

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
March 9, 2026
7:00 PM

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85680739243>

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

1a. Call to Order

Council Chair; Stephen Clay _____, Vice Chair: David Ireland _____.

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

1b. Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** From the February 9, 2026 regular meeting. If no objections are registered the Council Chair shall approve the same as written.

3. Approval of the Warrants (0104)

SUGGESTED MOTION: To approve and sign Warrants # _____ through # _____ in the amount of \$ _____.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

4. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations (0104 & 0700)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to accept the following Gifts, Donations, and grants in the amount of \$104.60; as detailed below:

Organization	Type of Gift	Amount / Value	Department
Denise Lynn Moore & Nancy Christensen	Monetary	\$50.00	Library
Can Donations	Monetary	\$54.60	Library

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

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

6. Monthly Reports:

7. **Open Forum:** The Council will allow Lincoln residents and/or Lincoln taxpayers to comment prior to Council action on agenda items. If you have any questions, please call 794-3372. General requests may be made in Open Forum during the regular meeting but will not be acted upon in the same meeting.

Individuals wishing to be heard by the Council will be recognized by the Council Chair. After identifying themselves, the speaker may make brief comments and may not repeat previous statements made. The speaker must limit themselves to the item under discussion. The speaker must observe rules of common etiquette. The Council Chair may set a time limit on the length of public comment and/or a time limit for individual speakers.

The Council Chair reserves the right to stop any public comment that is contrary to these rules and any Councilor may call Point of Order during the discussion. Any person who disrupts a Council meeting may be required to leave in order to maintain orderly consideration of the matters for which the meeting was called.

- 8a. **Public Hearing-** State Farmer's Market Authorization Application- Town of Lincoln (0101)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing oral and written comments on the proposed State Farmer's Market Authorization Application for the Town of Lincoln; to allow the sale or taste testing of wine, spirits, or malt liquor at the Lincoln Farmer's and Artisans Market in Veteran's Square.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

TIME STARTED: _____ TIME CLOSED: _____

- 8b. **Approve State Farmer's Market Authorization Application-** Town of Lincoln (0101)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve the State Farmer's Market Authorization Application submitted by Shawn Rogers on behalf of the Town of Lincoln, to allow the sale or taste testing of wine, spirits, or malt liquor at the annual Farmer's and Artisans Market in Veteran's Square.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

- 9a. **Public Hearing-** Food Sovereignty Ordinance (Councilor Ireland)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing oral and written comments on the proposed Food Sovereignty Ordinance; as attached.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

TIME STARTED: _____ TIME CLOSED: _____

9b. Approve Adoption of Ordinance- Food Sovereignty Ordinance (Councilor Ireland)

*Note: This ordinance was not approved in the most recent meeting of the planning board.

Proposed Motion: Adoption of the Town of Lincoln Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance (2026)

Move that the Town Council adopt the “Town of Lincoln Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance,” as presented, enacted pursuant to 7 M.R.S. §§ 281–286 and 30-A M.R.S. § 3001, consistent with the Maine Municipal Association’s 2025 model ordinance, and will become effective upon adoption.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

10. Approve Closure- Loon Triathlon /Marathon – (7000)

Note: Marathons are planned and operated by Maine Endurance Sports Alliance. The town is just the host for the races.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve closing part of Prince Thomas Park on August 9, 2026 and September 20, 2026 for the Loon Triathlon and the Loon Marathon.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

11. Approve Installment Agreements (0104)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to authorize the Treasurer on behalf of the Town Council to dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes in the following manner. (Title 36 MRSA Section 943)

1. Letters will be mailed to the previous owner(s) of record for tax acquired property offering the opportunity to redeem their property for a cash payment of at least equal to back taxes owed. All interest, legal fees and lien charges for conveyance of said transaction to be completed within 30 days of the mailing of the letter and to include the issuance of a release deed.

2. At the discretion of the Town Council when case warrants, there shall be an opportunity for the Town Council to enter into a land purchase installment contract with a prior owner that meets the criteria as determined by the Town Council.

3. If A and B are not met the Treasurer is to initiate the bid process in accordance with MRSA Section 943-C. (Note: The Town will list the property for sale at the highest reasonable price at which the property is anticipated to sell with a real estate broker or agent licensed under Title 32, chapter 114 who does not hold an elected or appointed office in the municipality and is not employed by the municipality.)

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

12. Proposed Motion: Fire & EMS Operational and Financial Transparency Report (Councilor Ireland)

Move that the Town Manager be directed to obtain and publish a comprehensive Fire and EMS full-cost accounting analysis, separating Fire and EMS into distinct cost centers.

The analysis shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Call volume and service demand, separated by municipality and service type;
2. Staffing levels, wages, benefits, overtime, on-call compensation, and related labor costs;
3. Insurance, training, certifications, and compliance costs;
4. Billing practices, collections, write-offs, and net EMS revenue;
5. Mutual aid responses provided and received, including associated costs;
6. Interlocal service reimbursements, payments, or subsidies;
7. Fully burdened per-call cost for Fire services and for EMS services, calculated separately and by municipality;
8. Identify which expenses are fixed and which vary based on call volume, and shall show what financial changes would occur if service demand decreases, including the potential withdrawal of a contracting municipality;
9. Identify the minimum number of personnel required to safely operate Fire and EMS services and explain whether, and under what conditions, staffing levels could be reduced if service demand decreases; and
10. Show the financial impact on Lincoln taxpayers under each of the following scenarios: full per-capita reimbursement, 80% reimbursement, a combined-population rate, and the withdrawal of one or more contracting municipalities.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

13. Rewrite Fire/EMA Master Agreements (Councilor Rojo)

SUGGESTED MOTION: To rewrite the Master agreements between Lincoln and other towns for fire services and EMA services, ensuring that the updated terms shall apply to all agreements starting in 2026; as outlined below.

RECOMMENDATION: Make the following corrections to the master agreement:

- The **title** should be changed to “AGREEMENT for FIRE SERVICES or EMA SERVICES or BOTH” from “Fire Services Agreement”.
- **Provision V.A.** should be rewritten along the following lines:
 - Each town shall compensate Lincoln for the service(s) rendered at a per capita rate equal to the per capita cost to provide the same service(s) to Lincoln residents. The per capita cost shall be based on the full cost.

1. **Full cost** shall be the sum of the Fire & EMA Department's (0304) total budget + employee benefit costs omitted from same + the Fire Station's (0308) total budget.
 - a. Each year, Lincoln's fire chief shall calculate the above, the full cost for just fire services and the full cost for just EMA services. The full cost for just fire services plus the full cost for just EMA services shall sum to the full cost of the Fire & EMA Department as described in paragraph 1.
2. The **per capita cost** for each service shall be each service's full cost divided by Lincoln's population.
3. **Chester and Winn** shall each pay for each service their respective population multiplied by the Lincoln resident's cost per capita for the same service .
4. In the case of **Macwahoc, Reed, Reed Plantation, Drew & towns similarly distant** from Lincoln, the formula for each service shall be the town's population multiplied by 1.5 multiplied by the Lincoln resident's cost per capita for the same service. The 1.5 multiplier compensates Lincoln for the additional time crews & equipment use making a round trip between Lincoln and the contracting town.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

14. Approve Town Of Lincoln Non-discrimination Policy (0103)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve Town of Lincoln non-discrimination policy; as attached, and to become part of the Town of Lincoln Personnel Rules and Regulations.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

15. Approve Demolition- 38 Perry Street (0106)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve the demolition of property located at 38 Perry Street (Map 131 Lot 016) during the summer season of 2026.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

16. Direction to Prepare a Reduced FY2027 Municipal Budget (Councilor Rand)

Move that the Town Council direct the Town Manager to prepare and present to the Council a proposed FY2027 municipal operating budget that reflects a minimum reduction of ten percent (10%) from the total FY2026 adopted municipal operating expenditure level.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

17. Executive Session (0100)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to retire into Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1
MRSA Section 405(6) (F) for the purpose of discussing poverty/infirmity abatement

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

TIME STARTED: _____ TIME CLOSED: _____

18. Executive Session (0100)

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to retire into Executive Session Pursuant to Title 1
MRSA Section 405(6) (A) Personnel- Town Manager Position.

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

TIME STARTED: _____ TIME CLOSED: _____

19. Future Agenda Items

20. Adjourn

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to adjourn the meeting at _____pm

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____ VOTE: _____

Upcoming Meetings and other Noteworthy Items:

Mar. 4 th	Finance Committee Meeting-Payroll-4:30pm
Mar. 5 th	Finance Committee Meeting-Warrant-4:30pm
Mar. 5 th	Emergency Council Meeting- 6pm in Council Chambers
Mar. 9 th	Regular Council Meeting- 7:00pm at Region III
Mar. 10 th	Events & Tourism Committee Meeting-5:30pm
Mar. 11 th	Finance Committee Meeting-Payroll-4:30pm
Mar. 17 th	Planning Board-6:00pm
Mar. 18 th	Finance Committee Meeting-Payroll-4:30pm
Mar. 18 th	Council Work Session 6pm to 8pm (open time for residents to come speak with the Council; questions and/or concerns in an informal setting).
Mar. 19 th	Finance Committee Meeting- Warrant-4:30pm
Mar. 25 th	Finance Committee Meeting-Payroll-4:30pm

Meetings and other noteworthy items are subject to change without notice.