

BOS NEWS

The newsletter of the Lincoln, Massachusetts Board of Selectmen

Annual Town Meeting: Saturday, June 13th

9:30am, Hartwell Pods Parking Lot

✓ Town Election: Monday, June 15th

Noon – 4:00pm, Hartwell Pods Parking Lot

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Save the Date:
BOS Virtual Listening
Session via Zoom
June 12th
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Details to follow.

...From the Moderator



The leadership capabilities at the local level are to be admired. The Board of Selects along with Town Administrator Tim Higgins and the town staff have maintained a calm demeanor as they have adapted plans for Town Meeting multiple times. The uncertainties that we are all experiencing cause further pressure on them as they must meet legal deadlines for decisions and then be ready to rescind those decisions to make more decisions. Their discussions have been thoughtful and their plans comprehensive.

It looks as if we will be able to go forth on June 13th with a quorum of 100 registered voters. While the democracy that we cherish may be inefficient, this

year we will have to be otherwise. As you will see in the letter below from Jennifer Glass and me, the Town Warrant has been streamlined and reduced to bare essentials. The meeting may have less flair than usual and we will have to save our citizen petitions for another time. It is unfortunate that some important and interesting issues will not be considered but in the interest of good health practices the decision was made to take a different path.

I encourage everyone to read through the materials you will receive and listen to the video presentations that will appear on the town website (<http://lincolntown.org/1116/2020-Annual-Town-Meeting-and-Special-Tow>) so that you will be fully prepared for the Meeting. I will also be announcing adjustments to the management of the meeting. We can meet this challenge because we will all be prepared and patient.

Those of us who attend the meeting will likely be in a group setting with more than 10 people for the first time in three months. Come with your mask, keep your distance and ask succinct questions. I look forward to seeing at least 100 of you on June 13th.

Take care. Be well.

Sarah Cannon Holden

Moderator

What to Expect Before Town Meeting...

- Presenting Boards and Committees are working on presentations that will be posted to the Town website.
- There will be multiple opportunities for residents to attend virtual presentations and ask questions.
- For ease of participation in the presentations, it is strongly recommended that residents open a free Zoom account at www.zoom.us. For cyber-security reasons, the Town-scheduled Zoom meetings require one to be an "authorized user." Alternately, each Zoom meeting has call-in options.

...and at Town Meeting

- Check-in will begin at 8:15am.
 - Procedures are being finalized in collaboration with the Town Clerk, public safety, and the Town Administrator's office.
- Masks are mandatory for all workers and attendees; gloves strongly encouraged; social distancing guidelines will be enforced.
- A voting card system is being implemented.
- Most of the budget and finance articles will be part of the Consent Calendar. There are three exceptions:
 - Article 8: Supplemental funding for the Lincoln School Building project.
 - Article 20: Free Cash allocation
 - Article 22: Water Department capital projects
- ***Please stay tuned for more detailed information which will be publicized via LincolnTalk and the Lincoln Squirrel.***



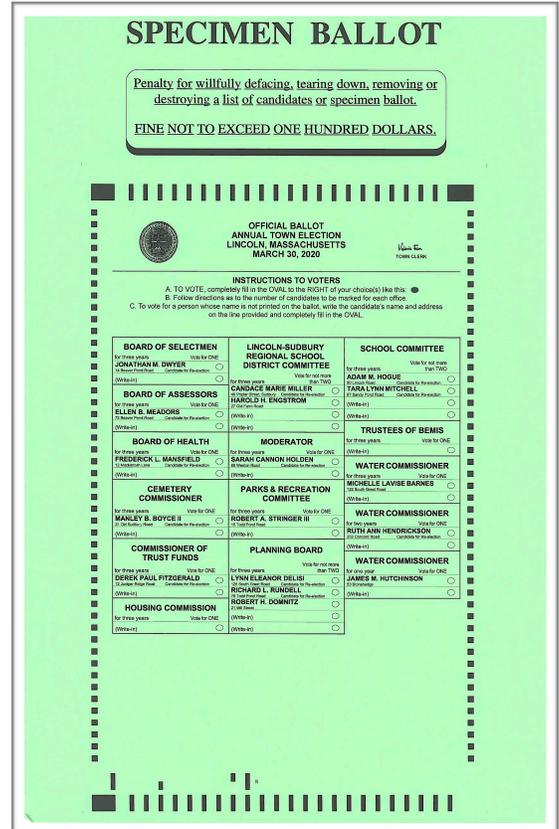
A sign posted at a US Postal Service building in Dorchester reminded postal customers to keep their social distance. DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

...About the Election

Pursuant to a vote from the Board of Selectmen, and as a result of the State of Emergency declared by Governor Baker, the Annual Town Election has been postponed to June 15, 2020. Both Early Voting by Mail and Absentee Ballot voting are available for the election, and we strongly encourage the community to take advantage of these options. The polls will be open for in-person voting from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

As a result of the State of Emergency and the need to provide a safe environment, there are several changes to the normal election process. The following guidelines will now be in place:

- ✓ **JUNE 15, 2020 – IN-PERSON MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE OUTDOORS AT THE HARTWELL PODS PARKING LOT ON BALLFIELD ROAD:**
 - ✓ Due to COVID-19 concerns, limited polling hours have been implemented and the polls will be open from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Voting by Early Voting by Mail or by Absentee Ballot is highly encouraged.
- ✓ **June 5, 2020 – Deadline for Voter Registration for the June 15th Election:** Those people wishing to register to vote are highly encouraged to visit the Secretary of State website at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/> to complete their voter registration or in person at the Town Clerk's Office. The office will be open until 8:00 p.m. on June 5.
- ✓ **June 12, 2020 @ Noon – Deadline for submitting Early Voting Application for the June 15th Election:**



2020 Elections
Early Voting by Mail Ballot Application

Voter Information

Name: _____
 Legal Voting Residence: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

Ballot Information

Mail Ballot to: _____

Ballot Requested For:

All elections for which Early Voting is, or becomes, permissible in 2020
 All general elections (No primaries)
 A specific election: _____ Date of Election: _____

If Applicable Party (only if requesting primary ballot): _____
 State Primaries: _____

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.
 Assisting person's name: _____
 Assisting person's address: _____
 Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____

Eligibility

Any registered voter may use this application to request an early ballot for a local election for which Early Voting is, or becomes, permissible in 2020.

Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
2. Ballot Information – Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed.
3. Special Circumstances – If you are assisting a voter in completing this application, complete this section.
4. Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the Town Clerk's office at 16 Lincoln Road, Lincoln, MA 01773.
 Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible.
 Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election official by Election Day.
 Any questions please call the Town Clerk's office at 781-259-2807.

Early Voting applications are available on the Town Clerk's website here: <https://www.lincolntown.org/DocumentCenter/View/58946/2020-Lincoln-Early-Ballot-by-mail-Application>

✓ **June 12, 2020 @ Noon – Deadline for Submitting Absentee Ballot Applications:** Absentee balloting has been expanded to include any person taking precautions related to COVID-19. Absentee Voting applications are available on the Town Clerk's website here: <https://www.lincolntown.org/DocumentCenter/View/35676/Absentee-Ballot-Application>.

NOTE: In compliance with the Governor's order, all in-person voters are required to wear a face covering while at the polls.

And if it Rains?...

Much like a graduation or wedding, we will not be deterred by gentle precipitation!

- If the morning looks iffy, we may move the start time to later in the day and if the weather is truly inclement, Town Meeting may be continued to a later time on Saturday, June 13th, or moved to Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30pm. Any changes will be announced using the Town's reverse 911 system, LincolnTalk, and with electronic sign boards.
- In the event of significant rain on June 15th, the election will be postponed until Wednesday, June 17th at the same Hartwell parking lot from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Town Budget Overview FY 21

Learn more by visiting

<http://lincolntown.org/1116/2020-Annual-Town-Meeting-and-Special-Tow>

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY	FY20	FY21	\$ Change	% Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$3,246,689	\$3,493,324	\$246,635	7.6%
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,119,983	\$4,296,767	\$176,784	4.3%
EDUCATION	\$15,898,290	\$16,164,898	\$266,608	1.7%
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES	\$1,937,968	\$2,011,383	\$73,415	3.8%
HUMAN SERVICES	\$283,650	\$292,253	\$8,603	3.0%
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,724,138	\$1,765,597	\$41,459	2.4%
DEBT SERVICE	\$4,605,051	\$4,393,888	(\$211,163)	(4.6%)
UNCLASSIFIED	\$7,297,973	\$7,698,005	\$400,032	5.5%
WATER DEPARTMENT	\$1,373,204	\$1,885,468	\$512,264	37.3%
TOTAL - ARTICLE 6	\$40,486,946	\$42,001,583	\$1,514,637	3.6%