



## TOWN OF LINCOLN

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MASSACHUSETTS

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To all Lincoln Residents and Registered Voters,

### **2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OVERVIEW.**

The Annual Town Meeting is on Saturday, March 29th in the DONALDSON AUDITORIUM at the Lincoln Schools. Doors open at 8:30 am. We ask that you arrive early so we have a quorum, and I can call the meeting to order promptly at 9:30. This Warrant Booklet contains the important background materials for the Warrant Articles to be considered at Town Meeting. **Please READ IT CAREFULLY.**

### **AND – BRING THE BOOKLET and ENCLOSURES WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING.**

After addressing some preliminary matters, we will get right into the meeting. Please refer to the Articles on the following pages.

**Articles 3 and 4.** We will test out CLICKERS first and then vote on the proposal to have them available, particularly when the moderator determines that the vote will be close.

**Articles 5 through 20.** The Select Board has placed these non-controversial articles on the CONSENT CALENDAR with the hope that they may be taken up as a whole with one vote unless something is held out. If something is held out it will be voted on separately.

- Article 21. Consideration of the 250th Celebration Activities
- Article 22. The Operating Budget – please refer to Table 1 in this Booklet.
- Article 23. Capital Expenditures – a detailed list will be in the Motion.
- Article 24. Community Preservation Fund – a detailed list will be in the Motion.
- Articles 25-27. Other Financial Articles and Bright Light Award
- Article 28. Free Cash. Annual Article to Balance Budget/Reduce Tax Rate
- Article 29. Water Department
- Article 30. Town Meeting Study Committee Report
- Article 31-33. Bylaw Amendments. Accessory Dwelling Units; Flood Plains
- Article 34. Related to Veterans Benefits
- Article 35. Citizen Petitions if there are any

**PRE-MEETING INFORMATION.** In the days leading up to Town Meeting the Town Boards and Committees will be given the opportunity to offer background information on the Warrant Articles they have sponsored. These meetings/presentations will be posted on the Town web site ([lincolntown.org](http://lincolntown.org)) “2025 Annual Town Meeting Lincoln, MA” and we hope this process will answer voters’ questions and cut down time for presentations at Town Meeting.

**GENERAL COMMENTS.** All registered voters are encouraged to attend this meeting, a unique New England experience of direct democracy. There have been many meetings and discussions leading up to our Annual Town Meeting. It is your chance now to participate in the final stage of the legislative process. Your voice and your vote are essential parts of the process. It is a time, also, to be in community with others. If this is your first Town Meeting, come to listen, to participate, to learn and to vote. We hope that you will find a way to volunteer on a Town Board or Committee. The Town governance depends on volunteers.

**BALLOT ELECTIONS** – Monday, March 31st – Reed Gym –There are contested elections.

Efficiency is not a hallmark of democracy but together we can do our best.

### **Voice Of The Electorate**

Note: If you are not a registered voter you are welcome to attend but you may not vote.