

**Bristol Town Administrator**

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**From:** Bristol Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2023 3:54 PM  
**To:** Bristol Town Administrator  
**Cc:** Treasurer  
**Subject:** Bristol Town Property in Lincoln - Forest Mgmt Plan Update  
**Attachments:** 2014 Forest Conservation Plan.pdf; 2023 06 28 FPR Ltr re updated Plan.pdf

Hi Valerie

Attached is a letter from the VT Dept of Forests Parks & Recreation regarding our Forest Management Plan for property the Town owns in Lincoln. An updated Forest Conservation Plan needs to be filed by April 1, 2024. Attached is the 2014 Conservation Plan that was done by David Brynn and Darren Schibler of Vermont Family Forests.

As you know this helps with our tax payment for that property in Lincoln. We currently are taxed on a value of 19,200 with the taxes at \$429.58. The gross value of the property is 156,500. We save approximately \$3,000 per year by being in the Current Use Program.

If the Selectboard decides to update the Plan, then they need to decide if they want to start with David Brynn. Typically, it's less expensive if the same individual that originally did the Plan does the update. I do not know if Brynn/Schibler is still doing this type of work or not. I could make a call and see if they are.

It would be great if this could be on the next Selectboard Agenda so we can start the process soon. Eight months will go fast, as this can't be done overnight. It will also have to be confirmed that we complied with the conditions of the Plan.

Let me know if you want me to call Mr. Brynn to see if he is still doing this work.

Thanks.

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**NOTE: We are now open to the public. Our new office hours are Monday – Thursday - 8 am to 4:30 pm. The office is CLOSED on Fridays. Appointments are still required for research in the Land Records.**

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*Agency of Natural Resources*

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May 16, 2023

**Subject:** Your forestland in Lincoln with SPAN: 354-109-10679

**Action Needed:** Use Value Appraisal Forest Management Plan Update due by April 1, 2024

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Dear Forest Landowner,

The State of Vermont appreciates that you have forestland enrolled in Vermont's Use Value Appraisal (UVA) Program, also known as Current Use. The UVA program enables forest landowners like you to pay property taxes on eligible forestland based on its value for forestry practices rather than its development value, which can save you money. To qualify for this program, you are following an approved forest management plan that prioritizes management for high quality forest products and other objectives supported by a working forested landscape, like wildlife habitat and clean water.

To remain enrolled in the UVA program and maintain your use value tax benefits, you must update your forest management plan every 10 years. The required update ensures that forest management recommendations are based on current conditions and provides an important opportunity to revisit your forest management goals.

***Our records show that the forest management plan on file for your property in Lincoln (SPAN:354-109-10679) will expire on April 1, 2024.***

An updated management plan must be filed with this office by April 1st, 2024. The plan needs to include detailed descriptions of your forest, updated maps, and a schedule of management activities to be completed over the next 10 years. Scheduling and developing your management plan could take months and licensed foresters become increasingly busy as the April 1st deadline approaches. Don't wait until March to get started. If you haven't already done so, contact your consulting forester and plan for the future of your forestland enrolled in Vermont's UVA program.

For a list of licensed consulting foresters in your area, contact me at the information listed in the letterhead. If you have any questions about forest management plans, this process, or the requirements of the UVA program please contact me.

Sincerely,

Addison County Forester

