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**Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts
 Community Preservation Committee
 Project Submission Sheet**

Requests received by November 15, 2004 will be considered for recommendation at the April 2005 Town Meeting.

Project Name: Browning's Field Riding Ring Restoration

Submitted by: Charlotte Trim & Vicky Lochiatto Submission Date: November 15, 2004

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We have been working with Scott and Andra Evans, professionals who engineered the outdoor ring at Love Lane. They inspected the site and gave us a verbal quote of \$13,000. Before finalizing any formal contract, we will of course invite other bids from local contractors, preferably living in or with strong ties to Lincoln.

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Affiliation with the Old North Bridge Pony Club

The Old North Bridge Pony Club covers the Lincoln – Concord – Carlisle area. It's mission is to encourage children to achieve high standards in all disciplines of the equestrian arena. Lincoln has a growing group of very talented young riders that successfully compete with the Old North Bridge Pony Club.

Approval from the Conservation Commission

Please find attached a copy of Tom Gumbart's email agreeing to the project and in particular to the 10ft expansion northwards of the ring.

Main Identity

From: "Andra Evans" <aaaevans@earthlink.net>
To: <charlottetrim@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2004 1:47 PM
Subject: Brownings Field Riding Arena Quote

Dear Charlotte,

As per our recent discussion, following is an estimate for the Browning's Field riding arena located in Lincoln, MA. The quote is based on arena dimensions of 110' X 200'.

The cost of the arena will be approximately \$13,000. This estimate includes material (stone dust and arena footing) as well as equipment and labor.

Please keep in mind that this is an approximate price at this time. I will forward a hard copy of the quote by mail including any revisions in material, equipment and labor and, therefore, price within one week. Please be sure to let me know if you have any questions in the mean time.

Thank you for the inquiry regarding the arena and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Evans

11/15/2004

INBOX: vlochiatto



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[previous email](#)**From:** "Gumbart, Thomas" <gumbartt@lincolntown.org> [[Add to Address Book Source](#)]**To:** <vlochiatto@comcast.net>**Subject:** RE: Riding Ring**Date:** Tue, 9 Nov 2004 19:31:13 +0000

Vicky,

If adding 10 feet to the ring will make it a viable riding ring then that should be the extent feasible the expansion should be towards the north, away from the p hayfield.

Tom Gumbart

-----Original Message-----

From: vlochiatto@comcast.net [mailto:vlochiatto@comcast.net]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2004 9:41 AM**To:** Gumbart, Thomas**Subject:** Riding Ring

Dear Tom,

Just curious as to the outcome of our note to you about our request for 10 feet in width to the riding ring. It would be super to get the fence before the ground gets too hard and then the footing done in the spring.

Also we would really appreciate your reply by the end of the week so we can submit an application to the Conservation Preservation Commission.

Your help is always appreciated,

Thanks, Vicky LoChiatto, Nancy Bergen and Charlotte Trim

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November, 14, 2004

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Thank you,

Victoria DeNichiato 65 Trapelo Rd
Elizabeth DeNichiato 65 Trapelo Rd
Laurie T. Dewey 79 Lincoln Rd.
James Del Vecchio 45 Trapelo Rd
Frank Hammond 45A Trapelo Road
Martha P. DeNormandie 65 Trapelo Rd. Lincoln

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61 Sandy Pond

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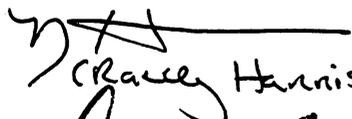
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Charlotte Trim, 108 Codman Rd, Lincoln
Ann Braithwaite, 248 S. Great Rd, Lincoln


(Tracey Harrison)

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Donna Fry 250 S. Great Rd Lincoln
Deborah Sablow 155 Weston Road Lincoln, MI

• Mr. & Mrs. Morley Fox
Hog Stables

1111 Winton Rd, Lincoln MA

Christopher Field 108 Codman Lincoln

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(Board horse at 122 Tower Road, Lincoln)

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1 Bedford Rd.

8 Bedford

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TOWN OF LINCOLN

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December 6, 2004

John Koenig, Chair
Lincoln Community Preservation Committee

Dear Mr. Koenig & CPC Members,

Several residents representing the Lincoln equestrian community attended the Conservation Commission's meeting on December 1st to discuss their proposal for rehabilitating the Riding Ring on the Upper Browning Field Conservation Land. The Commissioners appreciated having them come to the meeting and there was strong support from the Commission for this project. Horseback riding has been a part of conservation in Lincoln for many years and the Commission is pleased that the tradition is continuing.

Here is a quote from a 1967 letter from Bob Lemire (then Chair of the Conservation Commission) to Bisty Donaldson (for the 4-H Club) granting permission to use the Browning Field for equestrian activities. "The Conservation Commission heard your request for use of the Browning Field by the Lincoln 4-H Horse Club with great interest. It is this type of use which is entirely compatible with land purchased by the town for conservation purposes."

The current Commission echoes Mr. Lemire's statement and hopes that CPA Funds can be used to make a safe and enjoyable riding ring that Lincoln residents can take pride in. It needs to be noted here that the Upper Browning Field is a large field that supports breeding Bobolinks, a locally rare grassland bird, and it is hayed by Codman Community Farm after the nesting season. The repair and use of this ring that is located in a corner will not impact the agricultural and wildlife values of the field. Please contact me if you need further information or clarification.

On behalf of the Lincoln Conservation Commission,

Tom Gumbart
Lincoln Conservation Director

SCOTT EVANS
83 Finn Road
Harvard, MA 01451
978-897-7063

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Vicky Lochiatto
65 Trapelo Road
Lincoln, MA 01773

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January 8th 2005

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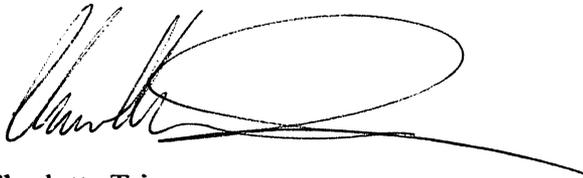
Re: Renovation of the riding ring at Browning's Field

As promised, please find attached a revised budget for our renovation project, which reflects the final estimate for the footing. I also enclose a photocopy of a plan of the proposed riding ring.

I am also happy to share some photos of the Annual Lincoln 4-H shows in 1971 and 1972. I hope you enjoy them too. At that time it was a very popular event, with entries limited to 225 riders and horses!

Thank you for your help throughout the application process. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Trim', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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May 4, 1972

4-H Plans For Show

LINCOLN—The annual Lincoln 4-H Horse Show is the highlight of the year for the members of the 4-H Horse Club. It involves the work of all the members and their families preparing the field, painting and building jumps and fences, arranging the equipment at Browning's Field and organizing the volunteers to work during the show.

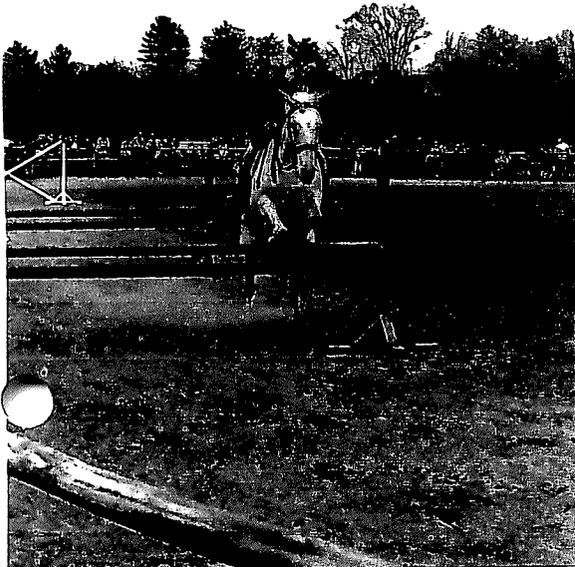
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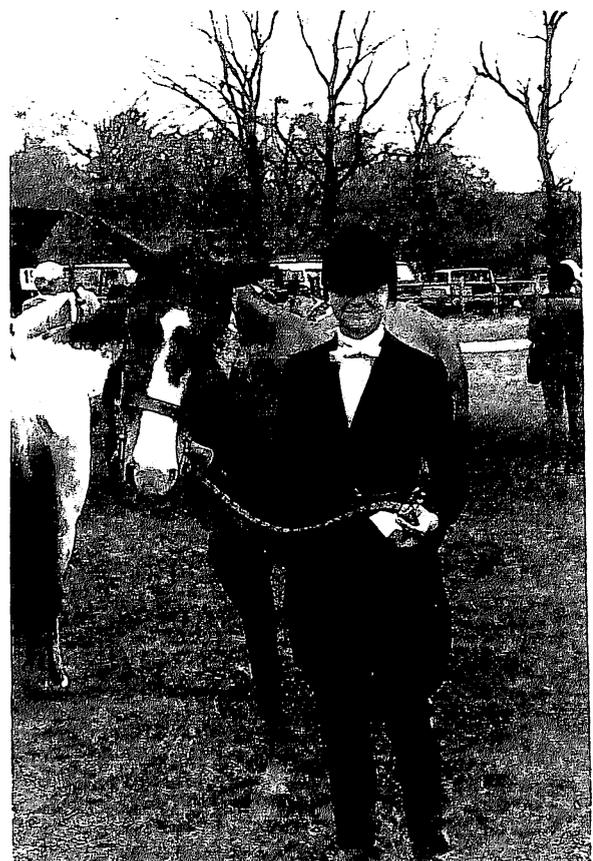
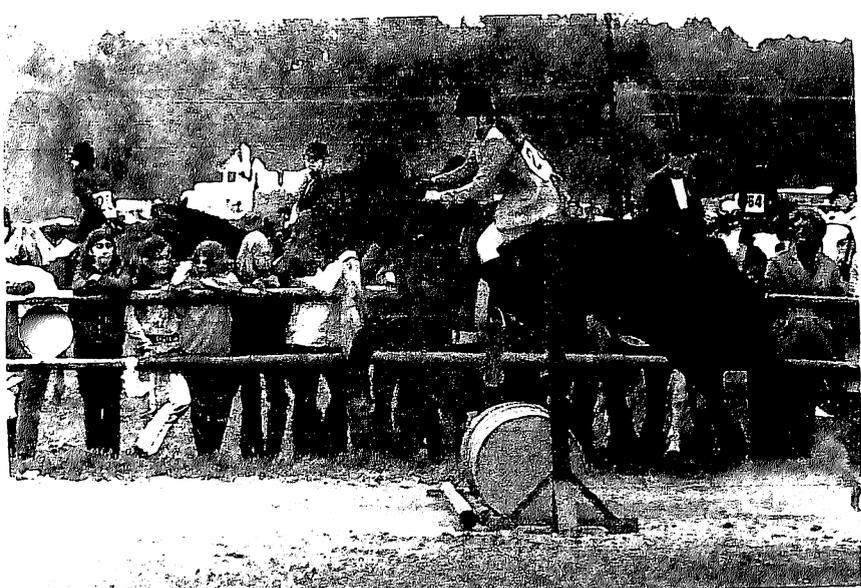
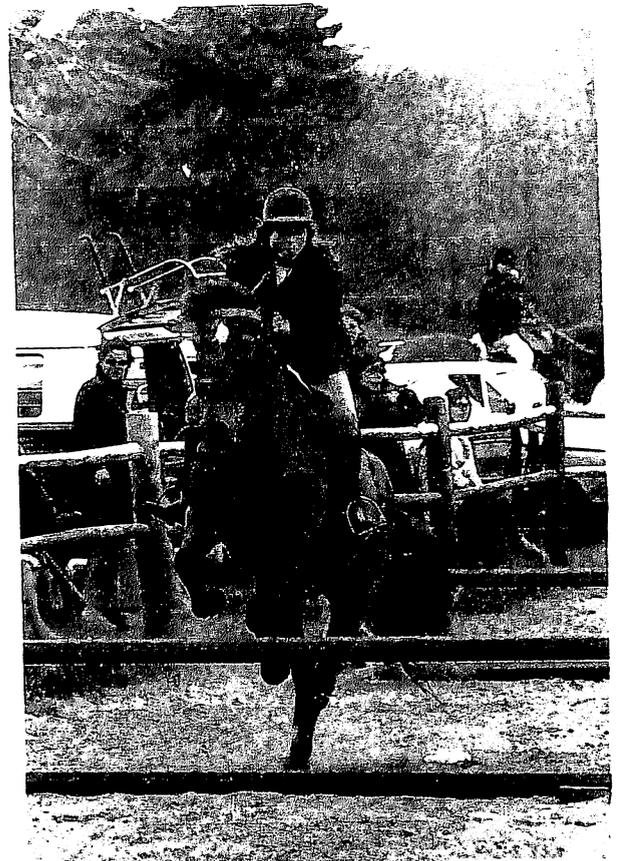
Judges for the show include Mrs. Cynthia Campbell of Dracut, Mrs. Joseph Lombard of Medway, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Norton of Purcellville. Mrs. Margaret Whitfield of Concord will announce the events and winners of the day.

With the entries limited to 225 riders and horses, there will be ample room for spectators to watch the events in the two rings and the outside course. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day by the Student Exchange Committee of the L-S regional high school.



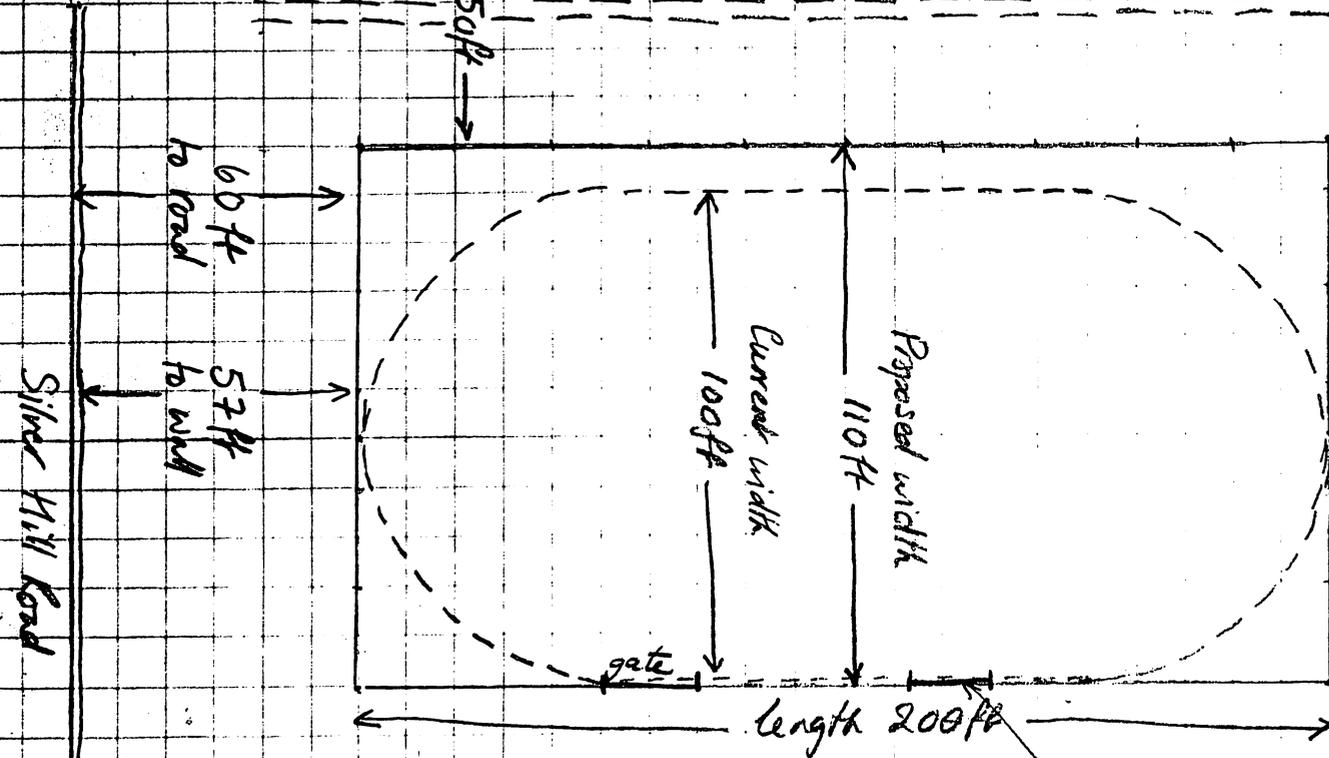
THE 16th ANNUAL LINCOLN 4-H HORSE SHOW will be held on Saturday, May 13, at Browning's Field. Pictured above is Caroline Picotman of Lincoln on Gem in the Senior Horsemanship over Fences event last year.





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