

# SELECT BOARD NEWS

The newsletter of the Lincoln, Massachusetts Select Board

## SELECT BOARD INTRODUCES NEW FORMAT for the SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> STATE of the TOWN



Doors open at 9:30am, first session begins promptly at 10:00am!



<http://www.lincolntown.org/1451/2023-State-of-the-Town-MeetingCommunity->

Greetings Lincoln residents, we hope this message finds everyone well!

As we enter the busy fall season when calendars fill up, we want to strongly encourage you to set time aside for our State of the Town Meeting/Community Charrette (SOTT) on Saturday, September 30th from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

### Meeting Format:

- Four identical sessions, each lasting 45 minutes.
- Residents will be able to rotate through all four before ending at 3pm. Residents may also pick and choose which sessions to attend if unable to take part in all four.
- Each session will include a short presentation, smaller group activities, and feedback tools.
- Overview information about each topic will be available for pick up.

Whether you are new to Lincoln or a long-time resident, your participation and engagement in our Town’s matters are vital to shaping the future of our beautiful community. We are excited to announce this year’s SOTT has an updated format that will allow you more flexibility in how you learn about the four big topics currently under discussion. Please visit their websites for more information!

As context for SOTT, the Finance Committee will provide a high-level overview of town

finances, including borrow capacity, at its September 18 meeting. For the agenda, visit <http://www.lincolntown.org/135/Finance-Committee>. Information from the meeting will be posted on the State of the Town webpage.

During SOTT, you will be able to pick and choose among the four different topics and grab key information, and YOU will have the chance to weigh in and shape policy. This is a pivotal time for Lincoln, and the decisions we make in the next year will have a significant impact on the future of our town.

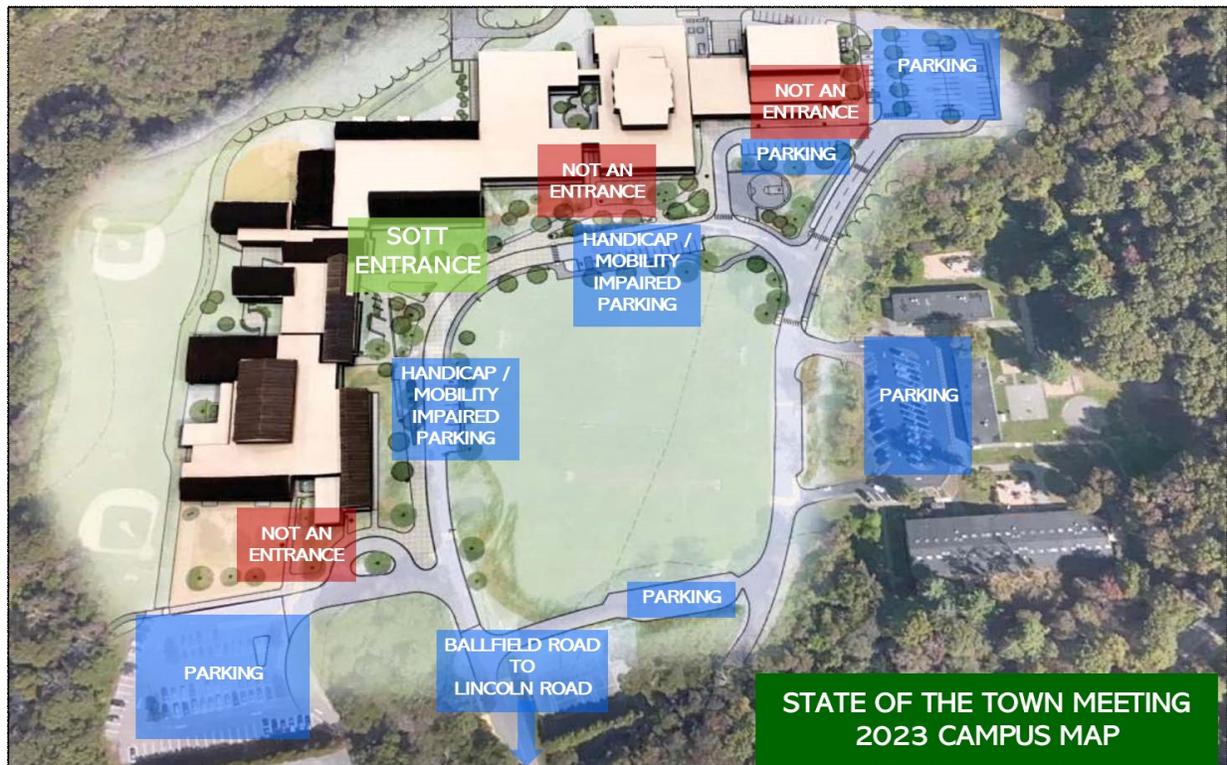
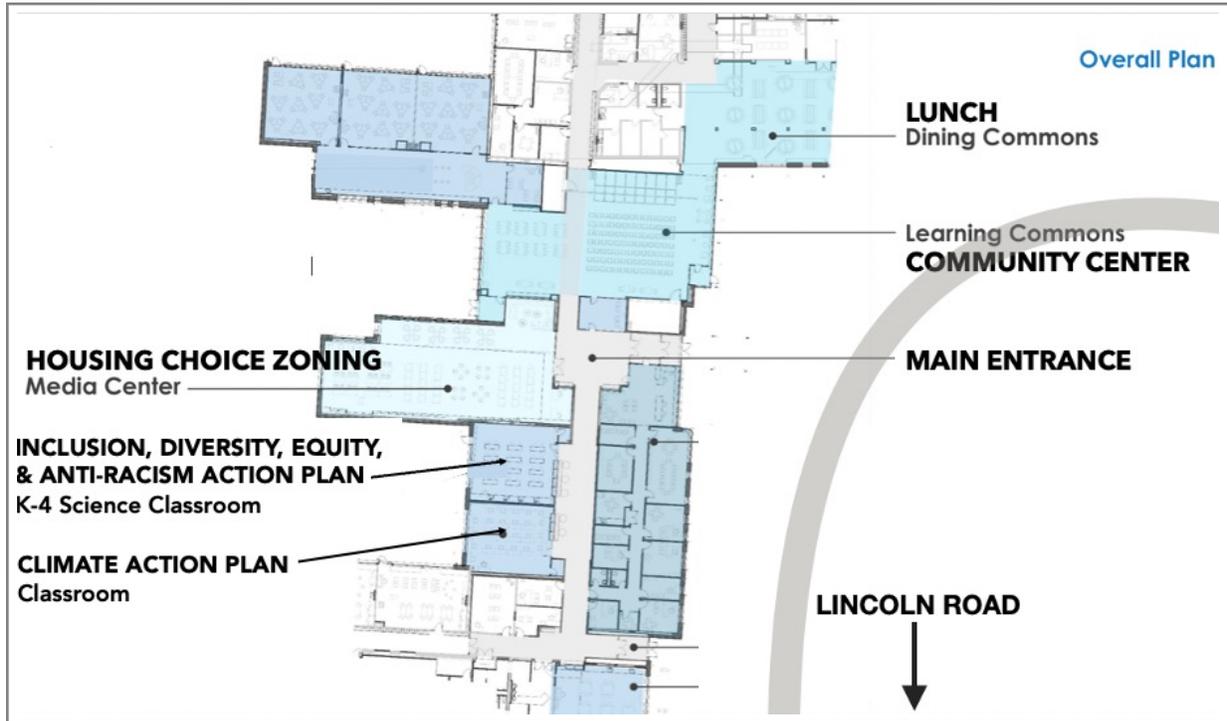
Please join us!

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<i>HOUSING CHOICE ACT ZONING</i>	<i>COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT</i>
	
<i>INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, &amp; ANTI-RACISM ACTION PLAN</i>	<i>CLIMATE ACTION PLAN</i>
	

Schedule: Enter at the Lincoln School Main Entrance; see locations below

- 10:00am - 10:45am: Session 1
- 11:00am - 11:45am: Session 2
- 11:45am - 1:00pm: **COMMUNITY LUNCH** - available for purchase from Twisted Tree (*cash only*)
- 1:15pm - 2:00pm: Session 3
- 2:15pm - 3:00pm: Session 4
- **Inflatable obstacle courses for kids 3 - 12 to enjoy (with parent supervision)!**



## SAVE THE DATES!

- ➔ **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH @ 7:00PM - PUBLIC MULTI-BOARD MEETING RE: CHOOSING A FINAL HOUSING CHOICE ZONING OPTION**
  - VIRTUAL meeting co-hosted by the Select Board, Planning Board, and Housing Choice Act Working Group
  - Boards will choose a final option informed by resident feedback
  - Option will be submitted to the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (EOHLC) for pre-approval
  - Town VOTE to adopt the zoning at Annual Town Meeting on March 23, 2024
- ➔ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND: SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT VOTE**
  - Town VOTE to choose a project concept and budget
  - IN PERSON in the Lincoln School Auditorium
  - Chosen concept will be developed and brought for a FUNDING VOTE at the Annual Town Meeting (March 23, 2024) **and** subsequent Town Election (March 25, 2024)

## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

### *New at the Pierce House*



Built in 1900, a n d bequeathed to Lincoln by the Pierce Family in 1964, Weston Road's Pierce House and park is a Lincoln historical gem. Following the spirit of the Pierce House fund and trust, the appointed Pierce House Committee works along with the Director and Town Administration to keep the house updated and flourishing. The next time you visit the the house, perhaps at a town event, birthday party or wedding, look for new fresh indoor paint, rugs, updated kitchen appliances to meet new standards, and new artwork, furniture and upholstered chairs - this last category of historically fitting items



thanks to the elbow grease and items donated by volunteers! If you would like to see inside the Pierce House outside of a time it is in use and open to the public,

contact Director Jen Westlund at [westlundj@lincolntown.org](mailto:westlundj@lincolntown.org) or 781-259-9757.

### *Help Build a Healthier Community*

Lincoln is part of the Great Meadows Regional Public Health Collaborative, supported by Statewide "Public Health Excellence" grants funds. Municipalities are grouped into regional collaboratives in order to strengthen and unify public health programs.

The State is conducting a Community Health Equity Survey (CHES) aimed at h e l p i n g c o m m u n i t i e s address barriers to health. Survey results will be used

to improve programs, make decisions about funding, and support policies to improve health inequities. Results will be shared with municipalities and partners across Massachusetts.

## Bemis Lecture – October 5th @ 7:00pm

Nate Schweber: This America of Ours  
Bemis Hall, 15 Bedford Rd, Lincoln, MA



Award-winning author Nate Schweber brings to life the story of two remarkable environmental warriors - and former Lincoln residents - Avis and Bernard DeVoto. The DeVotos' decades-long battle to protect public lands and save our National Park system is chronicled in Schweber's latest book, *This America of Ours: Bernard and Avis DeVoto and the Forgotten Fight to Save the Wild*.

*Lecture immediately followed by book sales and signing with the author.*

Handicap parking available at Bemis Hall. Limited parking available directly across the street from Bemis Hall at the Old Stone Church (4 Bedford Road, South lot only). Overflow parking at the Lincoln Public Library and Town Offices.

To reserve seats in advance (highly recommended!), please visit: <https://bemis231005.rsvpify.com>

Hosted by the Bemis Free Lecture Series with Friends of Minute Man National Park, Lincoln Historical Society, Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, and Walden Woods Project.



### WELCOME to LINCOLN!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:

Ran Cronin,  
Assistant Director,  
Lincoln Public  
Library

Nicholas Facciolo,  
full-time Police  
Officer

Seth Gordon, full-  
time Police Officer

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