

**Memo To:** *Lincoln Town Council*  
**From:** *Lisa J. Goodwin, Town Manager*  
**Subject:** *Weekly News*  
**Date:** *January 15, 2010*

**Chuck Foster Dance tonight  
at Mattanawcook Academy  
from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**ITEM 1.** Congratulations Diana Hill! This week the Town Council confirmed my appointment of Diana Hill as Lincoln's Town Clerk/Office Manager and Registrar of Voters. Diana has worked for the Town of Lincoln since July of 2000. She began working part time at the Library and Town Office. On October 28, 2002 she was hired full time as a Counter Clerk at the Town Office. In October 2007, Ms. Hill received her Maine Clerk certification and was appointed as Deputy Clerk on January 31, 2008. Last summer Diana began her training through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and is working towards her Certificate Municipal Clerk designation through that organization.

Diana has continued to grow and learn since her employment with the Town. I am pleased that she has stepped forward and wants the challenge of this position. She has done a very nice job as Interim Town Clerk since the end of August 2009. She genuinely cares about the community and wants to provide superior service for our residents. Ms. Hill said, "*I am honored to have been appointed to serve the Town of Lincoln as the Town Clerk/Office Manager and Registrar of Voters. I was born and raised in Lincoln and, after about 20 years in various locations throughout the country, I came back here to raise my children. I love my job and am committed to providing the best service possible to the people of Lincoln. This position provides rewards and challenges, and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.*"

**ITEM 2.** Last summer the Transfer Station sold back yard composting bins and Transfer Station Director, David Lloyd, is seeking feedback from the residents who purchased the bins on how well the bins worked. We will make calls from the Town Office asking each of the residents how they like the bins and if they are being used. Maine Resource & Recovery is once again offering these compost bins to Transfer Stations for resale. If Mr. Lloyd receives favorable feedback from those who purchased the bins last year, he will offer them again to our residents in the spring.

Participating in a back yard composting program is the most practical and convenient way to handle your yard wastes. It can be easier and cheaper than bagging the waste and taking it to the Transfer Station. Compost also improves your soil and the plants growing in it. If you have a garden, lawn, trees, shrubs, or even planter boxes, you have a use for compost. By using compost you return organic matter to the soil in a usable form. Organic matter in the soil improves plant growth by helping to break up heavy clay soils and improving the structure, by adding water and nutrient-holding capacity to sandy soils, and by adding essential nutrients to any soil. Improving your soil is the first step toward improving the health of your plants. The benefit to the town is that the waste stream into our Transfer Station is reduced which in turn reduces the cost of operating the facility!

**ITEM 3.** It has been slightly more than three weeks since our Main Street cameras have been recording data. Since that time traffic to our web site has increased dramatically. When the article announcing the on-line cameras appeared in the Bangor Daily News on December 23<sup>rd</sup> we

received 1,311 visitors to our web site with 1,104 being “First Time Visitors”. A first time visitor means that the person visiting the site did not have a “cookie”<sup>1</sup> for [www.lincolnmaine.org](http://www.lincolnmaine.org). Since December 24<sup>th</sup> the average new visitors to our web site is 169 per day compared to 118 the three week period prior to December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Overall I have received some nice feedback about the cameras, especially from people who no longer live in the area but grew up here. The following are a few of the comments I received:

- *How unique it is, to sit here in Spain and watch the traffic flow on Main Street at 10:00 in the morning.*
- *I am in Florida and it is colder than normal. Just wanted to say thanks to the council for the cameras on Main Street. I am heating the bank building and if the temp stays up everything is great BUT if not there is trouble. Anyway I put a light in the window and if the temp drops below 35° the light comes on and guess what, I can watch it from my office in Florida. I can see the light plain as day that is really something. THANKS*
- *Just wanted to tell you I think this is a great idea and more towns should do this. I see nothing wrong with it and it also gives people from away a chance to see what your town looks like.*
- *Congrats on the camera install!!! Great picture quality, nice resolution and the real time capability is great from an investigative standpoint. .... As a deterrent hopefully to criminal activity, the town has become more proactive toward community oriented policing by the camera installation and by inviting all to view them. As a part-time resident (“I’m from away”) the town has done a great service to its taxpayers.*
- *Having grown up in Lincoln on Taylor St. I've enjoyed the new cameras looking up and down Main Street. It brings back a time in my life of growing up in Lincoln.*

I have also received feedback that in the future the town should consider adding more cameras for other views of Main Street, upgrade the cameras to be able to pan, tilt and zoom.

**ITEM 4.** This week Fire Chief, Phillip Dawson, and Fire Engineers Shaughn Millett and Hans Miller traveled to Monroe, Connecticut, to purchase a fire truck for the Town of Lincoln. In November Lincoln voters authorized the purchase of a fire truck in an amount not to exceed \$225,000. Chief Dawson negotiated the purchase of this 1990 Spartan/LTI 100’ ladder/platform truck for a



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<sup>1</sup> A computer cookie is a small text file contains a unique ID tag, placed on your computer by a website. The website saves a complimentary file with a matching ID tag. In this file various information can be stored, from pages visited on the site, to information voluntarily given to the site. When you revisit the site days or weeks later, the site can recognize you by matching the cookie on your computer with the counterpart in its database. <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-are-computer-cookies.htm>

purchase price of \$176,000. Included in the purchase price is 1,000 feet of 5” water supply hose, two electric ventilation fans and several small pieces of firefighting equipment. Chief Dawson estimates the value of this equipment to be \$6,400.

While in Connecticut, Chief Dawson and Engineers Millett and Miller underwent training on the operation of the apparatus as well as training on maneuvering the vehicle on the roadway. Chief Dawson has developed a training plan for his employees before the apparatus is placed into service. Because this piece of equipment is longer than any of the other trucks, each of the Engineers will be required to demonstrate proficiency driving the apparatus before being cleared to respond with the fire truck.

**ITEM 5.** Public Works Director, David Lloyd, reports that the fuel tank on the 2003 GMC plow truck needs replacement. Mr. Lloyd checked with O’Connor GMC to get a price to replace the tank. He was quoted that to replace the tank with a stainless steel or aluminum tank the cost would be \$2,400! This shocking quote caused Mr. Lloyd to go on-line to try to find a less expensive tank. He was able to find a fuel tank in Detroit, Michigan for \$775 plus \$170 shipping for a total of \$945. This additional research saved the town \$1,455! Great job, David!

**ITEM 6.** January is a month for making resolutions! One of the most popular resolutions is to get in shape. To aid in the success of its patrons, the Lincoln Memorial Library has developed a “Get Healthy at the Library” display. Library Director, Linda Morrill, reports that the exercise DVD’s and videos are being borrowed as have the healthy diet and cook books. This display is part of the Library’s year-long event whereby the staff features one section of the library to bring awareness to the patrons of the library’s various collections.

**ITEM 7.** General Assistance Director, Gilberte Mayo, reports that the Citizens Energy of Massachusetts is once again taking applications from low-income households who need help with heating oil. The JOE-4-OIL program will award one delivery of 100 gallons of heating oil to qualified households in Maine. You must call 1-877-563-4645 or log onto their website <http://www.citizensenergy.com/english/pages/33/need-assistance> to apply. Applicants must have information about the household income and must also do business with a company that will take the vouchers from Citizens Energy.

**ITEM 8.** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament being held on February 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> has been steadily coming together with lots of progress this week. To date, 6 teams have called in their intent to participate and information has been sent out to 5 different towns that have called and requested packets. Area businesses have also made donations or paid for advertising to support the fundraiser. *Is your name on this list?* If not, there is still time to advertise in the 8th Annual 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament Program! Many of the teams who come to participate in this tournament spend time at our local restaurants, hotels and stores during the two day event. Listed below are the area businesses that have contributed thus far.

Each year this fundraiser brings in revenues that are deposited into the Lincoln Recreational Center fund and takes a tremendous amount of volunteers for its success. Last year, \$2,907.14 in revenue was deposited into the trust fund. *Are you interested in volunteering or donating concession items?* If so, there will be a special meeting for all parents and volunteers on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers. Discussion will be focused on planning of the tournament. Community Events Coordinator, Shelly Crosby, commented, *“This annual fundraiser for the proposed Recreational Center is a great opportunity*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DONATION</b>
Clay Funeral Home	\$50.00
CWA & Lake Street Realty	\$30.00
Delaite’s Trucking	\$30.00
Gillmor's Family Restaurant	\$75.00
Hannaford Brothers	\$30.00
Ireland's Rubbish Service	\$30.00
Katahdin Cellular	T-Shirts Fundraiser
Lincoln Color Center	Player of the Game
Lincoln Maine Federal Credit Union	\$50.00
Steaks n Stuff	\$30.00
Subway of Lincoln	Cookie Coupons
Thornton Bros	\$30.00

*to pull together area teams from the region to showcase their skills while competing against their peers. Further, it boosts the local economy with retail sales. Last year, many of our merchants phoned in their appreciation for the added boost to their sales. Without the generous support of many local businesses, parents and community members this event would not be possible!”* Anyone with an interest to help is encouraged to call Ronald Weatherbee at 290-0201, Shelly Crosby at 794-6548 or Tournament Supervisor, Nancy Guidod at 794-5556.

**ITEM 9.** *Are you looking for a way to get in from the cold and get some activity this winter?* Why not consider joining some of the exciting adult programs being offered by the Recreation Department free of charge? Currently, we are offering men’s basketball, women’s basketball, adult competitive and recreational volleyball and a walking club! The hallways at Mattanawcook Academy are available for walking on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM. Last winter, over 100 people participated in the walking group that ran from January through April. For each of these programs you must pre-register. Contact either Ronald Weatherbee or Shelly Crosby at 794-6548. Don’t miss this great opportunity for a bit of fitness and socializing!

**ITEM 10.** During the first two weeks of January the Lincoln Memorial Library received several boxes of donated books. One patron donated a large number of mystery fiction. Both hardcover and paperback editions have been added to the mystery collection. Some of the authors were new to our collection and some books filled the gap of books that were not in our collection. Book donations help supplement the collections, saving the book budget for new fiction and nonfiction. Another patron brought in five boxes of books relating to World War I, World War II, Vietnam and the Korean War. Some of these donations have been added to the history section. The books that are not added to the collection will be sold at the Friends of the Lincoln Memorial Library’s next book sale in July.

**ITEM 11.** The ice skating rink will be ready for use on Sunday! Recreation Director, Ronald Weatherbee, reports that a final coat of water will be applied this evening and the rink will be set for skating Sunday. Monday evening the Town Council authorized the easement and

line agreement with Bangor Hydro Electric Co. to run power to the site. Once this work is completed residents will be able to enjoy skating during the evening.

Public Works employee, Reggie Ogden, has been instrumental in constructing the rink and building the ice surface. Thank you Reggie! Thanks are also extended to our Public Works crew and Fire Department for assisting with this project.



Brush off your skates and get ready for some winter time fun!

**ITEM 12.** The street light report is enclosed in the Council packet.

**ITEM 13.** Enjoy the weekend!