

BOS NEWS

The newsletter of the Lincoln, Massachusetts Board of Selectmen

No more Sox? Come to Lincoln's Fall Classic – State of the Town, November 4th, 9:00am! The Lineup:



- Leading off: Lincoln School Project (see pg. 3)
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- Batting 7th: Citizen’s Petition: “Concerning Lost & Unaccounted for Gas” (pg. 5)
- Batting 8th: Citizen’s Petition: “Let’s Make Lincoln a Welcoming, Safe Community” (pg. 5)
- Rounding out the order: OPEN FORUM – YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SAY WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND!

BOS @ deCordova, September 25th



SAVE THE DATES: BOS Listening Sessions

Drop by and visit with a member of the Board of Selectmen. Bring your ideas, feedback, questions, or favorite Lincoln anecdote. All times and locations are open to the public. Whether you stop by for a minute or stay for the hour, we hope to see you!

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
OCTOBER 24	LINCOLN WOODS, Community Room	7:00 – 8:00pm
NOVEMBER 1	COUNCIL ON AGING, Living Room	2:00 – 3:00pm
NOVEMBER 19	BATTLE ROAD FARM, Meetinghouse	3:00 – 4:00pm
DECEMBER 6	COUNCIL ON AGING, Living Room	2:00 – 3:00pm
DECEMBER 8	LINCOLN SCHOOL, Story Room	9:30 – 10:30am

SLPIC News

The South Lincoln Planning & Implementation Committee (SLPIC) is a Planning Board subcommittee that was created in 2017 as an outgrowth of Lincoln's 2009 Comprehensive Long Range Plan. (<http://www.lincolntown.org/371/Comprehensive-Long-Range-Plan-Committee>)

SLPIC will implement and manage projects in and around Lincoln Station and South Lincoln and report to the Planning Board with updates. Currently there are 5 working teams that are focused on a range of initiatives:

- **Wayfinding:** How people navigate from place to place, including signage for amenities and circulation.
- **MBTA:** Explore site amenities and improvements at Lincoln Station.
- **Village Planning & Zoning and the Village Planning & Design Teams:** Lincoln was awarded a \$25K Community Compact grant and a \$15K Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) grant to look at zoning revisions to create transit-oriented development that could allow various housing options. The Design Team will work on creating design standards and guidelines.
- **Place Making – Green Pocket Park Space at Lincoln Station:** The Rural Land Foundation has engaged the consulting services of Lemon-Brook landscape design and sought input from residents to look at development of the green space behind Donelans. This team has submitted a grant application to Mass Development. If the application is accepted, the community would need to raise \$50K in order to get a \$50K match from Mass Development.

For more information, please visit the SLPIC website at <http://www.lincolntown.org/507/South-Lincoln-SLPIC>. **ALSO...** Visit SLPIC's on-line community forum and planning tool at <https://courbanize.com/projects/lincoln-revitalization/comaps/50>



Getting into the Weed(s): Marijuana By-Laws

On November 8, 2016 the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution and use of marijuana for recreational purposes. With goal of giving Town officials time to study the issues, engage the town, and to develop appropriate policies and regulations, the Selectmen sponsored a Recreational Marijuana Moratorium Bylaw that was approved by Town Meeting in March of this year. The Moratorium, which precludes the Commonwealth from issuing licenses to any retail or grow establishment while in effect, will expire in November of 2018. The most fundamental question for us to consider as a community is whether we should be open to retail sale and cultivation of marijuana, or whether we should seek to ban these activities in Lincoln. We will be forming a study committee, comprised of representatives of key stakeholder groups and at-large citizen representatives, to explore these issues and to inform our deliberations. We look forward to starting these discussions at the SOTT and hope to use the opportunity to recruit good candidates.

Campus Projects: Ballfield Road

The Town is actively engaged in two building project studies that could lead to a comprehensive redesign of the Ballfield Road campus: the Lincoln School building project, and a community center project that would provide a new home for both Parks & Recreation and the Council on Aging. As approved at the 2017 Town Meeting, the School Building Committee (SBC) and Community Center Planning and Preliminary Design Committee (PPDC) are engaging citizens in campus planning and the development of design options for the buildings. This work began over the summer, and will continue over the next 7 months with the goal of enabling the community to select site and design concepts at a Special Town Meeting in June 2018. The intensive community conversation during this time will also focus on furthering our understanding of appropriate financing options. **There is a lot with which we must collectively wrestle, and these conversations cannot happen without sustained community involvement!** Please visit the "Campus Projects" page of the Town website (<http://www.lincolntown.org/948/Campus-Projects-Page>) to learn more.



LINCOLN SCHOOL PROJECT: VISIT LINCOLNSBC.ORG AND SUBSCRIBE!

Information Gathering: Since the summer when the School Building Committee (SBC) hired an Owner's Project Manager (Daedalus, Inc.) and a collaborative design team (SMMA and EwingCole), the Committee has been engaged in the information-gathering phase of the project. During that time, the SBC and project team have:

- Visited 5 schools: Visiting groups were made up of faculty, administrators, SBC members, and community members.
- Hosted 2 community workshops focused on campus layout and on the impact of building design on teaching and learning.
- Brainstormed with faculty about their priorities for the building.
- Met with students to get input about how they think a school should be designed.
- Heard presentations from multiple Town boards about their priorities for the project.



Campus Projects Collaboration: The SBC communicates and collaborates with the Community Center Preliminary Planning & Design Committee (PPDC) in a number of ways. First, one member from each group is a liaison to the other group, and regularly attends *both* www.lincolntown.org

sets of meetings. Also, members of the PPDC joined the SBC for two meetings where they heard from a total of 8 Town boards. Finally, the Campus Coordination Group, which is comprised of three members of each of the committees, meets every two weeks to keep communication open and to plan for shared events and presentations.

What Comes Next? State of the Town marks the beginning of the design phase. Having reviewed prior studies and collected current information from educators, students, community members, and Town leaders, the design team will start to draft a range of design solutions for the Town's consideration. Along the way, the SBC needs community input to help shape the project. How can we best support our educational goals? Can we meet high energy reduction standards? How will the building fit into the landscape? How do we maximize the school as a community space? How might the Lincoln School and a Community Center interact? What are the impacts on open space? What makes a safe and secure campus? ***So many questions, and the SBC needs your help to figure them out!***



Please visit the website, lincolnsbc.org for information and a schedule of upcoming events.

COMMUNITY CENTER PRELIMINARY PLANNING & DESIGN COMMITTEE

Work to Date: In September, the PPDC requested proposals from architecture firms interested in competing for a \$150,000 contract for a feasibility study to explore the siting and preliminary design of a community center. Of the dozen proposals submitted, the PPDC interviewed four firms and selected Maryann Thompson Architects of Watertown. Ms. Thompson already has experience working in the area on projects such as the Walden Pond Visitor Center and Drumlin Farm's Farm Life Center. You can see more of her work at maryannthompson.com.

With degrees in Architecture and Landscape Architecture, and her awards for design excellence and sustainable design, Ms. Thompson is well known for her ability to create exceptional designs that function well, make best use of their sites, connect interior spaces with the outside, use sustainable materials, and finish on time. She has already met the school building designers, SMMA, and has attended PPDC and SBC meetings.

Next Steps: The next tasks of the PPDC and Maryann Thompson include understanding both Parks & Recreation and Council on Aging program needs, defining criteria for narrowing design alternatives, engaging the community, and planning the next 7 months in conjunction with the SBC.

Invitation to engage!

The Town has many variables to consider as we embark on this substantial investment in Lincoln's future -- a redesign of its educational, recreational, and perhaps social center. What will the campus look like? Where will the buildings go? How big? How much? Join your neighbors to learn, discuss, and influence. Make it happen!

By-law Proposal: The Historic District Commission and Friends of Modern Architecture (FoMA) are working with property owners who are interested in adding their Modern houses to the Lincoln Historic District. The District currently consists of 73 properties located in four different areas throughout Town. At Town Meeting in March 2018, residents will vote on a proposal that would allow at least 17 owners of Modern homes to voluntarily join the District. The District's purpose is to preserve and protect the distinctive architectural characteristics of buildings in places significant to the history of the Town through the encouragement of sensitive and innovative design. The District does not seek to establish an architectural museum, but to inform the historical process of architectural growth and adaptation with a sense of architectural pride in Lincoln's heritage. – *Historic District Commission*

Citizen's Petition: At the 2017 March Town Meeting, the Lincoln-Sudbury High School Environmental Club launched a community discussion about possible bans on plastic shopping bags and single-serving water bottles. The Club looks forward to speaking at the State of the Town meeting as part of our outreach strategy for the community to support our two warrant articles that we will be presenting at the Town Meeting this coming spring. We are proposing to eliminate the distribution of plastic bags and the sale of single use plastic water bottles of 1 liter or less. We hope to inform people about the importance of reducing the unnecessary use of plastic and how that goal can be achieved while accounting for the concerns of local businesses and community members. – *LS Environmental Club*

Citizen's Petition: Mothers Out Front is a grass roots movement based in Massachusetts with over 72 Lincoln members. Its members are mothers, grandmothers, and others who are concerned about the danger that climate change poses to the future, and who are working for a complete transition to clean renewable energy. Lincoln has approximately 47 natural gas leaks and the utilities have no timetable for fixing them. This leaking gas is harmful to public health, contributes to climate change, kills trees, and is expensive to ratepayers. Mothers Out Front will be presenting a resolution at Town Meeting in March 2018 supporting the repair of leaking gas pipes and continuing Lincoln's long tradition of land stewardship. – *Mothers Out Front*

Citizen's Petition: The people of Lincoln have long been involved in moral and humanitarian issues: anti-slavery work in the 1830's; women's right to vote 40 years before passage of the 19th Amendment; and Sanctuary for Vietnam War draft resisters and Central American refugees. Our petition at the 2018 Town Meeting will seek to reaffirm our commitment to respect each person's dignity; lawfully decline to become agents who enforce federal immigration law; help people in our town feel safe and able to call upon us in times of need; and honor and comply with the decisions of our Supreme Judicial Court. – *Let's Make Lincoln a Welcoming, Safe Community*

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Here Comes the Sun...

The **Lincoln Green Energy Committee** has teamed with Sudbury and Wayland for "Solarize 2017." Join the 100+ Lincoln homes that have switched to renewable energy!

- Start your project by getting a free assessment with our vetted installer.
- Solar technology has improved making sites viable that weren't just 5 years ago.
- Solar Hot Water is back! State and Federal incentives make it a hot deal.
- New roof? It's a great time for Solar!
- Visit www.SolarizeLSW.org.

Take advantage of the Massachusetts and federal incentives while they last!
Program ends January 31st, 2018.