

TOWN OF LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Saturday, June 13, 2020: 9:30 a.m.

ANNUAL ELECTION: Monday, June 15, 2020: noon – 4:00 p.m.

2020 WARRANT



TOWN OF LINCOLN

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lincoln in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Lincoln qualified to vote at Town Meeting for the transaction of Town Affairs to meet for the annual election at the Hartwell parking lot located on the Lincoln School campus on Ballfield Road on Monday, the fifteenth day of June, 2020 next, starting at 12:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following Article 1, and also to meet for the annual town meeting in the same Hartwell parking in said Lincoln on Saturday, the thirteenth day of June, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., then and there to act on the following articles, except Article 1, by posting a copy of this Warrant, by you attested, in said Town, seven days at least before the 13th day of June next.

The polls for voting the ballot on Monday, June 15, 2020 will be opened at 12:00 p.m. and will close at 4:00 p.m.

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**Public Health Note:**

**In recognition of the ongoing public health crisis, protective measures are being implemented to enable town meeting and the election to proceed in the safest possible manner. Said measures include: moving to an outdoor venue including a large tent that will permit maximum social distancing, restricting town meeting voting exclusively to financial matters, making full use of the so-called "consent calendar" to expedite the voting process, virtual presentations in advance of town meeting to minimize discussion time during town meeting, and a reduced, four-hour schedule for voting at the polls. Voters are encouraged to vote via absentee ballot for optimal safety. Our mitigation plans were developed in consultation with the Lincoln Board of Health and our public health nurse.**

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Rain Dates: In the event of significant rain, town meeting may be continued to a later time on Saturday, June 13th, or to Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the same Hartwell parking lot. In the event of significant rain on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the election shall be postponed until Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the same Hartwell parking lot from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1

To bring in their votes for one or more members for each of the following offices;

- Board of Assessors for three years
- Board of Health for three years
- Board of Selectmen for three years
- Cemetery Commission for three years
- Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years
- Housing Commission for three years
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District School Committee, two seats for three years
- Moderator for three years
- Parks and Recreation Committee for three years
- Planning Board, two seats for three years
- School Committee, two seats for three years
- Trustees of Bemis for three years
- Water Commission, one seat for three years, one seat for two years, and one seat for one year

ARTICLE 2

To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of the several elective officers of the Town and to determine whether any Department, Board or Committee shall be authorized to employ for additional compensation any of its members and to fix additional compensation of such members; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, to fund the Town's Senior Tax Work-off Program, as established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5K, as it may be amended from time to time; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, to fund the Town's Veteran Tax Work-off Program, as established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5N, as it may be amended from time to time; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the necessary and expedient purposes of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 7

To receive and act upon a report of the Capital Planning Committee, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, including stabilization funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, to purchase various capital items, or to fund capital projects as recommended by the Capital Planning Committee, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Capital Planning Committee

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, transfer from free cash, stabilization, cable revolving or other available funds, or any combination thereof, an amount of money to supplement the funds authorized under Article 1 of the December 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting to design, renovate, rebuild, equip and furnish the Lincoln School, located on Ballfield Road, Lincoln, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life of at least 50 years as an educational facility for the instruction of school children; or take any action relative thereto.

School Committee

ARTICLE 9

To receive and act upon a report from the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Budget, and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, and to determine whether such sums shall be raised from the Community Preservation Fund, transferred from available funds, borrowed, or any combination thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, to be used for the repair and maintenance of certain Lincoln School Campus classrooms and buildings, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, to be used for the repair and maintenance of certain Town buildings, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, to be used for the repair and maintenance of the Lincoln Library, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Library Trustees

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds (including any amount appropriated under Article 6 that exceeds the final Lincoln assessment voted no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, by the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Committee for the fiscal year 2021, in accordance with law), by borrowing or any combination thereof, to add funds to the Debt Stabilization Fund, so called, previously established in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B at the March 26, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, Article 19, for the purpose of funding future debt service obligations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, to add funds to the Group Insurance Liability Fund established by Chapter 474 of the Acts of 2008, which Fund will help offset the Town's so-called "Other Post-employment Benefits (OPEB)" liability established by Statements 74 and 75 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, to add funds, representing Lincoln's proportionate share of the contribution recommended by the LSRHS School Committee, to the Lincoln Sudbury Regional School District Retirees Health Insurance Trust Fund, established by the acceptance of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011, for Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School, which Fund will help offset the High School's so-called "Other Post-employment Benefits (OPEB)" liability established by Statements 74 and 75 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend such sum or sums of money that may be available under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90 or any other state roadway reimbursement programs and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

#### ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money equal to the state reimbursement amount for Special Education Medicaid expenses to supplement the FY21 Lincoln School operating budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee

#### ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the PEG Access and Cable Revolving Fund, previously established at the March 19, 2016 Town Meeting, Article 32, to support cable related purposes consistent with the franchise agreement between cable operators and the Town of Lincoln, including, but not limited to: (i) support of public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitor compliance of the cable operator with the franchise agreement; and/or (iii) prepare for renewal of the franchise license; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

#### ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account for Cemetery improvements, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Cemetery Commissioners

#### ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL c. 44, § 53E½ to take the following actions:

1. Increase the spending limit for the Recycling Revolving Fund; and
2. Re-establish the current spending limits for all other revolving funds as set forth in Article XXVIII of the General By-law, with such expenditures to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year in accordance with Article XXVIII, Section 2 of the General By-Law, unless such limits are amended by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year;

and further, to amend Section XXVIII, Section 2 of the General Bylaw to delete the word "annually," so as to eliminate the requirement that the Town vote annually to re-establish revolving fund spending limits at their existing levels, or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash or any other source of funds a sum of money to reduce the total amount to be raised by taxation pursuant to the votes previously taken under Article 6 of this Warrant, or any other article of this Warrant authorizing the appropriation of funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 22

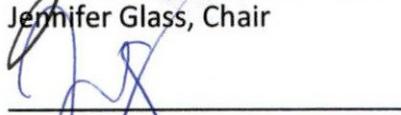
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money or any combination thereof, to purchase various capital items, and/or to fund capital projects of the Water Department, as recommended by the Water Commissioners, including all costs incidental or related thereto, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all or a portion of said funds under the provisions of G.L. c.44 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as amended, it being the intent of the Town, however, in either such case that the entire principal of and interest on such bonds or notes shall be paid from water rates and/or surplus; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C, as amended and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water Commissioners or other appropriate local body or officials is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the projects; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, and any prior vote authorizing debt, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any other action relative thereto.

Water Commissioners

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings, thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time for the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.



Jennifer Glass, Chair



James Craig



Jonathan Dwyer

**Board of Selectmen**