

We, the Undersigned, all Registered Voters of the Town of Lincolnville, hereby request that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lincolnville, Maine, send this proposal for a Moratorium Ordinance forward to the Voters of the Town at the earliest possible opportunity:

MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

To prohibit the construction of any new or currently proposed piers, docks, floats, ramps, and other permanent structures along the coast in Lincolnville, for which construction has not yet commenced as of March 31, 2022.

WHEREAS the coastal area of the Town of Lincolnville is subject to the unexpected development of a proposed pier; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong likelihood that the Coastal areas of the Town will continue to be subjected to development pressure of this type; and

WHEREAS, the existing zoning ordinances and regulations may not specifically, or adequately protect the Shoreland Zone along the coast; and

WHEREAS, the development of piers could pose serious threats to the health, safety and welfare of the Inhabitants of the Town by allowing development along the shoreline zone that is incompatible with near shore navigation, shellfish and lobster habitats, and would significantly and permanently diminish the scenic views of the coast that are a significant aspect of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the threat of more and more piers along the coast would have a detrimental impact on natural habitats, scenic beauty and inshore navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Town will need at least 180 days to develop and implement amendments to its zoning ordinances and regulations of the Town to address this type of development pressure; and

WHEREAS, littoral property owners have the ability to install moorings during the moratorium, which are a less environmentally damaging practicable alternative to piers available under the current ordinances; and

WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Planning process is currently underway and will not be completed in time to suggest amendments to current ordinances and regulations designed to regulate current and future pier development proposals; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Town's zoning ordinances require a public hearing by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen, and must then be voted on at a Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS, this moratorium ordinance is required immediately to prevent destruction and diminution of natural habitats, and scenic values and to prevent serious public harm by endangering inshore navigation for recreation, fishing and other activities affecting the public

welfare and use of the intertidal flats in Lincolnville pursuant to the Colonial Ordinance of 1641-1647.