

Town of Lincoln

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

The Annual Town Meeting, of the inhabitants of the Town of Lincoln, in the County of Grafton, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs was held at Lin-Wood High School on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Moderator Robert Wetherell called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Carol Riley made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant until 6:30pm in the evening. Laurel Kuplin seconded the motion. Vote was in the affirmative – unanimous. Robert declared the polls open. The polls closed at 6:00pm.

ARTICLE 01: Election of Town Officers

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

Election results of Article 01:

FOR SELECTMEN – 3-year term

Joseph Chenard – 55 votes

Tamra Ham – 96 votes

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE – 3-year term

Dennis Ducharme – 127 votes

Herbert Gardner – 117 votes

Tracey Brumlik – 112 votes

Ray D'Amante – 12 votes

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE – 2-year term

Brent Hansma – 110 votes

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3-year term

Peter Govoni – 146 votes

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3-year term

Ivan Strickon – 122 votes

Nancy Sweeney – 129 votes

Rosalind Lowen – 121 votes

FOR PLANNING BOARD – 3-year term

James Spanos – 122 votes

Steve Noseworthy – 47 votes

FOR MODERATOR – 2-year term

Robert Wetherell – 140 votes

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST – 6-year term

Susan Chenard – 138 votes

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS – 3-year term

Herbert Gardner – 127 votes

FOR ZONING BOARD – 3-year term

Mark Ehrman – 85 votes

Paul Beaudin – 54 votes

Article 02: Planning – Change Jurisdiction to Permit Expansion of Nonconforming Uses

LUPO, Article III APPLICABILITY AND NON-CONFORMING USES

Section C. *NON-CONFORMING USES*. Change the Board having jurisdiction to determine whether or not to permit an expansion of a nonconforming use from Board of Selectmen to Zoning Board of Adjustment

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 97 – No 58
Article 02 passed

Article 03: Planning – Add Definitions to Land Use Plan Ordinance (LUPO)

LUPO, Article IV DEFINITIONS.

Add the following definitions to the Land Use Ordinance: **Campground or Camping Park, Disturbance, Manufactured Housing, and Manufactured Housing Parks.**

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes 108 – No 43
Article 03 passed

Article 04: Planning – Expand Number of Zoning Districts Where Manufactured Housing and Manufactured Housing Parks are Permitted Uses

LUPO, Article VI DISTRICT AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

Manufactured Housing: Currently, Manufactured Housing is treated as a single-family residence under “Residential Uses” and is allowed in only 3 of the 7 zoning districts: General Use (GU) District, General Residential (GR) District and Rural Residential (RR) District. The proposed amendment would allow Manufactured Housing in 5 of the 7 zoning districts. The proposal is to allow them in the Village Center (VC) District and the Village Residential (VR) District as well.

Manufactured Housing Parks: Currently Manufactured Housing Parks is not defined or listed as a permitted use in any zone in the LUPO. Propose to treat Manufactured Housing Parks as a “Business Use” and allow Manufactured Housing Parks in 4 of the 7 zoning Districts. The proposed amendment would allow Manufactured Housing Parks in the General Use (GU) District, Village Residential (VR) District, General Residential (GR) District and Rural Residential (RR) District.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 86 – No 70
Article 04 passed**

Article 05: Planning – Amendments to Stormwater Management Ordinance (SMO):

SMO, Article III APPLICABILITY.

The requirements of this ordinance shall apply to:

- B. All developments (as defined in Article IV.A of the Town’s Site Plan Review Regulations and also in Article IV of the Town’s Land Use Plan Ordinance) and residential lots which disturb either:
 - 1. Changed from 15,000 Square Feet to 17,000 Square Feet.
 - 2. Changed from 50% to 55% or more of the square footage of the lot (even if less than 15,000 total square feet changed to 17,000 total square feet.)

Add Paragraph C.

Disturbance – Means filling, grading, dredging, mining, excavation, construction, removal of topsoil, removal of stumps, stockpiling of earth material, or any other activity that results in a temporary or permanent change to the preexisting ground conditions or contours, or both.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

**Yes 100 – No 57
Article 05 passed**

RESULTS OF THE TOWN BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Moderator Robert Wetherell opened the Annual Town Meeting at 6:40 pm.

Moderator Wetherell welcomed everyone present and thanked everyone for coming. He then introduced the new Town Manager Carina Park. He proceeded to thank the Lin-Wood school for accommodating us and the facilities department for their extra work and asked the attendees to please make note of the Annual School District Meeting which is to be held on Thursday March 24th at the middle and high school with voting between the hours of 2:00pm and 6:00pm followed by the meeting starting at 7:00pm.

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

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

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

Article 06: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Seven Million Four Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen dollars (\$7,461,916.00) for the purposes of General Government; Public Safety; Highways; Sanitation; Water Treatment; Health, Welfare, Culture and Recreation; and Long and Short Term Debt including Interest, for the ensuing year, exclusive of all special and individual warrant articles. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact: Appropriations = \$5.97/per thousand; Revenue = \$1.54/per thousand; Net Tax Impact \$4.43/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Paul Beaudin made a motion to amend Article 6 to state "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen dollars (\$7,261,916.00) for the purposes of General Government; Public Safety; Highways; Sanitation; Water Treatment; Health, Welfare, Culture and Recreation; and Long and Short Term Debt including Interest, for the ensuing year, exclusive of all special and individual warrant articles." - a reduction of \$200,000.00, which was seconded by Jodi Avery.

Paul Beaudin presented a petition to hold a secret ballot on the proposed amendment.

Discussion was had.

Moderator Wetherell announced a recess beginning at 7:19pm to allow for the secret ballot. The meeting resumed at 7:43pm.

Yes – 23 No – 66

Amendment to Article 6 failed

Vote on original article by voice vote:
Article 06 passed unanimously

Article 07: Conceptual Design Services-Police & Fire Building

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for Conceptual Design Services for a new Police/Fire Station. The scope of services will include an existing Facilities Evaluation and Needs Assessment, Conceptual Designs and Community Education and Outreach Program. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.03/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham
Seconded by: Ivan Strickon

Deborah Celino presented a petition to hold a secret ballot on Article 07.

Discussion was had.

Moderator Wetherell announced a recess beginning at 8:25pm to allow for the secret ballot. The meeting resumed at 8:41pm.

Yes 57 – No 26

Article 07 passed

Tamra Ham motioned to restrict reconsideration of Articles 01 through 07

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Passed with opposition

Article 08: Modify Veteran's Tax Credit

Shall the Town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$500.00 per year to \$750.00? (Majority vote required)

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 08 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 09: Modify Service Connected Disability Credit

Shall the Town modify the Service-Connected Total Disability Credit in accordance with RSA 72:35 from its current tax credit of \$2,000.00 per year to \$4,000.00? (Majority vote required)

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 09 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 10: Modify Elderly Exemption

Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Lincoln, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$65,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$85,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$125,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion made by: OJ Robinson

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

Article 10 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 11: Pollard Rd Sidewalk-Unused Bond Proceeds

Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2016 for the Pollard Road Sidewalk and to raise and appropriate Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen dollars (\$7,316.00) in unused bond proceeds to be applied toward the principal balance of the existing loan (original \$525,000) per RSA 33:3-a, II. No amount of money needs to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article (2/3 majority vote required).

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Faith Bossie

Article 11 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 12: Add. Funding Levy-Unused Bond Proceeds

Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2020 for Additional Funding Levee and to raise and appropriate One Hundred Eleven Thousand Forty-Nine dollars (\$111,049.00) in unused bond proceeds to be applied toward the principal balance of the existing loan (original \$311,000) per RSA 33:3-a, II. No amount of money needs to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article (2/3 majority vote required).

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jack Daly

Article 12 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 13: CR-Roads & Streets Reconstruction

Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2016 for the Beechwood One Roads and to raise and appropriate Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven dollars (\$42,877.00) in unused bond proceeds for the Road and Street Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1994) per RSA 33:3-a, II. No amount of money needs to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article (2/3 majority vote required).

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Joe Bossie

Article 13 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 14: CR-Public Works Vehicle & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$96,500.00) to be placed in the Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1990, amended in 2008.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.08/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jack Daly

Article 14 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 15: CR-Police Department Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.08/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Joe Bossie

Article 15 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 16: CR-Water System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight dollars (\$220,298.00) to be placed in the Water System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.18/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 16 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 17: CR-Sewer System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight dollars (\$301,298.00) to be placed in the Sewer System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.24/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jack Daly

Article 17 passed by voice vote with some opposition

Article 18: CR-Roads & Streets Reconstruction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand dollars (\$133,000.00) to be placed in the Road and Street Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1994). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.11/per thousand

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Faith Bossie

Article 18 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 19: CR-Kanc Rec Area Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty One Thousand dollars (\$41,000.00) to be placed in the Kancamagus Recreational Area Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 2005). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.04/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 19 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 20: CR-Property & Building Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty dollars (\$58,640.00) to be placed in the Property and Building Maintenance Expendable Trust (created in 2007). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.05/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jack Daly

Article 20 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 21: CR-Fire Truck & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Sixty-Five Thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1989), The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.05/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Faith Bossie

Article 21 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 22: CR-Engineering & Planning

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Engineering & Planning Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1997). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.004/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 22 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 23: CR-Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Solid Waste Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1999). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 23 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 24: CR-Village Center & Riverfront Park

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Village Center & Riverfront Park Capital Reserve Fund (created 2008). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jack Daly

Article 24 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 25: CR-Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1984, amended in 2008.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jack Daly

Article 25 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 26: CR-Library Technology

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be placed in the Library Technology Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1997). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.002/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Jack Daly

Article 26 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 27: CR-Community Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) to be added to the Community Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established (created in 2005). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 27 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 28: Highway Block Grant Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for purposes allowed under the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Program. This appropriation is to be offset by revenue from the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Program to the extent that it is available. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 28 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 29: Purchase Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One dollars (\$52,831.00) for the purpose of purchasing a replacement cruiser. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.06/per thousand.

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: Joe Bossie

Article 29 passed by voice vote unanimously

Article 30: Deed Restriction

To see if the Town will vote to place a deed restriction on a portion of the Kanc. Recreation Area parcel located on Forest Ridge Road (Map & Lot 116-043) for the purpose of limiting the use of the property to non-intrusive recreational uses only. The portion is on the southerly side of Forest Ridge Road and abuts the following parcels: Map & Lot 117-070, Map & Lot 117-069, Map & Lot 116-004 and Map & Lot 116-005. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

Motion made by: Jack Daly

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Voice vote was undiscernible and a hand count was conducted.

Yes – 25 No – 27

Article 30 fails with dissention

Article 31: Transact any other business

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

Motion made by: Tamra Ham

Seconded by: OJ Robinson

Article 30 passed by voice vote unanimously

Selectmen OJ Robinson thanked everyone for attending and thanked all of the town employees for their hard work. He stated that although we lost a Town Manager, we have gained a phenomenal new Town Manager, Carina Park and proceeded to recognize Tamra Ham as she went above and beyond in coming in every day to help out in the interim. Selectman Robinson announced that this was Carol Riley's last election as a Supervisor of the Checklist and thanked her for her dedicated service over the years. He also thanked Sandy Dovholuk for stepping up and becoming the interim Tax Collector.

OJ Robinson made a motion to dissolve the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Seconded by: Tamra Ham

The 2021 Lincoln Town Meeting dissolved at 9:24 pm.

I hereby certify that the above return of the Annual Lincoln Town Meeting of March 8, 2022 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristyn Brophy, Town Clerk