount \$4000.



Second grade students visited the Lincoln Sports field- one of the “Wonders of Lincoln”

LINCOLN SPORTS, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2019		\$ 13,873.34
Receipts:		
Donations	\$ 4,134.00	
Town of Lincoln	2,000.00	
Summer Program	7,210.00	
Hill Country	526.00	
Total Receipts		13,870.00
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Total Available		\$ 27,743.34
Disbursements:		
Summer Program	\$ 9,448.17	
Mowing	1,100.00	
Hill Country Holiday	117.72	
Insurance	1,186.00	
Miscellaneous	1,358.89	
Total Disbursements		13,210.78
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Ending Balance, December 31, 2019		\$ 14,532.56

Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Dan Ober, Chief (802) 349-3594

As of December 3rd, 2019, the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company responded to 88 calls. 23 calls were for fire related incidents (Fire, Alarm, Motor Vehicle, power lines, CO, etc.), 6 were back-country rescues and assists, and 59 were Emergency Medical Responses.

We welcomed two new members in 2019. Mike Murphy is new to firefighting but is currently taking the Fire Fighter I course (FFI) and seems very eager to learn and volunteer. Evan Russell joins us as a cadet. We were also pleased to vote Grady Brokaw in as a full-time member. He had been previously serving as a cadet but turned eighteen last year and was quite anxious to accept the responsibilities of full-time membership. He also is taking FFI now. Jeremy Ratta, who completed FFI last year along with Jackson Gillett, is taking the basic EMT course this year. I am continuously amazed by the dedication and commitment of the volunteers of the Lincoln Fire Company. And as always, we would welcome any new members.

We were able to get a few important projects done around the firehouse this year. Jackson Gillett took on the kitchen and the two bathrooms and did a great job updating the kitchen and sprucing up the bathrooms. They are now more efficient and easier to clean and maintain. They get a lot of use from Lincoln Sports and community events, so it is nice to have them in good shape. We also put a new roof on the meeting room of the station. It was suffering from age. Thank-you Jason Leonard for doing that. Jeff Cousino installed traction chains on the engine and tanker.

For the upcoming year, we plan to continue to maintain our gear properly, but always with an eye toward keeping it as long as possible. This can be tough – fire regulations are constantly improving, and meeting those can be expensive. We try to strike the right balance between readiness, safety and economy.

We believe that this year we will be able to take care of some long overdue updates to the exterior of the building, including new siding, minor structural and insulation updates, weatherproofing and other aesthetic improvements.

Our financial health remains strong and consistent. Because a number of community members requested memorial donations on our behalf, we did pretty well without the annual fundraising appeal, and we were happy to give the town a break. We'll resume that appeal this year however, as our total proceeds were less than normal.

We are asking to be level funded again this year with a request for \$55,896.00. It has been fourteen years since we last requested an increase. As always, we carefully tend to our finances as we know taxes are high and each dollar sent to us represents an important sacrifice. Thank you.

See Individually Warned Article #15. Requested Amount is \$55,896.

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LINCOLN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.							
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS							
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 & BUDGET FOR 2020							
OPERATING FUND							
			2019 Budget	2019 Actual	+/- in \$	2020 Budget	
<i>Beginning balance</i>			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	
Receipts:							
Fundraising			\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,225.90	\$ 825.90	\$ 8,400.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
AT&T Rental Income			\$ 19,140.00	\$ 21,921.00	\$ 2,781.00	\$ 21,921.00	
Town appropriation			\$ 19,460.00	\$ 13,826.01	\$ (5,633.99)	\$ 16,079.00	
			Total receipts	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 39,972.91	\$ (2,027.09)	\$ 46,400.00
Disbursements:							
Business Expenses			\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,642.07	\$ 257.93	\$ 1,900.00	
EMS & Fire Operations			\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,394.01	\$ 1,605.99	\$ 4,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance			\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,291.72	\$ 708.28	\$ 5,000.00	
Facilities			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,481.61	\$ (1,481.61)	\$ 1,000.00	
Fundrasing Expenses			\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,878.78	\$ 921.22	\$ 2,800.00	
Insurance			\$ 13,800.00	\$ 11,965.00	\$ 1,835.00	\$ 13,200.00	
Recruitment & Retention			\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,403.60	\$ (403.60)	\$ 5,000.00	
Training			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,970.53	\$ 529.47	\$ 2,500.00	
Utilities			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,945.59	\$ (1,945.59)	\$ 11,000.00	
			Total Operating Disbursements	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 39,972.91	\$ 2,027.09	\$ 46,400.00
<i>Ending balance</i>			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	
CAPITAL FUND							
			2019 Budget	2019 Actual	+/- in \$	2020 Budget	
<i>Beginning balance</i>			\$ 144,135.45	\$ 144,135.45		\$ 117,107.29	
Receipts:							
Town appropriation			\$ 36,436.00	\$ 42,069.99	\$ 5,633.99	\$ 39,817.00	
Investment Income			\$ 35.00	\$ 32.09	\$ (2.91)	\$ 35.00	
Other Donation			\$ -	\$ 4,704.00	\$ 4,704.00	\$ -	
Annual Appeal			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,140.00	\$ (7,860.00)	\$ 10,000.00	
Balance Adjustment			\$ -	\$ 6.07	\$ 6.07	\$ -	
			Total receipts	\$ 46,471.00	\$ 48,952.15	\$ 2,481.15	\$ 49,852.00
Disbursements:							
EMS equipment			\$ 1,200.00	\$ 715.53	\$ 484.47	\$ 1,200.00	
Facilities			\$ 35,000.00	\$ 37,490.07	\$ (2,490.07)	\$ 50,000.00	
Fire equipment			\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,444.48	\$ 55.52	\$ 9,000.00	
Vehicles			\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,267.58	\$ 4,232.42	\$ 7,500.00	
Truck Payments			\$ 18,299.16	\$ 18,299.16	\$ -	\$ 18,299.16	
Radios			\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,977.00	\$ (977.00)	\$ 5,000.00	
			Total disbursements	\$ 73,499.16	\$ 72,193.82	\$ 1,305.34	\$ 90,999.16
<i>Ending balance</i>			\$ 117,107.29	\$ 120,893.78		\$ 75,960.13	
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
			Loan Amt.			Outstanding	
<i>Loan</i>							
Tanker Loan			\$ 126,465.29			\$ 115,901.29	
			Total Current Liabilities	NA		\$ 115,901.29	
CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS REGULARLY. IF YOU NEED HELP OR BATTERIES, PLEASE CALL US							

Weathervane United, Inc.

Bill Finger, President 453-4296

Thirty-eight years ago, a group of Lincoln citizens, mostly in their thirties and forties set out to solve a problem. The problem was how to keep Lincoln’s long-time, highly revered senior citizens living, safely, comfortably and affordably in the community they built and loved. Seniors living in large, old homesteads found themselves with limited financial resources in retirement, unable to afford steadily increasing maintenance and operation costs for empty, unused, inefficient and unneeded space.

This creative group persevered to develop a solution that not only provided several new and affordable living units but also rescued and restored important buildings in downtown Lincoln. Starting with 6 units in two buildings in 1982, demand quickly grew, resulting in construction of a brand-new building adding 4 more apartments in 1993. Weathervane United, Inc. today, quietly goes forward having experienced nearly 100% occupancy guaranteed to grow as our population ages.

Apartment rents are kept low since its beginning. Demand remains very strong and is because of the on-going energy and dedication of many volunteers. There are no management costs. Weathervane pays full Lincoln property tax and except for a Community Improvement Grant from the State of Vermont in 1982, there is no federal, state or local subsidy. Ten affordable units exist because of Lincoln’s unique community spirit. Our biggest challenge in 2020 will be to find some new, energetic and yes, younger, volunteers to help sustain the Weathervane idea well into the future. It’s fun, it’s rewarding and it’s a vital project to keep Lincoln special. It may be **your** turn to volunteer.



Pastor David Wood talks with second grade students at the Lincoln United Church, one of the “Wonders of Lincoln.”



County and State Reports



ADDISON COUNTY
Economic Development Corporation
Great starts here.

Fred Kenney, Executive Director
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Like regional planning commissions, Vermont's economic development corporations are established by statute to serve their communities. Our purpose, as outlined in 24 V.S.A. §2781 (1), "is to promote, organize or accomplish economic development including providing planning and resource development services to local communities ... " ACEDC's mission is to create an entrepreneurial and innovative environment, nurturing businesses to launch, grow, and thrive, in part by connecting people to the resources they need. Since 1993, ACEDC has loaned over \$5 million to dozens of local businesses, creating or retaining more than 1500 jobs in Addison County.

We want to thank the residents of Lincoln for their past contributions of \$500.00. We hope the town will consider level funding our request at \$500.00 for FY 2021.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. ACEDC's requested amount is \$500.



ADDISON COUNTY
**HOME HEALTH
& HOSPICE**
Your nonprofit VNA since 1968

Maureen Conrad, (802) 388-7259
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We appreciate your financial support which allows us to provide needed medical services to members of the community who do not have the means to pay. These funds are essential and help us meet the needs of all individuals and families in your town including those who are underinsured or otherwise unable to pay. In FY 2019 we made 983 visits to 27 Lincoln residents, providing home care and hospice services in patients' homes.

Please accept this as Addison County Home Health and Hospice's (ACHHH) request to be included in the Town budget for March 2020 in the amount of \$1,250. There is no change in the amount of this request from last year.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. ACHHH's requested amount is \$1,250.



**Addison County
Parent Child Center**

Rik Poduschnick, CFO (802) 388-3171
rpoduschnick@addisoncountypcc.org

Since 1980, the Addison County Parent/Child Center (ACPCC) has been committed to providing services and support to all families in Addison County. Among the many services are home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, transportation, and high-quality childcare. We offer playgroups to promote social interactions for children and parents. Families with newborns are offered Welcome Baby visits to introduce them to available services in the county. Learning Together, our intensive in-house training program builds parenting and job readiness skills and serves as an alternative education site for Addison County high schools. The program focuses on young parents and other teens at risk of parenting too young. The Center operates a boarding house in Middlebury which is the cornerstone of a "First Time Renters" program.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. ACPCC's requested amount is \$1,300.



Dinah Bain, Addison County Readers
 802-758-2218 cdbain@gmavt.net

Addison County Readers, Inc. (ACR) requests \$600 to support the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program which mails a free book monthly to the homes of registered children. Any child ages 0 to 5 residing in Addison County may be registered. Having books in the home has been demonstrated to improve children’s readiness and achievement in school—reading to children even before they can hold a book on their own is one of the smartest choices parents and caregivers can make.

The annual cost to ACR is approximately \$30 per child. In November 2019, 37 children in Lincoln were registered. In the past 12 months 475 books were mailed to Lincoln children.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. ACR’s requested amount is \$600.



Jenny Quesnel 802-388-3888
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Addison County Restorative Justice Services (ACRJS) is requesting \$200 from the town of Lincoln. ACRJS provides restorative justice programs to residents of Addison County. The goal of our programs is to help the program participant (offender) take responsibility for their actions, repair harm to the affected party (victim) and/or the community and learn ways to avoid reoffending in the future.

Our agency served 10 Lincoln residents last fiscal year: Driving with License Suspended, 5; Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP), 1; Reparative Restorative Panels, 1; Safe Driving, 1; Pre-trial Services, 2.

Thank you for your continued support!

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. ACRJS’S requested amount is \$200.



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The Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) monitors and assesses the condition of Addison County’s rivers over the long term, raises public awareness of the values and functions of our watersheds, and supports stewardship that improves water quality. During the 2019 sampling season, we sampled once per month, from April to September, at 4 locations on the New Haven River including at Bartlett’s Falls where there were exceedances of the water quality standard for *E. coli* in the months of June and August.

We request the voters of the Town of Lincoln appropriate \$400 to contribute to the funding of ACRWC.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. ACRWC’s requested amount is \$400.



Jim Moulton, ACTR
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Your support helped ACTR provide 1,120 free trips for Lincoln residents last year, and a system total of 173,847 trips. These rides enable community members to maintain independence, gain/keep employment and access critical healthcare.

Our Dial-A-Ride System allows eligible Lincoln residents to directly access doctors, meal sites, adult day care, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, cancer treatments, dialysis & addiction recovery. In addition, all Lincoln residents have access in Bristol to an extensive shuttle bus system for travel to Vergennes, Middlebury, the Snow Bowl, Rutland & Burlington.

To meet the “local match” requirement of our grants, we request \$1,170 of support from Lincoln for this coming year for our organization & services. Thank you.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. ACTR’s requested amount is \$1,170.



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Madelaine Graham, (802) 865-0360

For over 40 years, Age Well (formerly CVAA) has provided services and support that allow older Vermonters to stay independent, remain healthy at home, and improve their quality of life. We offer care & service coordination, Meals on Wheels, community meals, wellness programs, social activities, transportation services, expertise on Medicare, and long and short-term care options, and Helpline to Lincoln residents.

We request \$1,100.00 in continued funding from the Town of Lincoln. As a non-profit, we rely on donations and town funding to continue to help our aging population access services and receive the support they deserve. We thank you for your past support.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. Age Well’s requested amount is \$1,100.



Meredith McFarland (802) 453-5885
 RecDirector@BristolVt.org

On behalf of the Bristol Recreation Department, I am writing to formally request that the Town of Lincoln appropriate \$2,500 for the fiscal year of 2020 - 2021 to help support the programs, events, and learning opportunities that the Bristol Recreation Department provides. As a member of the five-town community, Lincoln residents can participate in these programs, events, and learning opportunities at a reduced rate and are able to submit a request for scholarships. This appropriation will contribute to the continued growth and availability of programs that we host. Thank you for your consideration and support.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. Bristol Rec. Dept.’s requested amount is \$2,500.



Doug Sinclair (802) 989-9746

Charter House Coalition was founded in 2005 as a county wide, volunteer-based outreach to provide free meals, emergency housing, and personal support for adults and children throughout Addison County. Last year 1250 volunteers prepared and served 39,500 free meals and provided shelter to 144 children and adults. Anyone can enjoy a free, nutritious meal every day of the week at Charter House. About 490 people from Addison County benefit from these programs every year. Neighbor helping neighbor is the foundation of this work.

Donations from individuals and grants from local organizations and towns provide 67.8% of the funding required to operate our emergency shelter, community meal programs, and day station. Substantial quantities of food, apartment furnishings, kitchenware, and linens are also donated by the community for these programs.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. Charter House Coalition's requested amount is \$1,000.



Jenn Staats (802) 388-0302 x442
jstaats@csac-vt.org

Since 1959, CSAC has been committed to offering support to the people and families of Addison County regardless of their ability to pay. CSAC provides services to those who face challenges and crises. CSAC primarily addresses mental health support, developmental services, and substance abuse treatment. Emergency Services are available 24/7. Town funding is greatly appreciated. Almost all CSAC funding is designated, which does not allow the agency to fully meet the many needs of the people served.

The Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. (CSAC) respectfully requests \$1,600 from Lincoln's town funds. CSAC's annual request has not increased since 2007. CSAC provided 1753 service hours to Lincoln residents in FY19.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. CSAC's requested amount is \$1,600.

Elderly Services Inc.

Your partner in eldercare

Margaret Clerkin, (802) 388-3983
mail@elderservices.org

Elderly Services would like to thank the citizens of Lincoln for your generosity this past year in supporting our programs. Six Lincoln residents were served at Project Independence, receiving a total of 1,813 hours of care, 758 hot meals, and approximately 808 rides at a cost the agency \$35,289. Lincoln seniors were students at our ESI College Lifelong Learning Center, residents volunteered for us, 12 family caregivers received respite and peace of mind, and residents of Lincoln are on our staff.

Elderly Services would like to request a donation \$700 to be used to continue operating Project Independence Elderly Day Care Center, our specialized Alzheimer's Program, the Family Caregiver Support Group, and the Aging Education Center. Thank you again for your consideration.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. Elderly Services requested amount is \$700.



Shirley Ryan (802) 388-4111
<https://www.endoflifevt.org/>

End of Life Services (EOLS), home of Hospice Volunteers, ARCH, Wellspring Singers and Bereavement is a non-profit agency providing *free* hospice programs and bereavement support to Addison County residents. EOLS provides volunteers to support the dying and their loved ones, gives bereavement support to those in need, creates spaces where the dying and their family can be together when home is not an option, and offers community education that recognizes death and dying as a part of life.

EOLS provides services at no cost to those we serve. EOLS thanks the residents of Lincoln for their generous support of our services to the dying and their loved ones. Our services and support are truly gifts from neighbor to neighbor, when compassion and caring go far.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. End of Life Services' requested amount is \$650.



Jessica Danyow (802) 388-1100 x222
jessica@homewardboundanimals.org

Please accept this letter as an official request to be considered for \$250 funding from the Lincoln Town FY 2020 Town Appropriations Budget.

As the only animal shelter in Addison County, we are serving more than 850 animals each year at the shelter and we offer programs and services to meet a wide array of pet owner and animal welfare needs facing Addison County.

In the time period from January 1 to October 15, 2019, two stray animals were brought in from the town of Lincoln. We adopted out six animals to residents of Lincoln and returned one dog to a resident of Lincoln.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. Homeward Bound's requested amount is \$250.



HOPE (Help Overcome Poverty's Effects)
 (802) 388- 3608 <http://www.hope-vt.org/>

HOPE assists individuals and families with resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuels, medical items, job-related needs and more. We help people access information and develop new skills, to have healthier, more stable lives. HOPE operates one of the largest food shelves in the state, serving over 700 people monthly. Last year we assisted 115 people with medical needs, 163 households end or avoid homelessness, 114 people with job-related needs, provided 401 vouchers for essential clothing and household goods from our resale store, and much more. During 2018, HOPE helped 57 Lincoln residents. During the first three-quarters of 2019, 19 new Lincoln residents came to us for assistance.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. HOPE's requested amount is \$2,000.

**John Graham Housing
and Services**

Elizabeth Ready (802) 989-2581
elizabeth@johngrahamshelter.org

John Graham Housing and Services requests \$1,000 from the Town of Lincoln to provide: food, shelter and housing; services and support to help transform lives; prevention, counsel and intervention for people in crisis.

We operate a shelter in Vergennes and four apartment houses – including a building with four apartments in Middlebury -- that provide rapid rehousing and permanently supported housing to homeless individuals and families. Our trained service coordinators are available 365 days a year to help people overcome barriers and attain permanent housing and employment. Our licensed clinician provides prevention, counseling and intervention for people in crisis and struggling with mental illness and addictions.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. John Graham Housing & Services' requested am't is \$1,000.



Heidi R. Sulis, 802-388-0137
hsulis@opendoormidd.org

The Open-Door Clinic is requesting \$750 from the Town of Lincoln for FY 2020. The allocation will be used to provide free healthcare, dental care and insurance services to the uninsured and under-insured residents of Lincoln and Addison County.

The need for our services is growing! Between 1/1/19-11/30/19, we have provided 1,387 medical and dental visits to 915 distinct patients, including 378 new patients. As compared to the same timeframe last year, this represents a 11% increase in distinct patients and a 5% increase in medical and dental visits. We have served three Lincoln residents through 8 medical visits. Thank you for your support.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. The Open-Door Clinic's requested amount is \$750.



Lynn Bosworth, (802) 388-7044
lynrsvpfpgp@gmail.com

In FY 19, Lincoln residents utilized RSVP's free tax preparation services which served 516 Addison County community members and our free Bone Builders classes which served 355. In Lincoln, classes were held at the Lincoln Library. RSVP provided staples to 440 families through local food shelves and hundreds of blankets and warm clothing items were distributed to community members. In Lincoln, these were provided through the Lincoln Community School. Residents who received assistance from an organization also benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do, such as community members at risk of hunger who received free nutritious meals at sites where our members serve. Lincoln RSVP members volunteered 1,020 hours. In total, RSVP contributed 60,000 hours, a value of \$1,525,000 in donated labor to our community

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. RSVP's requested amount is \$490.



Stacy Jones (802) 388-4249
 info@turningpointaddisonvt.org

The mission of the Turning Point is, “Providing peer-based recovery support to all; we seek to enhance the spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth of our community affected by substance use disorders and behaviors.”

The Turning Point Center is a non-profit recovery center that provides a safe, friendly, and substance-use free environment where all people in recovery, and their families and friends, can meet for peer-to peer recovery support, social activities, recovery coaching, education, and advocacy. Facilitated support groups offer AA, NA, and OA meetings, MAPS (Medication Assisted Peer Support), SMART (Specific Measurable Achievable, Realistic goals), yoga, Art for Recovery, Writing for Recovery, and Mindful Recovery Meditation. There are many other things happening at the Addison county Center in Middlebury for community prevention.

See individually Warned Article #20. Turning Point’s requested amount is \$1,000.



David Roberts (802)388-4392 X1011
 droberts@vtadultlearning.org

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) helps adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop a learning plan that includes transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

VAL offers WorkKeys Certification, based on “real world” skills that employers look for in employees. We are contracted by the Vermont DCF to place and support Reach-up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

We are grateful to the Town of Lincoln for supporting the services we provide.

See Warned Article # 21. Vermont Adult Learning’s requested amount is \$500.



Kerri Duquette-Hoffman 802-388-9180
 24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205
 info@womensafe.net

Last year WomenSafe staff and volunteers provided the following total services: 4,800 in-person meetings/phone calls to 515 people; worked with caregivers of 325 children exposed to violence; 213 supervised visits and monitored exchanges for 23 children; prevention programming reached 2,572 adults/youth through 355 workshops; 948 adults/youth through 32 events; 75 volunteers donated 8,691 hours of services; services to at least 7 residents* including the parents of at least 10 children exposed to violence. In Lincoln, WomenSafe provided: 16 workshops with 75 students/youth and 5 adults at Mt. Abraham UHS.

* For safety, some people do not share their town of residence.

See Warned Article #21 for non-profits. WomenSafe’s requested amount is \$1250.

Other County and State Reports

These reports have been heavily edited for space, however the full report can be found at the Lincoln Town Office, at www.lincolnvermont.org, or at the website of each individual organization.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission (edited for space)

From the ACRPC Annual Report-Year End June 30, 2019
(Please see full report at the Lincoln Town office)

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2019 fiscal year:

- Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping: such as assisting member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Educational Meetings and Grants: such as writing or providing information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- Emergency Planning: such as assisting in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Goshen, Lincoln, New Haven, Orwell, Ripton, Salisbury, Starksboro.
- Energy Planning: such as working with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Transportation Planning: such as assisting Towns with bike and pedestrian, structures, and stormwater grants.
- Natural Resources Planning: such as assisting in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2019 ANNUAL REPORT (Edited for space)

For a copy of the full 2019 Annual Report and Adopted 2020 Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333 **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswwmd@acswwmd.org **Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM **HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and

businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The ***Reuse It or Lose It!*** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2019 Highlights

Waste Diversion. In 2019, the Universal Recycling Law was amended to require haulers to offer curbside food scrap collection only to nonresidential customers and apartment buildings with 4 or more residential units. By 7/1/2020, **all** generators must divert food scraps (except for bones and meat scraps), and a VT landfill ban on food scraps takes effect.

Recycling. The decline in market prices for most recyclables continued in 2019. Fortunately, the District has been able to weather the recycling losses, which are estimated to reach \$35,000+ by the end of the year. In spite of this, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast.

Product Stewardship. As a method of controlling costs and keeping unwanted and banned items out of the landfill, the District has continued to be a strong advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws. EPR can alleviate the financial burden on municipalities and residents, while mitigating environmental impacts by increasing collection and recycling rates of covered products.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2019 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter. The District provided free disposable gloves, prizes for kids, and free disposal of all roadside waste. The District subsidized the disposal of 17.80 tons of roadside trash, 7.49 tons of tires, 3 auto batteries, 11 E-Waste items, 9 appliances, and other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,622.

2020 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2020 Annual Budget of \$3,523,752, a 9.3% increase. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$128/ton for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$120/ton. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. New fees: The District Fee will increase to \$34/ton on all waste destined for disposal. A fee of \$110/ton will take effect for the new Asphalt Shingle and Drywall C&D Recycling program. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2020.**



Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261
Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The Forest Service **wants** to thank you and your community for the support and interest you've shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF, which receives several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, seeking enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people - people in your town as well as the visitors who come to Vermont every year. *(edited for space)*

For more information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>.



Kate Alberghini 802-229- 4586
greenup@greenupvermont.org

GREEN UP VERMONT celebrated success on May 4, 2019 with 22,000+ volunteers and over 43 tons of litter collected statewide. Green Up is a nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride. **Green Up Day will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on May 2, 2020.**

We offer statewide educational components by providing free activity booklets to schools and conducting the annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. Support from municipalities enables us to cover 14% of operating costs. 75% of our budget comes from corporate sponsors and donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax form or at www.greenupvermont.org.

U.S. Census

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as The Census. For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding online, on the telephone, or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March. Make sure that *your* community counts!



Middlebury Local Health Office
 Phone: 1-802-388-4644

Learn more at
<https://healthvermont.gov/local>

We provide a wide range of resources and services to the community and local partners with the goal of promoting health and wellness for all Vermonters. (*Edited for Space*) For example, in 2019 we:

Supported health in the community;

- **Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families;** In Addison County, we served 785 Vermont families and children;
- **Ensured emergency preparedness;**
- **Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease;** Responded to 110 infectious disease cases in our region;
- **Educated students about health and youth empowerment;**
- **Substance misuse and abuse:** Our new Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant is making local connections in the field of substance use, with partners and projects ranging from prevention to treatment and recovery.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center

215 North Main Street

White River Junction, VT 05009

866-687-8387 (Toll Free)

802-295-9363 (Commercial)

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women’s Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.

Associate Medical Center Director

Regular Office Hours and Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the Lincoln Town Office unless otherwise noted

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and

Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Also by appointment

(Changes are posted on door & answering machine and www.lincolnvermont.org website)

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Saturdays

1111 Downingsville Road

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

First and Third Tuesday of the month

6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

First Thursday of the month

7:00 p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETINGS

Second Monday of the month

7:00 p.m.

BURNHAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Each Tuesday

At Burnham Hall

8:00 a.m.

LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Second Monday of the month

At the Library

6:30 p.m.

LINCOLN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY BUSINESS MEETING

First Wednesday of the month

At the Lincoln Fire Station

7:00 p.m.

MAUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of most months

Location rotates among our 6 district schools

Times are also variable

Check the www.anesu.org website for the school board meeting calendar, agendas, and minutes. This web address may be subject to change to reflect the new identity of the supervisory union.

