SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 15, 2026
6:00 PM

The Zoom Link to the meeting is provided below for those wishing to attend virtually:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7495106748

This meeting is being held at Northern Penobscot Tech Region III at 35 West Broadway

1a. **Call to Order** at 6:00pm.

Present, Council Chair Stephen Clay and Vice Chair David Ireland.

Councilors; Cathy Moison, Gordon Street, and Lee Rand.

Also, present Town Manager Wade Shaefer and Town Clerk Ann Morrison.

Absent, Councilors Sheldon Hanington and Eric Rojo.

1b. **Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**

2. **Open Forum:** The Council will allow Lincoln residents and/or Lincoln taxpayers to comment prior to Council action on agenda items. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Council will be recognized by the Council Chair. The individual must identify themselves to the Council by first and last name and/or business owner. After identifying themselves, the speaker may make brief comments regarding items on the agenda that do not have a public hearing. The Council Chair may set a time limit on the length of public comment and/or a time limit for individual speakers.

Ed Barber had concerns that the council is not listening to the department heads and as a taxpayer he is concerned. Some councilors ran on campaign promises to cut over-spending, but he doesn't see any. Mr. Barber likes Councilor Moison's idea to keep this year's budget and put in a hiring freeze; focus on mill redevelopment, fill vacant positions and support Ruth and the Economic Development Team.

Bill Chubbuck spoke in regards to an emergency that happened where two ambulances were both out on calls and had to wait for five hours to get a transport to Bangor for needed medical attention.

David Moison stated that the budget committee picked up on a few errors that were made in the Fire budget and made those corrections. Had the Budget Committee not found those errors they would have been short at the end of FY27.

Tim Wright, a town employee, asked for the Council to suspend the rules to allow him permission to run for council.

Gilberte Mayo asked about the accounting of the twenty-one million in grant funding from the American Rescue Plan; how was the money spent, where did that money go.

Elise Chandler, resident and wife of a firefighter, read a statement regarding not cutting services for police, fire, and recreation departments stating that if you cut employees and they have to find employment elsewhere, they won't want to come back to Lincoln. Also, children need recreation programs and families may move to communities with such programs as they are a draw for younger families to move here.

Arica Millett, employee of Penobscot Valley Hospital, is a wife of a firefighter, but is speaking for herself tonight. She had done some research and found that on some crime apps, Lincoln has a rating between a B- to a C+.

A Paramedic is preferred at a scene to give better care to patients timely; training is essential. Lincoln has received money from insurance companies for patients in Chester and Winn for medical services; this is revenue for the town and helps to offset the budget.

Lincoln needs commercial growth; public safety cuts make the town less appealing for businesses to come to our town to start a business here.

She spoke about some ramifications if the services of the Transfer Station are outsourced to Casella to run the station fully. This could hit the residents hard if they have to pay per bag, then trash accumulates and gets dumped on the side of the road.

Bobbie Stormann pointed out to the council that they have had seven months to get the town going in the right direction, but instead have been trying to fulfill campaign promises while legal fees keep increasing. The budget was combed over by a diverse and talented group of people. Councilor intimidation will make employees leave.

Lisa Veillette, Chief Nursing Officer at PVH and taxpayer of Lincoln, stated that securing transport for patients is already challenging; cuts to emergency services personnel will create even longer delays.

Brian Souers stated that the Town has built an incredible reputation over the years but it's fragile and would be hard to get it back. Employees are an incredible force to help find efficiencies if you let them be a part of the process.

Colter, a firefighter and taxpayer, stated that he spends the majority of his paycheck in Lincoln. He informed the council that whenever you see a photo of an event or accident in town, you see in that photo a firefighter present. When firefighters are called, they come. He appreciates that the Council wants to cut taxes but he loves his job and wouldn't want to go anywhere else.

Councilor Moison received several emails from the following residents who would not like to see their taxes raised: Scott Leighton, Donna Solomon, Tim Bates, Gerald Martin, Lisa Martin, and John Edwards.

Councilor Street stated that for people having a hard time paying their taxes, that there are programs available to help such as the Property Tax Fairness Credit.

Councilor Moison doesn't wish to see taxes raised but also doesn't want to cut services; hold the line on budget, get the back office cleaned up, keep stability, and work on it for next year.

3. Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing oral and written comments on the proposed FY2027 Municipal Budget; *as listed below.*

VOTE: 5-0

TIME STARTED: 6:50pm

Discussion: FY2027 Department Budgets as listed below

FY2027 Revenue Budget
Town Manager
Town Clerk
Finance: Gilberte Mayo is against two firms doing audit work. It would help and understands that we don't have a Treasurer, but hopes that when one is hired that person would be able to do it all.

Assessing
Code Enforcement: Gilberte Mayo asked if the proposed new fees are included in the budget revenues.

Council Chair Clay stated that they have not been voted on yet.

Police Department: Gilberte Mayo stated that the Police Department should be fully staffed. She also suggested that the School Resource Officer position be split between Chester and Mattawamkeag as well.

Fire & EMS Department: Lilly Mitchell, a junior firefighter, stated that being a junior firefighter has drastically changed her future. She was told when she started that when she turns eighteen, she can be trained to be a firefighter/EMT. Cutting the budget affects her and other employees.

Charlie Dwelley stated that if staffing is cut that patient transfers can't be done and is a loss of revenue for the town.

Fire Station
Utilities and Municipal Services
Public Works
Transfer Station

Landfill
Social Services/General Assistance
Cemetery Parks and Recreation
Library
Personnel: Gilberte Mayo stated that somewhere on our website it says that the town pays 100% of employee's health insurance.

That fact was quickly corrected by multiple people and will work with Shawn to fix the website.

Airport
Debt Service
Capital Improvements
5-year Capital Plan
FY2027 TIF Budget

TIME ENDED: 7:06pm

4. Adjourn

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm.

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted by:
Town Clerk Ann Morrison

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1a. **Call to Order** at 7:17pm. (Started late due to previous meeting at 6pm running over.)

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Also, present Town Manager Wade Shaefer and Town Clerk Ann Morrison.

Absent, Councilors Sheldon Hanington and Eric Rojo.

1b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Approval of Minutes:** From the May 4th and May 11th Special meetings, May 11th regular meeting, the May 18th and May 20th emergency meetings as well as the Council Workshop on May 26, 2026. Councilor Street registered some changes and informed the Clerk of his requests; the Council Chair approved as amended.

3. ~~**Approval of the Warrants** (0104)~~

~~**SUGGESTED MOTION**: To approve and sign Warrants #____ through #____ in the amount of $___________________.~~

~~MOTION: __________ SECOND: __________ VOTE: __________~~

Due to the lack of a Treasurer and the Deputy being on vacation, there were no warrants for approval at this meeting.

4. **Acceptance of Gifts/Donations** (0104)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Cathy Moison to accept the following Gifts, Donations, and grants in the amount of $100.00; as detailed below:

Organization	Type of Gift	Amount / Value	Department
Florence & Carl Alessi	Monetary	$100	Heating Fund

VOTE: 5-0

5. **Chairman's/Town Manager's Comments:**

The Council Chair informed everyone in attendance that the executive session would be moved forward when the attorney gets here.

The Council Chair read a letter from Region III thanking the Town for the donation of a cruiser to their Law Enforcement program. They appreciate collaborations like this.

The Town Manager, Wade Shaefer, thanked the Council for this job opportunity and encourages the Council to thoroughly research everything in the budget. He understands that they are trying to cut taxes but doesn't think their plans are as thought out as they should be. He stated that even though the office is short-staffed, things run well.

6. **Monthly Reports:**

No comments.

7. **Open Forum:** The Council will allow Lincoln residents and/or Lincoln taxpayers to comment prior to Council action on agenda items. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Council will be recognized by the Council Chair. The individual must identify themselves to the Council by first and last name and/or business owner. After identifying themselves, the speaker may make brief comments regarding items on the agenda that do not have a public hearing. The Council Chair may set a time limit on the length of public comment and/or a time limit for individual speakers.

Carl Stingley spoke about his concerns with the dam on Frost Street where he owns a home.

David Moison urged the councilors to vote no on the Penobscot County contracts; they are not offering us enough per run to cover our costs.

Gilberte Mayo asked the council to look twice at the waste disposal costs to see if it will save us money in the future.

Bobbie Stormann spoke regarding items #15 and 17. She wanted to know why the Council is involved in item #15.

In regards to item #17 she asked if we were looking for a better bill or to privatize the transfer station. She is concerned that residents will lose control of quality and cost and lose the quality of employees that are employed.

Charlie Dwelley asked about the acre of land on Frost Street that was donated to the town and where the timber harvesting stands.

Councilor Ireland read his budget proposal. See attached.

Gilberte Mayo spoke in regards to item #18 and suggested that we only sign a contract for one year; maybe the new Treasurer will be able to do the work.

8. **Presentation-** Great Northern Power District (0100)

Representatives from Great Northern Power District presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council and all those in attendance.

See attachments

9a. **Public Hearing-** H.P. 1224 LD 1829 An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal Land Use Decisions (0106)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing oral and written comments on the proposed state law in order to update our ordinance language.

Gilberte Mayo is in favor of the idea of amending the law; unfunded mandates yet training will be needed for planning board members and staff.

VOTE: 5-0

TIME STARTED: 8:53pm TIME CLOSED: 8:54pm

9b. **Adopt H.P. 1224 LD 1829** (0106)

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to adopt H.P. 1224 LD 1829 An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal Land Use Decisions and update our ordinance language accordingly when the law becomes effective on July 1, 2026.

VOTE: 5-0

10a. **Public Hearing-** H.P. 1461 LD 2173 An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Housing Developments and Accessory Dwelling Units (0106)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing oral and written comments on the proposed state law in order to update our ordinance language.

Councilor Ireland asked how this will affect Lincoln residents.

Code Officer Trotter stated that four units or less will need to go before the planning board instead of three or less.

VOTE: 5-0

TIME STARTED: 8:57pm TIME CLOSED: 8:59pm

10b. Adopt H.P. 1461 LD 2173 (0106)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to adopt H.P. 1461 LD 2173 An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Housing Development and Accessory Dwelling Units and update our ordinance language accordingly when the law becomes effective on July 29, 2026.

VOTE: 5-0

11a. Public Hearing- Update Code Permit Fees (0106)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing oral and written comments on the proposed updates to the Code Enforcement Fees.

VOTE: 5-0

TIME STARTED: 9:01pm TIME CLOSED: 9:04pm

11b. Approve Fee Updates (0106)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the attached Code Enforcement permit fees and update the Schedule of Fees accordingly; with a correction to the plumbing fee typo error.

VOTE: 5-0

12. Appoint Members (0106)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to re-appoint the following members with the following terms to the Planning Board;

Joshua Gray- Three-years
Kyle Oliver- Three-years
Amy Montroy- Two-years
Thomas Kates- One-year
Junior Alternate- To be appointed at a later date

VOTE: 5-0

13. Approve Temporary ATV Access Route (0100)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to approve a temporary ATV access route utilizing from where the trail comes out onto Airport Road from the trail behind Grey Wolf Auto, all the way out to River Road, following River Road to the bridge that goes over the Penobscot River.

The motion was amended by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to allow this access route to be used until December 1, 2027.

VOTE: 5-0

14. Approve Closure (0101)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to approve closing the Town Office on Friday July 17, 2026 to regular business and instead have staff available to assist with Loon Festival business only.

VOTE: 5-0

15. Warrants and Disbursements Policy (0104)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to approve the following policy governing warrants and disbursements in accordance with MRSA Title 30A §5603, Subsection 2A:

Policy: To allow the Council Chair, Vice Chair or their designee to sign the release of payroll related disbursements each week (30A MRSA §5603, Subsection 2A). The Council Chair, Vice Chair or another Councilor as designated by the Council Chair or Vice Chair, will sign the payroll warrant prior to the release of payroll checks.

The Finance Committee will continue to meet at regularly scheduled meetings, which may be subject to change, at 4:30 PM to view the bills and the general warrant, per the Disbursement Warrant Ordinance.

VOTE: 5-0

16. Approve Purchase (Councilor Street)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to approve the purchase of four Axon in-car dashboard camera systems, including installation, for Lincoln Police Department cruisers at a cost not to exceed $14,000 from the FY2026 Police Department budget, as requested by Police Chief Lee Miller.

Councilor Moison and Chief Lee Miller agreed that $14,000 will be in this years budget, zero dollars will be in the FY27 budget.

Chief Miller stated that the grant should cover the rest, if not; he will be back in FY28 to budget for the remaining cost. He stated that cameras are cheap, it's the data that is expensive.

VOTE: 5-0

17. Approve Contract (0100)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to approve a contract with Waste Disposal Management for the hauling of garbage from the Transfer Station.

A motion to TABLE was made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland.

VOTE: 5-0

18. Approve BerryDunn Proposal (0100)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve accepting the proposal from BerryDunn for Accounting Assistance and Audit Readiness at the hourly rates within the proposal for fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to TABLE.

VOTE: 5-0

ADDENDUM

Accept Grant Agreement- Lincoln Regional Airport (0100, 0706)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to accept grants funds for the following Lincoln Regional Airport Project and authorize the Town Manager to sign all necessary grant documents:

Airport Improvement Project (AIP) No. 3-23-0027-024-2026 Construct Hangar Taxilane Phase 1 at a maximum amount of $94,216.

Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) No. 3-23-0027-025-2026 Construct Hangar Taxilane Phase 1 at a maximum amount of $204,250.

Airport Director Stu Jacobs stated that this is for design and permitting of Lot 5D acquisition and added to airport property for a hangar building.

Councilor Ireland asked if it will affect taxes.

Director Jacobs stated that 95% is covered by the DOT and 5% is the responsibility of the town. The construction of hangars in the future will bring in taxes and revenue for the airport.

VOTE: 5-0

Approve Agreement & Authorize Town Manager & Fire Chief (0100, 0304)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to approve the Penobscot County Ambulance Protection Agreement with the Town of Lincoln for Drew Township that covers the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and authorize the Town Manager and Fire Chief to sign the agreement.

VOTE: 5-0

Approve Agreement & Authorize Town Manager & Fire Chief (0100, 0304)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to approve the Penobscot County Fire & Ambulance Protection Agreement with the Town of Lincoln for T2 R8 NWP that covers the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and authorize the Town Manager and Fire Chief to sign the agreement.

A fair amount of discussion was had regarding the amount that the County is willing to pay to us for coverage for a whole year; many thinking the amount offered is far too low.

Subsequently, this motion was withdrawn and no motion was voted upon.

19. Executive Session (0100, 0304, 0406)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Gordon Street to retire into Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (D) Contract Negotiations- Fire/EMS and Public Works.

Note: This item was taken up directly after the open forum once the attorney was present.

VOTE: 5-0

TIME STARTED: 7:43pm TIME CLOSED: 8:33pm

20. Future Agenda Items

Councilor Street would like a report back from the Fire ad hoc committee.

Councilor Moison would like the current status of the audit.

Manager Shaefer stated that it cannot be completed until we have a contract with a pre-audit firm.

Councilor Street would like to have Berry Dunn come talk to them.

21. Adjourn

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to adjourn the meeting at 9:42pm.

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted by:
Town Clerk Ann Morrison, CMC, CCM

Upcoming Meetings and other Noteworthy Items:

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June 15th	Regular Council Meeting-7pm
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Bill Chubbuck handed out some revaluation information from the Town of Houlton. He also stated that he appreciates the Police, Fire & EMS departments.

David Moison spoke in regards to Fire/EMS contracts with other towns.

Kellsey Perry, firefighter and EMT with Lincoln, spoke regarding the possible emergency services cuts if David Ireland's budget were to pass.

Dr. Millian, just back from vacation, wanted to know what is going on with the budget.

Stacey Williams addressed the Council asking when she would get answers to the questions she has been asking repeatedly.

Jean Barker informed the Council that a zero-based budget, that was requested by Councilor Ireland, takes years to do it correctly. She thanked Councilor Street for doing his best to help the seniors of our town by giving them some resources to help with taxes. She encouraged the Council to pass the budget as presented.

Councilor Moison stated that she had proposed to approve the Town Manager's budget and enact a hiring freeze.

Councilor Hanington stated that if contracts were not signed, we wouldn't have needed a third ambulance. We are squeezing fixed income families.

Councilor Rojo stated that the current council is trying to fix the mistakes of previous councils and a previous Town Manager who kept spending.

A member of law enforcement and a resident of Lincoln named Carrie, spoke regarding the needed training for emergency services personnel. Trained individuals handle situations more professionally. Lincoln is a tourist trap and we are not taking advantage of that; no one knows where Lincoln is. Cutting is going to hurt in the long run, we need to look at ways to make money and work on that.

3. Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Department Budgets

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Town Manager budget in the amount of **$204,587**.

A motion to amend the amount to $185,000 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Town Clerk budget in the amount of **$260,648**.

A motion to amend the amount to $250,000 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Finance budget in the amount of **$450,382**.

A motion to amend the amount to $368,500 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.

VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Assessing budget in the amount of **$75,325**.

A motion to amend the amount to $10,000 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Code Enforcement budget in the amount of **$75,112**.

VOTE: 7-0

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Police Department budget in the amount of **$1,757,143**.

A motion to amend the amount to $1,230,210 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Fire & EMA Department budget in the amount of **$2,093,854**.

A motion to amend the motion to $1,670,246 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

A second motion to amend the amount to $2,087,808 was made by Gordon Street and was not seconded.

The amended motion amount of $1,670,246 was voted upon.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Fire Station budget in the amount of **$84,700.**

A motion to amend the amount to $15,000 was made by David Ireland and Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Utilities & Municipal Services budget in the amount of **$517,590**.

VOTE: 7-0

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Public Works budget in the amount of **$1,288,048.**

A motion to amend the amount to $1,090,507 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Transfer Station budget in the amount of **$587,690**.

VOTE: 7-0

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Godon Street to approve the Landfill budget in the amount of **$1,500**.

VOTE: 7-0

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Eric Rojo to approve the Social Services/General Assistance budget in the amount of **$26,975**.

A motion to amend the amount to $15,000 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.

Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

A 10-minute recess was taken at this time

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Cemetery, Parks, and Recreation budget in the amount of **$315,718**.

A motion to amend the amount to $275,000 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Library budget in the amount of **$192,786.**

VOTE: 7-0

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Personnel budget in the amount of **$2,198,891**.

VOTE: 7-0

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the Airport budget in the amount of **$88,452**.

A motion to amend the amount to $80,000 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

Motion made by Eric Rojo and seconded by Gordon Street to approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of **$268,628**.

VOTE: 7-0

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Eric Rojo to approve the Capital Improvement budget in the amount of **$1,101,807**.

A motion to amend the amount to $875,000 was made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 4-3 to amend.
VOTE: 4-3 to pass the amended motion.
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

4. Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Budget

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Eric Rojo to approve the 2027 Fiscal Year municipal budget in the amount of **~~$11,589,834~~ $9,906,659.**

VOTE: 4-3
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

5. Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Revenue Budget

Motion made by Eric Rojo and seconded by Sheldon Hanington to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Revenue budget in the amount of **$5,133,761**.

VOTE: 4-3
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

6. Approval of 5-year Capital Plan

Motion made by Sheldon Hanington and seconded by Eric Rojo to approve the 5-year Capital Plan.

VOTE: 4-3
Councilors Street, Moison, and Clay opposed.

7. Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 TIF Budget

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by Cathy Moison to approve the total estimated TIF budget in the amount of **~~$1,578,977.52~~ $1,152,173.**

After some discussion, David Ireland amended the motion to TABLE and was seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 6-1
Councilor Street opposed.

8. Adjourn

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Eric Rojo to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

VOTE: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted by:
Town Clerk Ann Morrison

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MINUTES
June 29, 2026
6:00 PM

The Zoom Link to the meeting is provided below for those wishing to attend virtually:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7495106748

1a. Call to Order at 6:02pm.

Present, Council Chair Stephen Clay and Vice Chair David Ireland.

Councilors; Cathy Moison, Gordon Street, Sheldon Hanington, and Eric Rojo.

Also present, Town Manager Wade Shaefer, Town Clerk Ann Morrison, and Town Attorney Andy Hamilton.

Absent, Councilor Lee Rand.

1b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Open Forum: The Council will allow Lincoln residents and/or Lincoln taxpayers to comment prior to Council action on agenda items. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Council will be recognized by the Council Chair. The individual must identify themselves to the Council by first and last name and/or business owner. After identifying themselves, the speaker may make brief comments regarding items on the agenda that do not have a public hearing. The Council Chair may set a time limit on the length of public comment and/or a time limit for individual speakers.

Margurite Tilton stated that it was nice to have the open forum last week; referring to the Council's monthly work session.

Ted Ocana spoke against the PERC/EPEC contract stating he doesn't like the higher price in the contract.

A representative from EPEC, Evan Coleman, was allowed to speak to the Council even though the Council would not be taking up an item regarding their facility this evening. He spoke positively in regards to a contract with the Town of Lincoln.

Town Attorney, Andy Hamilton, informed the Council that Mr. Coleman had served the Town Manager with a Notice of Breach dated June 26, 2026; immediately before the meeting tonight.

An unnamed resident of approximately 1 ½ years spoke against emergency service cuts.

Gilberte Mayo suggested that some departments may be able to be funded through the TIF budget as has been done in the past.

John Gelfuso, a Lincoln resident, asked the Council to think before they act on trash. If we make it more difficult for people to get rid of their trash people will throw their trash anywhere. He spoke from experience as this was an issue in the state where he moved from.

MJ, a Lincoln resident, spoke against emergency services cuts.

Alicia, a taxpayer-mom-and works at one of the schools, stated that needles used to be an issue at Ballard Hill and had to call the Police to take care of. Individuals who would cause problems at the beach no longer just hang out causing problems because the police made a presence. Using these places has become more enjoyable for her and her family and she doesn't want it to go back to how it used to be if we were to cut emergency service personnel. She is fearful of losing the essentials we need.

Shawn Kelly, taxpayer and a transportation system worker for CSX (the railroad). He spoke against emergency services cuts using a recent example of when Lincoln showed up for multiple fires along the rail line. Without staff this could be a big HazMat issue in the future.

Emily Tilton, who grew up in Lincoln and moved away, is now back hoping to raise her child here like she was raised. She informed the Council that there is a state-wide shortage of EMT's. She is against emergency services personnel cuts.

Don Olsen, a firefighter, wanted to correct something that was stated in a previous meeting. With the possible budget cuts, the department would be staffed with three shifts of four staff and one shift of three staff.

William Brady asked how much the Town benefits from the airport. He also spoke against the emergency services personnel cuts.

3. **Appoint Transfer Station Director** (0100, 0510)

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by David Ireland to appoint George Briggs as Transfer Station Director with a weekly stipend of $500 to come from the Transfer Station Operating Budget.

An amended motion to TABLE was made by Gordon Street and seconded by Sheldon Hanington.

VOTE: 6-0 to amend.
VOTE: 6-0 to pass the amended motion.

ADDENDUM

Executive Session (0100)

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington to retire into Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (E) to authorize the Town Attorney in executive session to confer with the Town Council as to its rights and duties under the Town Charter and Maine law.

VOTE: 6-0

TIME STARTED: 6:56pm TIME CLOSED: 8:34pm

Open Session Discussion (0100)

A. I move that we authorize the Town attorney to engage in a discussion with the Town Council and town residents as to alternative paths available under Maine law and the Lincoln Town Charter as to the Budget approved on June 22, 2026, including <u>but not limited to</u> the following:

1. Voters proceed with the petition process by submitting signed petitions to the Clerk and then would be forwarded to the Council
2. Council moots the petition/referendum process by taking a new action on the Budget anytime before 60 days expires from July 1 start of Town's 2026-2027 fiscal year.
3. A Combination of the two, including the option of going back to a public hearing and suspending the June 22nd vote.

B. Of the alternative paths identified in the discussion, I move that the Town Council take the following action (s) as to the town budget for 2026-2027:
____________________________________.

The Town attorney, Andy Hamilton, spoke about what he reviewed with the Council in executive session regarding the Town Charter and some of Title 30-A of state law.

Mr. Hamilton read Section 101 of the Town Charter to those in attendance and asked for it to be reflected in the minutes. Section 101 of the Charter is as follows:

SEC. 101. Incorporation; Powers of the Town.

The inhabitants of the Town of Lincoln shall continue to be a municipal corporation under the name of the Town of Lincoln and shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises, and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations provided for herein, or otherwise pertaining to or incumbent upon said Town as a municipal corporation, or the inhabitants or municipal officers thereof. It may enact bylaws, regulations and ordinances not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine and impose penalties for the breach thereof as provided by the laws of the State of Maine.

Suspend the Rules

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Sheldon Hanington to suspend the rules.

VOTE: 6-0

Motion made by David Ireland and seconded by Eric Rojo to suspend the June 22, 2026 budget vote and to have two public hearings scheduled for July 6th and July 15th with a final budget vote to be held on July 22nd with all meetings to be held at 6:00pm at Region III.

The Town attorney wanted to reflect in the record that the motion made and seconded were made by councilors on the prevailing side of the original budget vote.

VOTE: 6-0

~~**Hire Assessing Firm- RCS Assessment** (0100)~~

~~**SUGGESTED MOTION:** Move to hire RCS Assessment (Municipal Consulting Group of Maine) to be the Assessor for the Town of Lincoln for a fixed annual fee of $85,000, billed in equal monthly installments of $7,083.33 with funding to come from ___________________________.~~

~~MOTION: __________ SECOND: __________ VOTE: __________~~

Approve Temporary State Extension of Premises Application- 49 Maine LLC (0101)

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to approve a Temporary State Extension of Premises Application for 49 Maine LLC allowing them to serve alcohol at the four seats that are located outside and approved by the State Liquor Licensing Inspector.

VOTE: 6-0

Approve Loonfest Budget (Events)

Motion made by Cathy Moison and seconded by Eric Rojo to approve the FY2027 Loonfest budget of $45,494.50; as attached, with funding to come from the TIF budget estimated at approximately $1,152,173.

VOTE: 6-0

4. ~~**Approve Contract** (0100, 0510)~~

~~**SUGGESTED MOTION:** Move to approve a contract with Municipal Waste Solutions for hauling trash from the Transfer Station.~~

~~MOTION: ____________ SECOND: ____________ VOTE: ____________~~

5. Adjourn

Motion made by Gordon Street and seconded by David Ireland to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm.

VOTE: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted by:
Town Clerk Ann Morrison, CMC, CCM