

Donaldson Auditorium
TOWN OF LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.
2022 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 (Article 1) at the Reed Gymnasium on Monday, the twenty eighth day of March, 2022 next, starting at 7:30 a.m.**, then and there to act on the following Article 1, and also to meet for **the Annual Town Meeting in the Donaldson Auditorium in said Lincoln on Saturday, the twenty sixth day of March, 2022 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 26th day of March next.

The polls for voting the ballot on Monday, March 28, 2022, will be opened at 7:30 a.m. and will be closed at 8:00 p.m.

Public Health Note: In recognition of ongoing public health concerns, protective measures are being implemented to enable town meeting to proceed in the safest possible manner. Said measures include following all local Board of Health mandates and recommendations, encouraging the use of masks if not mandated, asking all participants to allow for 2 empty seats between parties while inside the auditorium, broadcasting the meeting in the Reed Gymnasium to allow participants maximum opportunity to socially distance, making full use of the so-called "consent calendar" to expedite the voting process, and virtual presentations in advance of town meeting to minimize discussion time during town meeting. Our mitigation plans were developed in consultation with the Lincoln Board of Health and our public health nurse.

Additional Dates: In the event meeting business cannot be completed within the time allotted for the meeting, per the discretion of the moderator, town meeting will be continued on Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Accommodations: Any person requiring this warrant in a larger print format, or in need of other meeting accommodations is urged to contact the Select Board’s Office at 781-259-2601 prior to Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Every reasonable attempt will be made to provide the necessary assistance.

ARTICLE 1 – (Annual Town Election)

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

- Board of Assessors — one seat for three years
- Board of Health — one seat for three years
- Cemetery Commission — one seat for three years
- Commissioners of Trust Funds — one seat for three years
- Housing Commission — one seat for three years
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District School Committee — two seats for three years each
- Parks and Recreation Committee — one seat for three years
- Planning Board — two seats for three years
- K-8 School Committee — one seat for three years
- Select Board — one seat for three years
- Town Clerk — one seat for three years
- Bemis Trustee — one seat for three years
- Trustees of Lincoln Library – one seat for three years
- Water Commissioner — one seat for three years
- Water Commissioner — one seat for two years

ARTICLE 2

To bring in their votes for any Committees, Commissioners, Trustees, and other officers required by law to be elected by ballot or otherwise.

Select Board

ARTICLE 3

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

Select Board

ARTICLE 4

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.

Select Board

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 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.

Select Board

ARTICLE 6

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.

Select Board

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to hear a report from the Select Board's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Working Group, appointed by the Board to develop a recommended spending plan for the funds received under ARPA; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 8

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 9

To see if the Town will vote to hear a report from the Green Energy Committee’s Climate Action subcommittee, and to support two specific climate initiatives: 1) the development of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CAP) to provide a framework for the Town to achieve its carbon reduction goals, and 2) amending the Town and Water Department’s electricity contracts to take advantage of tax incentives that encourage increased investment in local renewable energy sources; and further, in support of the foregoing, to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds or otherwise fund a sum of money to apply to the relevant budget line-items to cover the anticipated cost of “greening-up” the Town’s electricity contracts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such funds accordingly; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board / Green Energy Committee

ARTICLE 10

To receive and act upon a report of the Capital Planning Committee on the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Budget, 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 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, including stabilization funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, a sum of money to remove the modular classrooms at the Lincoln School, located at Ballfield Road, and restore the ballfield surface, including demolition, breakdown, site preparation, design and engineering and all other costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Capital Planning Committee

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to provide the Select Board with a sense of the meeting as to restarting the Community Center planning and design process, and, if such sense of the meeting is in the affirmative, to request that the Board appoint a building committee, by whatever title, to review the results of previous planning efforts and to present its findings in an expedited manner so that a request for funds for planning and design services could appear on the warrant for a fall, 2022 Special Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 13

To receive and act upon a report from the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2023 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 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 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.

Lincoln School 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 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.

Select Board

ARTICLE 16

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 17

To receive and act on a recommendation from the Select Board with regard to the presentation of the annual Bright Light Award, and to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to support this award; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 18

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 8) that exceeds the final Lincoln assessment voted no later than July 31st, by the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Committee for the fiscal year 2023, 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 19

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 20

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 21

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 Select Board to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 22

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 FY23 Lincoln School operating budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee

ARTICLE 23

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.

Select Board

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town vote to transfer a sum of money from the Town's Cable Revolving Fund to supplement the funds appropriated under Article 1 of the December 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting, Article 8 of the June 13, 2020, and Article 20 of the May 15, 2021 Annual 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; provided, however, that the funds appropriated hereunder from the cable revolving fund shall be used for cable television infrastructure improvements, and associated costs, primarily in the Donaldson Auditorium; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Conservation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to support maintenance and improvements to agricultural conservation land; or take any other action relative thereto.

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Cemetery Sale of Lots Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account and/or Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund a sum of money to support expansion and improvements at the Lincoln Cemetery, including all incidental or related expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Cemetery Commission

ARTICLE 27

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 8 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 28

To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm the action taken under Article 33 of the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and as may have been subsequently approved by the Legislature, approving the filing of a home rule petition for a so-called Property Tax Circuit-breaker program, the purpose of which is to provide a property tax discount to homeowners meeting certain income and asset tests and who have resided in Lincoln for at least five years; and further, to authorize all actions necessary for successful implementation of the program; or take any action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or appropriate any remaining bond proceed balances from previously authorized projects in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, s. 20, 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 Select Board, 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 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, 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 Select Board 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 Select Board, 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

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for the purpose of supporting the FY2022 Water Department operating budget, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Water Commissioners

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to request home rule legislation to establish the authority to restrict the installation of fossil fuel infrastructure in major new construction; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXVI of the Town of Lincoln General By-laws, the Right to Farm Bylaw, Section 26.4, Disclosure Notification, by deleting the ~~striketrough~~ text and inserting the underline text as follows:

Within 30 days after this By-law becomes effective, In order to promote harmony between farmers and their neighbors, residents shall be notified by the Town as set forth below, and buyers and occupants shall be notified by land owners and/or their agents or assigns, prior to the sale or exchange of real property, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold or other possessory interest in real property, through written notification in the following form, as follows:

It is the policy of the Town of Lincoln to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers and occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust, and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within The Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for agricultural use under certain circumstances.

The Select Board shall post the ~~following~~ above disclosure at Town Hall on the official bulletin board and on the official website of the Town, as well as at any other location at its sole discretion, and such disclosure shall be available for distribution upon request in the offices of the Select Board, Board of Assessors, and the Town Clerk. A copy of the notification shall be included in the Town's Annual Report.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Agricultural Commission

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c.40C, §3, to enlarge the Historic District by adding parcel No. 150-48-0 - 26 Old Winter Street to the Historic District created under Section 1.1 of Article XXV (Historic District) of the Town of Lincoln General By-Laws, the location and boundary of which proposed addition are shown on plans to be filed with the Lincoln Town Clerk and the Massachusetts Historical Commission and to be recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Historic District Commission

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to create a new historic district, to be known as the Twin Pond Lane Historic District, to include Parcel No. 180-17-0 – 7 Twin Pond Lane and Parcel No. 180-14-0 - 10 Twin Pond Lane, and, further, by adding and replacing language in the Town of Lincoln General Bylaws under Article XXV (Historic District) and changing the title of said Article XXV to “Historic Districts”, with the language, location, and boundaries of the new historic district to be shown on plans to be placed on file with the Town Clerk and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Historic District Commission

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 19.3 of the Town of Lincoln Zoning By-law, to change the fine for Zoning By-law violations to \$300 per offense each day as follows (underline text to be inserted and ~~strikethrough~~ text to be deleted):

Whoever violates any provisions of this By-law shall be punished by a fine ~~not exceeding one hundred (\$100)~~ of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each offense. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Zoning Board of Appeals

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a portion or portions of the property located at 169 Lincoln Road from the Select Board for police and fire station purposes to the Select Board for general municipal purposes and also for the purposes of leasing for telecommunication purposes, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to lease said property or portions thereof for telecommunications purposes for terms of up to 30 years and to grant such access, utility and/or related easements as may be necessary and/or appropriate to serve the telecommunications facilities located thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½ to set annual expenditure limits for the revolving funds created in Section 1 of Article XXVIII of the Lincoln General Bylaws, as set forth below, with such limits to be applicable for FY2023 and, thereafter, from year to year unless revised by a Town Meeting held prior to the start of the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING FUND	SPENDING LIMIT for FY2023 and until otherwise altered by vote of Town Meeting
Student Transportation	\$125,000
Preschool Program	\$140,000
Fire Alarm	\$25,000
Affordable Housing	\$100,000
Firearms Licenses	\$10,000
Ambulance	\$100,000
Parks & Recreation	\$35,000
Transfer Station/Recycling	\$30,000
Codman Farmhouse	\$25,000

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXXIII, Polystyrene Reduction Bylaw, Article XXXIV, Prohibition of Disposable Plastics, and Article XXIX, Plastic Bag Ban, by deleting, the words “Article VI” in Section 5 of each such bylaw and inserting in place there of the words, “Article XVI”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw authorizing the Town Clerk to make ministerial clerical corrections to the Bylaws:

The Town Clerk shall be authorized to assign to by-laws adopted or amended by Town Meeting appropriate numbers or letters to by-law sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs where none are approved by Town Meeting; and if such numbering or lettering is approved by Town Meeting, to make non-substantive editorial revisions to the same to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering; and to make non-substantive editorial revisions to references regarding such numbering or lettering as contained within the by-laws to ensure accuracy and conformity, where all such editorial revisions shall be identified with a footnote which describes the revision and the reason therefore.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

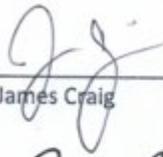
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 40

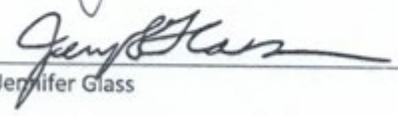
To see if the Town will vote to hear a report from the Select Board's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-racism committee (IDEA), formed by the Board in 2021 for the purpose of celebrating and supporting diversity among Lincoln's residents, work force, students, and visitors, and to establish a long-term action plan to identify and eliminate unconscious bias, to ensure just and equitable policies and practices, and to actively promote a diverse and anti-racist community; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

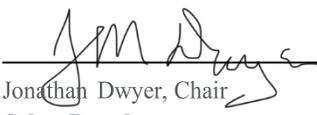
Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings, thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time for the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this the 28th day of February, 2022.



James Craig



Jennifer Glass



Jonathan Dwyer, Chair
Select Board