

TOWN OF LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

MOTIONS



Consent Calendar: MOTIONS under article #s 15 – 30 are to be found on the green CONSENT CALENDAR. Due to their relatively non-controversial or routine subject matter, Consent Calendar items are voted together in one motion to expedite the business of Town Meeting. Voters are free to hold out any CONSENT CALENDAR item for questions or discussion.

MOTION under ARTICLE 2: Fence Viewers and Measurers of Wood and Bark

Moved: That Sarah Cannon Holden, Peter Sugar, Jacob Lehrhoff, Lucy Maulsby, Rob Stringer, Abby Salon, and Rachel Schacter be elected Fence Viewers and that Craig Nicholson, William Churchill, George Georges, Sue Klemp, Molly Lockwood, and Terry Green be elected Measurers of Wood & Bark for the ensuing year.

Select Board

MOTION under ARTICLE 3: Town Meeting Study Committee Report

Moved: That the Town will vote to hear a report from the Select Board and Town Moderator appointed Town Meeting Study Committee (TMSC).

Select Board

MOTION under ARTICLE 4: Community Center Building Committee Report

Moved: That the Town will vote to hear a report from the Community Center Building Committee (CCBC).

Select Board

MOTION under ARTICLE 5: Town Operating Budget

Moved: That the Town vote to adopt as the FY 27 budget appropriation the recommendations listed in the report of the Finance Committee, printed on pages 43-48 inclusive of the Financial Section & Warrant for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting, with the following exceptions:

And that all items be raised by taxation except to the following extent:

- Dept. 1491 **Cemetery Department-Expenses-** \$5,000 to be transferred from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund Income-Expendable Trust.

- Dept. 1290 **Town Offices- Personnel Services-** \$290,557 to be transferred from the Hanscom Fund.

- Dept. 1290 **Town Offices- Personnel Services-** \$60,000 to be transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund.

- Dept. 1331 **Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School- Assessment-**\$9,000 to be transferred from the PEG Access Cable Fund.

- Dept. 61451 **Water Department**
 - Personnel Services-** \$705,727 to be transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund
 - Expenses-** \$1,239,074, and of that total \$284,574 to be transferred from Retained Earnings and \$954,500 to be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund
 - Debt Service-** \$873,925 to be transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund.

- Dept. 614513 **Water Department- Emergency Reserve-** \$75,000 to be transferred from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings (Water Surplus).

MOTION under ARTICLE 6: Community Preservation Act Fund Expenditures

Moved: That the Town vote to accept the report of the Community Preservation Committee and that the following amounts (Items A - R) be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund Revenues, or transferred from prior year’s revenues for Community Preservation purposes as specified below, including in each instance, all costs incidental and related thereto:

FY27 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECTS			
Article	Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation
A	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the FY27 debt service payment for the 2011 Town Offices renovation bond.	\$275,060	\$275,060 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
B	To fund, for community housing purposes, the transfer of CPA funds to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.	\$250,000	\$250,000 from General CPA Fund Balance
C	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, exterior painting and carpentry repairs at the Pierce House.	\$250,000	\$250,000 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
D	To fund, for community housing purposes, year seven of the Rental Assistance Program for residents at risk.	\$97,465	\$97,465 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
E	To fund FY27 debt service payments due on permanent borrowing for previously voted CPA projects.	\$95,550	\$95,550 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
F	To fund as a grant, for historic preservation purposes, the installation of a sprinkler system at the Old Town Hall Exchange, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into a grant with the owners of, and to accept a preservation restriction on, said building.	\$80,000	\$80,000 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
G	To fund, for recreation purposes, circulation lines for the Codman wading pool.	\$70,000	\$70,000 from General CPA Fund Balance
H	To fund, for community housing purposes, the renovation of a bathroom at 65 Tower Road.	\$41,000	\$41,000 from General CPA Fund Balance
I	To fund, for community housing purposes, regional housing support services.	\$37,000	\$37,000 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
J	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the conservation of archival documents: Selectman	\$27,505	\$27,505 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues

	Perambulation 1794-1830, Collector Timothy Brown 1793, Lincoln Assessors Records 1768, 1770, 1771, 1775, 1786, and Lincoln Assessors Records 1797-1799.		
K	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the restoration/replacement of two historic gates at the Arbor Vitae and Lincoln Cemetery on Lexington Road.	\$26,580	\$26,580 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
L	To fund, for open space and recreation purposes, the development of an open space and recreation plan.	\$8,500	\$8,500 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
M	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, a survey of significant buildings for Massachusetts Historical Commission.	\$6,600	\$6,600 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
N	To fund CPC administrative expenses.	\$5,000	\$5,000 from FY27 CPA Projected Revenues
	Project Appropriation Subtotal	\$1,270,260	
	Reserves:		
O	Housing Reserve	\$0	
P	Open Space/Land Acquisition Reserve	\$27,072	From FY27 CPA projected revenues
Q	Historic Preservation Reserve	\$0	
R	Recreation Reserve	\$0	
	Reserves Subtotal	\$27,072	
	Additional Appropriation:	\$0	
	Grand Total of all CPA funded Appropriations	\$1,297,332	

Article 6 Explanations

This article proposes projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under Lincoln's Community Preservation Act (CPA) passed at the March 2002 Annual Town Meeting and the November 2002 Election. The descriptions of the proposed projects/actions are contained below:

- A. **Debt Service on Town Offices Renovation** - The 2011 Town Meeting approved project costs of \$6.8 million to renovate the Town Office Building. And the Town Meeting has approved the Committee's recommendation to fund the project's annual debt service from CPA funds every year since. This year's debt service payment is \$275,060. The Committee is again recommending that the project's annual debt service be funded via CPA funds. There are 14 years remaining on the bonds.
- B. **Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund** - The Town's Affordable Housing Trust was established in 2006, providing an available funding source for housing projects that come up unexpectedly. The Trust works in collaboration with the Town's Housing Commission, and other key Town boards and stakeholders to identify potentially worthwhile projects. The Trust's ready access to Town funds enables it to partner with developers and help shape projects so that they meet the Town's affordability goals. The current balance in the Trust is \$1.7 million. This transfer is the third of several, aiming to increase the balance in the Trust to \$2 million over the next few years.
- C. **Pierce House Exterior Carpentry Repairs**- The Pierce House is an iconic element of Lincoln's town center, hosting many public and private events. The committee has invested considerable funds to repair the exterior of the home, and these funds would be used for any remaining carpentry work prior to a complete painting of the exterior.
- D. **Housing Rental Assistance Program** - At the March 2019 Annual Town Meeting, voters approved the first year of funding for this program. Funds will continue to be used to support community housing by offering the opportunity for low-income residents who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness to remain in our community through assistance in paying rent on affordable housing units or by providing emergency shelter until permanent affordable housing can be arranged.
- E. **FY27 Debt Service Payments** - Debt payment costs associated with the tenth year of permanent financing for previously voted CPA project pursuant to Article 11 of the March 25, 2017, Town Meeting for the purchase of land and development of an athletic field.
- F. **Old Town Hall Exchange- Sprinkler System**- Old Town Hall Exchange is historically, culturally, and architecturally significant to the town, that its loss due to fire would substantially diminish the appearance and character of the town, and thus, the Historical Commission endorsed the owners' efforts to preserve the buildings through the installation of the proposed sprinkler system. Consistent with the Select Board's Community Preservation Act Grants to Private Organizations, adopted in September 2025, the owners of Old Town Hall Exchange have agreed to contribute 25% of the total cost of the project, and to enter into a recordable permanent preservation restriction agreements to preserve aspects of the exterior and interior of the buildings and properties, the terms of which agreements would be negotiated between owner and the town; and to Guarantee public access to the building and property in accordance with the terms of formal agreements to be negotiated between the owner and the town, including having the building open for public use under terms that are approved by the Select Board.

- G. **Codman Wading Pool -Circulation Lines-** Lincoln's Open Space and Recreation Plan identifies the upkeep of recreational infrastructure as a priority, recognizing that well-maintained facilities are essential to community wellness and preserving town character. This project ensures that the wading pool remains safe, functional, and sustainable, preventing costly failures and allowing uninterrupted use by pool patrons. The Codman Pool complex is a central part of Lincoln's recreation network. Investing in critical infrastructure like circulation lines upholds the Town's commitment to stewardship of existing assets, aligns with broader goals of providing outdoor opportunities for all ages, and reflects the community's expectation for safe, reliable, and well-cared-for facilities.
- H. **65 Tower Road – Bathroom Upgrade-** Built in 1930, it has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The bathrooms were last updated in 2006 and recently have required numerous repairs to address issues related to leaks, faulty wiring, cracked fixtures, and other structural issues. The town-contracted maintenance coordinator reports that these repairs are insufficient to solve these problems, and a larger update of the systems and fixtures in the bathrooms are needed to keep them in good working order and prevent further problems and potential follow-on issues relating to mold, leaks, and structural integrity of the building. The scope of the work needed includes gutting both bathrooms to replace all plumbing and wiring to bring them up to code, installing new fixtures (sinks, toilets, showers/tubs) to replace cracked and damaged ones, and installing new durable flooring and walls to minimize risks of future concerns for some time.
- I. **Housing Regional Support Services** - At the recommendation of the Town's three housing organizations (i.e., Housing Commission, Housing Trust and Lincoln Foundation), the Select Board contracts with a regional housing support organization, the Regional Housing Services Organization (RHSO), to provide technical support and to help ensure regulatory compliance. The job of monitoring, reporting, and ensuring compliance with various federal and state housing requirements has become complex and is beyond the capabilities and capacities of our local housing organizations and staff. The RHSO provides support to eight of our neighboring towns.
- J. **Town Archives-Preservation of Various Records-** Selectman Perambulation 1794-1830 (2020.01.3.1), Collector Timothy Brown 1793 (2010.01.3.3), Lincoln Assessors Records 1768, 1770, 1771, 1775, 1786 (2020.1.3.4), and Lincoln Assessors Records 1797-1799 (2010.01.3.4). These items detail the responsibilities of the early Lincoln government and items owned by the citizens of Lincoln. These documents give historians an understanding of the lives of Lincoln's citizens.
- K. **Cemetery Gates-** This project involves the restoration/replacement of two gates in Lincoln's Cemeteries. One single gate will be restored at the Arbor Vitae Cemetery on Lexington Road, while a second double swinging gate will be restored at the entrance to the larger Lincoln Cemetery further north on Lexington Road. This project aligns with Lincoln's vision to maintain and celebrate its rich history and remarkable resources. The Arbor Vitae Cemetery dates back to the mid-1800s, and the Precinct Cemetery (found within the Lincoln Cemetery) dates back to the Revolutionary War. Five British soldiers are buried in the Precinct Cemetery, a selfless act by Mary Hartwell who brought their bodies by wagon to this cemetery for burial. Both cemeteries are historic treasures of the Town, with grave sites of beloved family members, including countless important and diverse former residents, Town mothers and fathers, and church officials.
- L. **Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP)-** This comprehensive planning document, requested by the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services (DCS) every ten years, serves as the foundation for the Town's conservation and recreation priorities and is essential for maintaining eligibility for state and federal grant programs. OSRPs help communities plan for the future of conservation and

recreation resources, recognize critical needs, and identify actions to protect and improve these resources. The OSRP process involves soliciting resident feedback to create an updated plan that reflects the values and needs of the community as they relate to open space and recreation resources. Conservation Commission staff are prepared to undertake the majority of the technical work required for the OSRP update, including data collection, analysis, and plan preparation. This approach significantly reduces costs compared to other municipalities, which typically request between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in funding to contract the majority of the project to outside consultants. By leveraging internal expertise and dedicating staff time to this important planning effort, Lincoln can achieve the same high-quality outcome at a fraction of the cost.

- M. **Historical Commission Survey of Significant Buildings** - The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), the state entity charged with historic preservation, encourages municipal historical commissions to retain architectural historians to research and prepare written and photographic documentation of buildings, structures, and neighborhoods that have historical, architectural, or cultural significance to the municipality. Consistent with the MHC's encouragement, and through the generous support of the CPC and the Town, the Lincoln Historical Commission (LHC) is engaged in preparing a comprehensive set of surveys documenting the Town's significant buildings and neighborhoods/areas. The surveys are publicly available as part of the Town's archives and the MHC's database. The surveys assist the LHC in making informed decisions regarding proposed restorations or demolitions of buildings and structures in Town and assist scholars in research the rich history of Lincoln's built environment. For FY 2027, the LHC proposes surveying approximately 20 buildings and neighborhoods of Town.
- N. **Administrative Expenses** - These funds will be used primarily to pay the annual membership dues for the Community Preservation Coalition, a statewide organization that represents the interests of CPA communities. Other administrative expenses include costs associated with public information, mailings, and public hearings. Any funds not spent prior to the end of FY26 will be returned to the CPA fund.
- O. **Housing Reserve** - The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of annual revenues be spent or set aside for affordable housing.
- P. **Open Space/Land Acquisition Reserve** -The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of annual revenues be spent or set aside for open space/land conservation.
- Q. **Historic Preservation Reserve** - The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of annual revenues be spent or set aside for historic preservation.
- R. **Recreation Reserve** - The CPA permits, but does not require, the Town to spend or set aside funds for recreational purposes. No funds are reserved for recreational purposes at this time.

MOTION under ARTICLE 7: Library Geothermal Heating/Cooling System

Moved: To pass over this article.

Library Trustees/Community Preservation Committee/Select Board

MOTION under ARTICLE 8: Library Conventional Gas Boiler

Moved: To pass over this article.

Library Trustees/Community Preservation Committee/Select Board

MOTION under ARTICLE 9: Capital Planning Committee Projects

Moved: That the Town vote to accept the report of the Capital Planning Committee and that the following amounts (Items A - N) be appropriated as stated in the table below for the following purposes, including in each instance, all costs incidental and related thereto:

FY27 CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	ITEM	\$ AMOUNT	SPONSOR	FUNDING SOURCE
A	To fund repairs to the Conservation Barn, and any related expenses, by the Conservation Department.	\$20,660	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
B	To fund the purchase of a Billy Goat brush mower, and any related equipment, for use by the Conservation Department, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$5,360	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
C	To fund the purchase of a mini excavator, and any related equipment, for use by the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$84,000	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
D	To fund the purchase of a pavement planer attachment, and any related equipment, for use by the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$21,000	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
E	To fund the purchase of a tree/bucket truck, and any related equipment, for use by the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess vehicles or equipment.	\$243,000	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
F	To fund the purchase and installation of replacement firewall equipment, and any related expenses, by the Information Technology	\$57,900	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation

	Department, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.			
G	To fund the purchase and installation of replacement classroom presentation systems, and any related expenses, by Lincoln Public Schools, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$106,000	School Committee	Raise and appropriate by taxation
H	To fund the purchase and installation of an automated control panel for the wastewater treatment facility, and any related expenses, by the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$22,321	Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Committee	Raise and appropriate by taxation
I	To fund the purchase and installation of replacement network core equipment, and any related expenses, by the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$10,504	Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Committee	Raise and appropriate by taxation
J	To fund the purchase of an athletics van, and any related equipment, for use by the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess vehicles or equipment.	\$7,878	Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Committee	Raise and appropriate by taxation
K	To fund the purchase of a building and grounds truck, and any related equipment, for use by the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess vehicles or equipment.	\$14,443	Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Committee	Raise and appropriate by taxation
L	To fund the purchase of replacement body worn cameras, and any related equipment, for use by the Police Department, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$7,800	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
M	To fund the purchase of replacement duty firearms, and any related equipment, for use by the Police Department, and to authorize the disposal of, by sale or otherwise, any related excess equipment.	\$22,050	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
N	To fund repairs and improvements to the Department of Public Works building, and any related expenses, by the Town Facilities Department.	\$200,000	Select Board	Raise and appropriate by taxation
	Total Cash Capital Appropriations	822,916		

Article 9 Explanations

This article proposes projects recommended by the Capital Planning Committee. The descriptions of the proposed projects/actions are contained below:

- A. Conservation Barn Repairs** - The Conservation Department is requesting funds to complete needed repairs to the Conservation Barn to address immediate safety and structural concerns. This project will repair roof leaks, address decay, improve the structural stability of the barn's floor, and help prevent further moisture from seeping into the basement. It will also include repainting the barn's exterior, repairing a cracked windowpane, and installing guardrails around and along the attic staircase. Once these issues are addressed, the barn should remain structurally sound and watertight for the foreseeable future.
- B. Billy Goat Brush Mower** - The Conservation Department is requesting funds to purchase a Billy Goat brush mower to replace an aging DR brush mower that has reached the end of its useful life. Purchased in 2015, the DR brush mower has seen extensive use over the past ten years. During the summer growing season and into the fall, brush mowers are used several times each week to manage trail-side vegetation and field edges. The size of the mower allows it to be easily transported in the back of a pickup truck and maneuvered in tight spaces around trees and stones. The Billy Goat mower fills the same role as the DR mower but is easier to operate and maintain. Having previously acquired a Billy Goat mower, Department staff consider it superior to the DR mower.
- C. Mini Excavator** - The Department of Public Works is requesting funds to purchase a mini excavator for use in a wide range of construction and maintenance activities. This equipment will support Department operations, including drainage work, burial services at Lincoln Cemetery, roadside and sidewalk projects, and other general excavation needs. The mini excavator will provide the Department with added flexibility and efficiency in performing both routine and emergency work.
- D. Pavement Planer Attachment** - The Department of Public Works is requesting funds to purchase a pavement planer attachment for use in roadway and sidewalk maintenance operations. This equipment will allow DPW crews to more effectively remove deteriorated pavement surfaces in preparation for repair work, improving the quality and efficiency of patching and surface restoration projects. The attachment will expand the Department's ability to complete this work in-house and respond more quickly to maintenance needs.
- E. Tree/Bucket Truck** - The Department of Public Works is requesting funds to purchase a new tree/bucket truck to replace its existing 2004 truck. This vehicle will support tree maintenance and roadside vegetation management operations. It will be used to safely access and trim trees, remove hazardous limbs, and perform other elevated work associated with maintaining roadside clearances and protecting public safety. The truck will support routine maintenance, as well as storm response and emergency operations.
- F. Firewall Replacement** - The Information Technology Department is requesting funds to replace the firewalls at Town Hall, Pierce House, Public Safety, DPW, and both Water Department locations. Firewalls are a critical part of the Town's network security infrastructure and help protect municipal systems, data, and operations from cyber threats and unauthorized access. All current firewalls will reach end of life in 2026. The goal is to replace the existing SonicWall firewalls with Fortinet firewalls, which are less expensive and easier to manage. Replacing this equipment will help the Town better comply with insurance requirements, improve network security, maintain reliable performance, and ensure continued support for current security standards and operational needs.

- G. Classroom Presentation System Replacement** - Lincoln Public Schools is requesting funds to replace 29 existing interactive projectors with new laser light-source interactive projectors. The current projectors, which were installed in 2017, are now approaching the end of their expected 10-year useful life and are showing degradation in image quality, as well as device failures. The new projectors are expected to last at least 10 years and will provide a significantly brighter image while maintaining the same power consumption.
- H. Wastewater Treatment Facility Automated Control Panel** - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School is requesting funds to replace its current manual wastewater control system with an automated, real-time monitoring control system. The current system was installed in 2004, is now obsolete, and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. This equipment is essential to monitoring and operating the campus wastewater treatment system and supports the reliable functioning of a critical utility. Replacing the control panel will improve system dependability and help avoid service disruptions associated with aging or obsolete equipment.
- I. Network Core** - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School is requesting funds to replace its network core, the backbone of the district's technology infrastructure. The network core is the central point through which external network connections enter the building and from which 21 network closets are served throughout the school. The existing system was last upgraded in the summer of 2020 and was projected to have a useful life of 5 to 7 years. Replacing this equipment will help ensure reliable connectivity for instructional, administrative, and operational systems throughout the building.
- J. Athletics Van** - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School is requesting funds to replace a 2011 Chevrolet 15-passenger van. The van is used by the Athletics program to transport student-athletes to and from events in other communities during the school year. It is also used for student transportation by the Extended School Year program. The useful life span of a 15-passenger van is 10 years. This vehicle is vital to the school's athletic programming, as the vans are the primary form of transportation for after-school games. Because buses cannot be secured until 4:00 PM, the school relies on these vans to get students to afternoon games in all seasons.
- K. Building and Grounds Dump Truck** - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School is requesting funds to replace a 2015 Ford F-450 dump truck. The useful life span of a dump truck is 10 years. This vehicle supports facilities and grounds operations, including transporting tools, materials, equipment, and supplies needed for routine maintenance and repair work across the campus. The truck will help staff carry out ongoing maintenance responsibilities efficiently and respond to day-to-day operational needs.
- L. Body Worn Camera Replacement** - The Police Department is requesting funds to replace 16 body-worn cameras that have reached the end of their useful life. By policy, officers are required in most cases to wear body-worn cameras while on duty. The operability of the current cameras has deteriorated, and the manufacturer has discontinued them. Replacing this equipment will help ensure reliable performance, continued evidentiary integrity, and compatibility with the Department's current systems and program requirements. The Department is able to offset part of the cost by using funds seized during a criminal investigation, so this request reflects only the remaining balance.
- M. Duty Firearm Replacement** - The Police Department is requesting funds to replace 20 firearms that have been in service since 2015. Several service weapons have already had to be returned for repair and maintenance due to wear and tear and other factors, including exposure to inclement weather.

Duty firearms are essential equipment for sworn personnel and must remain reliable, safe, and in proper operating condition. This replacement program will ensure that officers continue to be equipped with dependable service weapons that meet current operational standards.

- N. DPW Building Repairs** - The Facilities Department is requesting funds to repair and preserve the DPW barn and office building. After many years of service, the building envelope has developed deficiencies, including penetrations, material deterioration, and other compromised areas. This funding would be used to replace damaged exterior siding, prepare and repaint the building, and repair or replace garage doors and other safety-related deficiencies. This work will help preserve the building, improve safety, and support the continued delivery of DPW services.

Capital Planning Committee

MOTION under ARTICLE 10: New Fire Engine

Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$ 1,050,000 from Free Cash to purchase and equip a new fire engine, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

Capital Planning Committee

MOTION under ARTICLE 11: Add Funds to the Stabilization Fund for Future Capital Expenditures

Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$23,000 from Free Cash 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.

Finance Committee

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MOTION under ARTICLE 12: Bright Light Award

Moved: That the Town vote act on the recommendation from the Select Board and present the annual Bright Light Award to **(will be announced on the floor of Town Meeting)**; and to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$500 to support this award.

Select Board

MOTION under ARTICLE 13: Vote to Use Free Cash to Reduce Property Taxes

Moved: That the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$ 2,300,000 to reduce the FY 27 amount of debt service raised by taxation.

Finance Committee

MOTION under ARTICLE 14: Water Department Capital Project

Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate the following amounts (Items A - C) as stated in the table below for the following purposes, including, in each instance, all costs incidental and related thereto:

	Category	Description	Amount	Funding Source
A	Natural Gas Generator for Tower Road Well Site	This generator will provide critical backup power during outages or emergencies.	\$24,600	Retained Earnings
B	Building Repairs (4) Separate Locations	The Water Department operates out of four facilities. 77 Sandy Pond Rd., 80 Sandy Pond Rd., the Tower Road Well Site, and the Birchwood Lane Storage Garage, all of which currently require essential repairs.	\$165,000	Retained Earnings
C	Smart Water Meter Upgrade	Continuation of the town-wide Water Meter Replacement Program, Phase 3 of 4, ensuring improved billing accuracy, enhanced leak detection and a crucial effort toward water conservation	\$267,750	Bonding
		Total Water Capital Projects	\$457,350	

and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$267,750 under the provisions of G.L. c44 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 Select Board 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 of the General Laws, as amended, while any bonds or notes issued under the authority of this vote shall be a general obligation of the Town payable from any source of revenue, it is the intent of the Town, however, that the entire principal of and interest on such bonds or notes shall be paid, in the first instance, from water rates and/or water surplus; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to said 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 Select Board, Board of Water Commissioners or other appropriate Town body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the projects.

Water Commission

ARTICLE 31: Free Cash to Balance Budget/Reduce the Tax Rate

Moved: That the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$_____ to reduce the total amount to be raised by taxation pursuant to the votes previously taken under Article 5 of this Warrant, or any other article of this Warrant authorizing the appropriation of funds from taxation.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 32: Lincoln250 Event

Moved: That the Town vote on the following question that was put before the voters on May 20, 1776: “To advise the person who shall be chosen as aforesaid whether in case the Continental Congress shall declare the United American Colonies independent of Great Britain, they will engage to support such independence with their lives and fortunes.”

Select Board

ARTICLE 33: Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Regional Agreement Update

Moved: That the Town vote to approve amendments to the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School District Agreement so that it reads as shown on the Salmon Sheets:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF LINCOLN AND SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF THE LINCOLN SUDBURY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, RESTATED AND AMENDED

This Agreement entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended.

WITNESSETH that:

WHEREAS, the Towns of Lincoln and Sudbury (herein, “Member Town(s)”) formed the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District (the “Regional School District” or “District”) under provision of said Chapter 71, sections 14 to 16I of the General Laws; and

WHEREAS, such Member Towns and wish to amend in full this Agreement as provided by said Chapter 71, sections 14 to 16I of the General Laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual promises herein contained, the Member Towns do mutually agree as follows:

1. Number, Composition, Method of Selection and Terms of Office of the Members of the Regional District School Committee. The powers and duties and liabilities of the Regional School District shall be vested in and exercised by a Regional School District Committee (the “Committee”). Such Committee shall consist of six members to be elected at large by all of the voters of the Member Towns in

accordance with Chapter 20 of the Acts of 1971, voting at the Annual District Election. The term of office of each member shall be three years and until their successor has been elected, certified and duly sworn-in and the Annual Town Meeting of both Member Towns has been completed. A member of the Committee must be a resident of one of the Member Towns. A quorum of the Committee shall be four.

Vacancies that occur on the Committee shall be filled by the remaining members of the Committee acting together with the Chair of the Select Board of each Member Town. The appointee filling such vacancy shall serve until the next Annual District Election and until their successor has been elected, certified and duly sworn-in. At the next Annual District Election following the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor to serve for the balance of the unexpired term, if any, shall be elected.

Nomination papers for membership on the Committee shall be submitted through the district clerk and filed with the town clerk of each Member Town. The Annual District Election shall be called and held in the manner provided for a calling and holding of an election pursuant to Section 16(n) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws so far as applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section to the contrary, in the event the Annual Town Elections in all the Member Towns shall be held on the same day as the Annual District Election, the Annual District Election may be combined with and held at the same time and place as the Annual Town Elections in each Member Town and the following additional provisions shall be applicable, to wit,

- (a) The district clerk shall promptly upon receipt thereof certify to the town clerk of each Member Town the name and address of each candidate for the Committee whose nomination papers have been properly filed, to be included on the ballot in each Member Town.
- (b) The warrant for the Annual District Election shall state that said election will be held at the same time and place as the Annual Town Elections in the Member Towns.
- (c) The ballot, whether printed or by voting machine, for the Annual District Election may be prepared separately or with the consent of the Select Boards in all Member Towns may be included with and prepared as part of the ballot of the Annual Town Elections.
- (d) The Member Towns may, by a memorandum of agreement, establish such additional details concerning the conduct of the Annual District Election not otherwise addressed by Section 1(c) of this Agreement as may be needed to ensure compliance with state law and consistent implementation of this section by both Member Towns.

The town clerk in each of the Member Towns shall promptly certify to the Committee the result of the voting in that Member Town. Newly elected or appointed members of the Committee shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the office by the district clerk. Any recount petitions shall be filed with the District clerk, who shall notify the town clerk for each Member Town.

2. Location of District. The District shall be located in the northeast portion of the Town of Sudbury within a radius of two and one-half miles of the junction of the two Member Towns.

3. Type of District. The District shall be an academic regional school district consisting of Grades 9 through 12, inclusive.

The Committee is hereby authorized to establish and maintain State-aided Vocational Education, acting as trustees therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws, and Acts mandatory thereto, or dependent thereon; if the Committee deems it desirable.

4. Enrollment. Enrollment in the District's school(s) shall be limited to students residing in the Member Towns in Grades 9 through 12, or as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to such terms and conditions as it may prescribe and as permitted by law and regulation, the Committee may authorize the use of District facilities for such purposes as the Committee may deem in keeping with the civic purpose of such facilities, provided no use may be authorized under this paragraph that would interfere with the use of such facilities for the purposes of the District.

5. Apportionment of Costs. The several costs of capital and operation of the District and payments of principal and interest on its bonds or other evidence of indebtedness shall be defined and apportioned as follows:

- (a) Classification of Costs. For the purpose of apportioning assessments to the Member Towns, costs shall be divided into two categories: capital costs and operating costs, which shall include transportation costs.
- (b) Capital Costs. "Capital Costs" shall include all expenses in the nature of capital outlay such as the cost of acquiring land, the cost of constructing and reconstructing and adding to buildings, and the cost of remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to a school building or buildings, including without limitation the cost of the original equipment and furnishings for such buildings and additions, plans, architects and consultants fees, grading, the cost of construction of sewerage systems and sewerage treatment and disposal facilities or for the purchase or use of such systems with municipalities, other costs incidental to placing school buildings and additions and related premises in operating condition and any other capital outlays for which regional school districts may be authorized to borrow or which could be categorized as a capital expense in conformity with applicable law or regulation. Capital Costs shall also include payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the District to finance capital costs.
- (c) Operating Costs. "Operating Costs" shall include all costs not included in Capital Costs as defined in subsection 5(b) but including interest on temporary notes issued by the District in anticipation of revenue.
- (d) Apportionment of Operating Costs. Each Member Town's apportioned Operating Costs for each fiscal year will be the sum of the following: (i) the Member Town's required local contribution as defined in [Chapter 70, Section 2](#) of the General Laws and determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("Commissioner"); (ii) the Member Town's share of that portion of net school spending as defined in [Chapter 70, Section 2](#) of the General Laws that exceeds the total of the required local contribution for all Member Towns; and (iii) the Member Town's share of costs for all other expenditures (exclusive of Capital Costs, not included in the District's net school spending). Operating Costs in excess of the minimum local contributions shall be apportioned based upon the ratio of the enrolled pupils from each Member Town in Grades 9 through 12, inclusive, during the fiscal year starting in July in one year and ending in June of the next, as of October 1st of the three (3) years next preceding the year,

to the sum of the total number of enrolled pupils in such grades in both Member Towns for the same three (3) years.

- (e) Apportionment of Capital Costs. Capital Costs shall be apportioned annually as a part of the District's budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Each Member Town shall share the Capital Costs incurred in connection with the construction, equipping and placing in operation of the District's buildings and facilities, including the payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations of the District to finance such Capital Costs. Capital Costs shall be apportioned based upon the ratio of the enrolled pupils from each Member Town in Grades 9 through 12, inclusive, during the fiscal year starting in July in one year and ending in June of the next, as of October 1st of the three (3) years next preceding the year, to the sum of the total number of enrolled pupils in such grades in both Member Towns for the same three (3) years.
- (f) Payments Not to Exceed Assessment. The aggregate amounts required to be paid by each Member Town shall in no event exceed in any fiscal period the amount of the budget certified to such Member Town for that period under General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16B, as amended, and Section 10 of this Agreement.
- (g) Adjustments. Any increase or decrease in the budget and/or the assessments shall be subject to the applicable terms of this Agreement and in accordance with 603 CMR 41.05(5).
- (h) Notice of Debt Authorization. Within seven days after the date on which the Committee authorizes the incurring of debt, other than temporary debt in anticipation of revenue to be received from Member Towns, said Committee shall cause written notice of the date of said authorization, the sum authorized and the general purpose or purposes for authorizing such debt, to be mailed by registered mail to the Chair of the Select Board and Chair of the Finance Committee of each Member Town at their last known permanent address in such Town, in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws.

6. Student Transportation. Student Transportation to and from the District shall be the responsibility of the District and its cost shall be considered a part of the Operating Costs of the District as set forth above in Section 5(d)(iii).

7. Separation. No Member Town may separate from the District except as herein provided. If no bonds or other evidence of indebtedness have been issued by the District or if all such bonds or other indebtedness shall have been paid in full or the Member Town that desires to separate shall have paid its share of installments of principal and interest of such indebtedness to date and shall have made an irrevocable deposit in the name of the District with a Massachusetts bank or trust company having combined capital or surplus of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of funds for the purpose sufficient to meet such Member Town's share of any future maturing installments of principal and interest on any such bonds or other indebtedness, such Member Town may, upon the giving of at least one year's written notice of its intention to do so pursuant to a majority vote of the voters present and voting on the question at an Annual or Special Town Meeting of such Member Town called for the purpose, withdraw from the District at the conclusion of the fiscal year, provided such notice must be given to the Select Board of the other Member Town(s) and the Committee and approved by the Commissioner no later than December 31 of the fiscal year prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The District may withdraw the funds so deposited and use the same only for the payment of the share of interest and principal on its

bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, which would otherwise have been apportioned to and paid by such withdrawing Member Town. Until such future maturing installments have been discharged, however, the withdrawing Member Town shall, to the extent thereof, remain liable with respect to such bonds or other indebtedness as if it had not withdrawn. The withdrawing Member Town's share of future maturing principal and interest shall be computed on the basis of its apportionment factor with credit for State construction aid at the time of giving of such notice. In addition, the withdrawing Member Town shall remain liable for Other Post-Employment Benefit and Pension costs as well as other liabilities of the District in the same proportion as the amount exceeding the minimum local contributions as set forth in Section 5(d) and shall make payment for any such liability prior to the effective date of its withdrawal. Upon the effective date of withdrawal, the term of office of the members serving on the Committee from the withdrawing Member Town shall terminate. Any vacant seats shall be filled in accordance with section 1 above.

Any withdrawal of a Member Town that results in the dissolution of the District must comply with applicable provisions of sections 14 through 16I of Chapter 71 of the General Laws and applicable provisions of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, 603 CMR 41.00.

8. Admission of Towns. By amendment of this Agreement adopted by each Member Town in accordance with Section 9 and complying with the provisions therein contained, any other town or towns may be admitted to the District upon adoption as therein provided of such amendment and upon acceptance of the Agreement as so amended and also upon compliance with such provisions of law as may be applicable and such terms as may be set forth in such amendment, including, without limitation, any initial financial cost. Any amendment for the admission of an additional town or towns shall be approved by the Member Towns and the Commission no later than December 31st of the fiscal year prior to the effective date of admission, which shall be on the first day of the fiscal year following said approval unless the amendment for admission provides for a later date.

9. Amendment of Agreement. This Agreement may be amended in any manner approved by a majority vote of those present and voting on the question at an Annual Meeting or Special Town Meeting called for the purpose in each of the Member Towns, provided that no such amendment shall adversely affect any obligation previously contracted by the District or affect in any adverse manner the liability of the District or of the respective Member Towns or with respect to the payment of principal or interest on any bonds or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the District, provided that this provision shall not prevent the admission of new towns to the District and the reapportionment accordingly of that part of the cost of construction represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon.

A proposal for amendment may be initiated by: (1) the Select Board of a Member Town; (2) a majority of all the members of the Committee; or (3) a signed petition bearing the signatures of five hundred (500) registered voters of the Member Towns, provided the petition shall contain the signatures of at least one hundred (100) registered voters from each Member Town. Said petition shall also contain, at the end thereof, a certification by the town clerk of the respective Member Town as to the number of signatures on the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters from that Member Town. Any such proposal for amendment shall be presented to the Committee, which shall mail or deliver a notice in writing within ten (10) business days to the Select Board of each of the Member Towns that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been received and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signatures in the case of a proposal by petition). The Select Board in each Member Town shall include in the warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting or for a Special Town Meeting called for the purpose, an article stating the proposed amendment. When a majority of those present and voting upon the question in each of the Member Towns shall have approved a proposal for amendment and the Commissioner has

approved said amendment, said amendment shall be adopted thereby and thereupon become a part of this Agreement.

10. Preparation and Submission of Budgets. The Committee shall adopt a budget, by a two-thirds vote of the full Committee after a public hearing in accordance with G.L. c. 38N and 603 CMR 41.05, as may be amended from time-to-time. Such budget shall categorize the budget, at a minimum, in a manner consistent with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Chart of Accounts. The budget for the forthcoming fiscal year shall be adopted not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the earliest date on which the business session of the Annual Town Meeting of any Member Town is to be held, but in no event later than March 31st of such period (provided that said budget need not be adopted earlier than February 1st). The amount of the budget thus approved shall be apportioned between the Member Towns as set forth above in Section 5. Said apportionment shall then be delivered by the Committee to its Treasurer for certification of the respective share thereof to each Member Town and transmitted by the Treasurer to each Member Town. Copies of such budget and the apportionment shall be submitted for approval to the Annual Town Meeting of each Member Town. The sums thus certified and approved by a vote of the Annual Town Meeting shall be payable by each Member Town to the Committee only from funds appropriated by each Member Town for such purpose, if any. The Annual Town Meetings must act upon the District's budget and apportionment in the timelines set forth in Chapter 71 of the General Laws and applicable provisions of Code of Massachusetts Regulations, as such may be amended from time-to-time. In the event the District's initial budget is not approved by the Annual Town Meetings of both Member Towns, the budget shall be subject to the reconsideration process set forth in G.L. c. 71, §16B and 603 CMR 41.05, as they may be amended from time-to-time.

Tuition payments, if any, shall be credited against the budget prior to determination of the assessment.

The Treasurer of each Member Town shall pay to the Treasurer of the District the amount of the Member Town's share of Operating Costs (the adjusted, apportioned amount certified pursuant to this Section 10 hereof, less the amount included therein for debt service) and Capital Costs in twelve (12) equal installments on the tenth (10th) day of each month.

The Treasurer of each Member Town shall pay to the Treasurer of the District the amount of such Town's share of each installment of principal or interest of any debt service at least thirty (30) days before its due date.

11. Subcommittees. The Committee may from time-to-time create subcommittees, the members of which need not be members of the Committee, and assign to such committees, subject to the supervision of the Committee, such advisory functions as the Committee may determine. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may appoint a Building Committee to advise it with respect to plans, specifications, appointment of architects, engineers, the letting of contracts, the supervision of construction, and any other assistance which the Committee may desire.

12. Agreement Not to Limit Statutory Powers. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no provision of this Agreement shall in any manner be deemed to limit any power now or hereafter conferred by law upon the District or the Committee established hereby.

13. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid in any circumstance, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

SIGNATURE BLOCK TO BE ADDED TO FINAL DRAFT

REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BY: Committee Chair

DATE: _____

BY: Superintendent

DATE: _____

APPROVED BY:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

BY: Pedro Martinez, Commissioner of Department
of Elementary and Secondary Education

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Committee

ARTICLE 34: Eliminate Conflict Between Wetlands Bylaws

Moved: That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting, in its entirety, Section 12.2, entitled, “W-Wetland and Watershed Protection District,” found on the Town’s website at <https://www.lincolntown.org/DocumentCenter/View/105110/Zoning-Bylaw-ATM-2025>, to amend the Zoning Map accordingly, and further, to delete internal references to Section 12.2 and the Wetlands and Watershed Protection District appearing in the Zoning Bylaw as shown in strikethrough text, below, all for the purpose of eliminating inconsistencies with the Town’s Wetlands Bylaw:

~~6.5.2 Area - The minimum area of any lot shall be 80,000 square feet. Also refer to Section 12.2.4 for lots within the W-Wetland and Watershed protection District.~~

~~12. OVERLAY DISTRICTS. The W-Wetlands and Watershed Protection District, the FP-Flood Plain District, the NL-North Lincoln Overlay district, the WCF-Wireless Communications Facility Overlay District, the SL-South Lincoln Overlay District, and the SP-Solar Photovoltaic Facilities Overlay district are hereby established as overlay districts and shall be superimposed on other districts established by this By-law....~~

~~12.9.3.1 To the extent that property to be developed under sections 12.9.1 and/or 12.9.2 is subject to the requirements of section 12.2, Wetland and Watershed Protection, and/or section 12.4 Aquifer Protection and Watershed Protections, the review and approval under said districts shall be conducted by the Planning Board, which shall issue a permit upon a finding that the requirements and criteria of said sections 12.2 and/or 12.4 have been met~~

Planning Board

ARTICLE 35: Amendment to “Dark Skies” Zoning Bylaw

Moved: That the Town vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw by deleting, in its entirety, Section 13.5 entitled Exterior Lighting, found on the Town’s website at <https://www.lincolntown.org/DocumentCenter/View/105110/Zoning-Bylaw-ATM-2025>, and replacing it with a new Section 13.5, as follows:

13.5 Exterior Lighting

Purpose: The purpose of this Section 13.5 is to ensure that all exterior lighting permanently installed in any zoning district after the adoption of this Section 13.5 is designed, installed, operated, and maintained to minimize glare, light trespass, and sky glow in recognition of the negative effects on people, wildlife and the natural ecosystem, while providing reasonable illumination for safety, security and use of property.

13.5.1 Definitions

Active Use: Active use occurs when lighting is required for outdoor human activity or in anticipation of human activity such as a planned arrival to a residence.

Correlated Color Temperature (CCT): A specification of the color appearance of the light emitted by a light source, measured in Kelvin (K). Light with a warmer tone is created at lower Kelvin values, while light with a colder bluer tone is produced at higher Kelvin values.

Environmentally Sensitive Area: Wetlands and wetland buffers, conservation land or land subject to a conservation restriction, agricultural land and any priority habitats as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Fully Shielded Luminaire: A fully shielded luminaire that is designed so that no light is emitted above the horizontal plane passing through the lowest point of the fixture. All light is directed downward toward the ground.

Illuminance: A way to measure how much light is shining on a surface, like the ground or a driveway. It tells us how bright a place is where the light lands. Illuminance is measured in foot-candles (fc), which means how much light reaches one square foot of area.

Lumen: A measure of how bright a light is; more technically, a unit that measures light energy generated by a light source. For the purposes of this Section 13.5, the lumen output shall be the initial lumen output of a lamp, as rated by the manufacturer and provided in the manufacturer's specification sheets.

Luminaire: A complete lighting assembly, consisting of a lamp/bulb, housing, optic(s), and other structural elements, but not including any mounting pole or surface.

13.5.2 Applicability

This Section 13.5 shall apply to exterior luminaires installed after adoption of this Section 13.5, located on any property within the Town, whether publicly or privately owned, and in any zoning district.

All such lighting shall be installed, aimed, and maintained to prevent direct light from illuminating Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

Existing exterior lighting lawfully installed before adoption of this Section 13.5 may remain, except when the Public Safety Department determines that it is a public safety hazard or in the following instances:

a. Installation or Replacement of Exterior Luminaires

Installation or replacement of exterior luminaires shall comply with this Section 13.5.

b. Additions and Expansions

Any addition or expansion of a structure that requires a building permit and that increases the gross floor area of a building or structure by thirty percent (30%) or more, or that increases the impervious area of the lot by thirty percent (30%) or more, shall require all exterior lighting to comply with this Section 13.5.

c. Substantial Renovation or Site Reconstruction

Any project involving alteration, reconstruction, or renovation of a structure, parking area, driveway or walkway with a construction cost (as determined by the construction cost recited on building permit applications for the project) exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the current assessed value of structures, as shown on the records of the Assessors of the Town, shall require all exterior lighting to comply with this Section 13.5.

d. Change of Use

Any change of use requiring a building permit, site plan review, or special permit shall require all exterior lighting serving the new use to comply with this Section 13.5.

13.5.3 Fixture Shielding

Exterior luminaires shall be fully shielded luminaires which, when installed, cause no direct light to be emitted above a horizontal plane of the lowest light-emitting part of the fixture.

13.5.4 Correlated Color Temperature

All exterior lamps and luminaires shall have a CCT of 2700 K or less.

Where exterior lighting with a CCT of 2700 K rating or below is not commercially available for the intended application, the Planning Board may grant a waiver, provided that:

- a. The applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that compliant lighting is not reasonably available for the intended application; and
- b. The proposed lighting minimizes glare, light trespass, and impacts on neighboring properties and the night sky to the maximum extent practicable.

13.5.5 Total Lumens

Except as provided in Section 13.5.9, all exterior luminaires shall not exceed the individual or aggregate lumen outputs provided below:

a. Per Fixture

Driveway lighting will not be allowed; however, lighting in parking areas adjacent to a home or business may be allowed. Additionally, walkway lighting in areas adjacent to a home or business may also be allowed. Such walkway lighting should be mounted no more than 3 feet above finished grade, shall not exceed 450 lumens per fixture and, if solar powered, shall be motion activated or on timers.

Property Type	Maximum Lumens per Fixture
Residential	450 lumens for walkway luminaires 900 lumens for all other exterior luminaires
Non-residential	450 lumens for walkway luminaires 3,000 lumens for parking area luminaires 900 lumens for all other exterior luminaires

b. Total Per Property

Except as provided in Section 13.5.9, total aggregate lumens per lot shall not exceed the lumen output as determined by the number of exterior doors on all structures multiplied by 900 lumens multiplied by 1.5.

13.5.6 Light Trespass

The maximum vertical illuminance at any property line shall not exceed the following:

Adjacent Use	Maximum Illuminance
Environmentally sensitive areas	0.05 foot-candles
Any other property	0.10 foot-candles

Vertical illuminance is measured using a calibrated light meter at the property line at a height of 5 feet above grade, on a vertical plane facing the brightest portion of the luminaire(s), under maintained lighting conditions.

13.5.7 Hours of Operation for Exterior Lighting

Except as otherwise provided below, exterior lighting shall be turned off when a property or use is not actively occupied or in operation. Exterior lighting shall be extinguished or reduced in accordance with the following requirements:

- (i) Inactive Uses
Exterior lighting subject to Section 13.5.2 b, c, or d, and not associated with an active use shall be extinguished between the hours of 10:00 PM and sunrise, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board through Site Plan Review or Special Permit.
- (ii) Non-Residential Uses
For non-residential uses, exterior lighting shall be extinguished within one (1) hour after the close of business or the end of the activity or use for which the lighting is provided.
- (iii) Public Safety Exception
Where the Public Safety Department determines that extended lighting is necessary for safety or security purposes, such lighting may remain operational; however, lighting shall be dimmed to twenty percent (20%) or less of full illumination and shall be motion-activated to return temporarily to full illumination when triggered.
- (iv) Motion-Activated Lighting
Motion-activated lighting may operate during overnight hours if it complies with shielding, lumen limits and CCT requirements as defined in this Section 13.5. Such motion-activated lighting must automatically extinguish within ten (10) minutes or less after activation and must be designed and aimed so as not to be triggered by traffic in a public or private way.

13.5.8 Lighting Plans

Any application for a building permit that includes exterior lighting shall include a lighting plan showing:

- a. fixture location and mounting height
- b. lumen output
- c. CCT

- d. shielding type
- e. timers, sensors, motion activation, or dimming, photos and specifications of fixtures for which approval is requested.

Where conditions warrant, the Building Inspector and/or Planning Board may require photometric data to verify compliance.

13.5.9 Rules and Regulations, Waivers

- a. Rules and Regulations. The Planning Board may promulgate or amend Rules and Regulations which pertain to and conform to this Section 13.5. The adoption or amendment of Rules and Regulations shall be after a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed or amended Rules and Regulations. The public hearing shall be advertised once in a newspaper of general local circulation at least 14 days prior to the date of the public hearing.
- b. Waivers. The Planning Board may, in any particular case where it determines such action to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning By-law and otherwise in the public interest, waive strict compliance with its Rules and Regulations and with the requirements contained in Section 13.5.

13.5.10 Exemptions

The following shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section 13.5, provided that such lighting is installed and operated in a manner that minimizes glare and light trespass to the maximum extent practicable:

- a. Emergency lighting used by police, fire, ambulance, or other emergency responders, and lighting installed at emergency facilities and activated during emergency conditions.
- b. Temporary lighting used for construction, maintenance, repair, or special events, provided such lighting does not remain in place for more than thirty (30) consecutive days.
- c. Holiday lighting, provided such lighting is not permanently installed.
- d. Lighting required by federal or state law, regulation, or safety code, including but not limited to motor vehicles, aviation, marine, or road and utility related lighting.
- e. American Flag illumination.
- f. Education related recreational and athletic field lighting.
- g. Streetlights on public ways.

13.5.11 Enforcement

Requirements of this Section 13.5 shall be enforced by the Building Inspector in accordance with Section 19.3 of the Zoning Bylaw.

13.5.12 Severability

All the clauses of this by-law are distinct and severable, and if any clause shall be deemed illegal, void, or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of any other clause or portion of this by-law.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 36: Citizens Petition to Allow the Town to Ban Anticoagulant Rodenticides

Moved: That the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation as set forth below; provided, however that the General Court may make changes of form only to the bill unless the Select Board approves the same, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such revisions as are within the public purposes of the petition.

An Act Prohibiting Anticoagulant Rodenticides in the Town of Lincoln

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 132B of the general laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Lincoln may by ordinance prohibit the application of anticoagulant rodenticides with the Town of Lincoln, including application of such pesticides by licensed commercial applicators as defined in 333 C.M.R. 10.00, except as may be allowed by the Board of Health to remediate a public health condition.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Citizens Petition