

TOWN OF LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

CONSENT CALENDAR

For consideration at the Annual Town Meeting on March 29, 2025, as provided under Article II, Section 13 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Lincoln.

Note: *This Consent Calendar is a set of warrant articles that the Moderator has chosen, due to their **relatively non-controversial or routine** subject matter, to be voted together in one motion to expedite the business of town meeting.*

Please bring this Consent Calendar and your copy of the Financial Section/Warrant with you to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5 Select Board

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

Moved: That the reports of the Town Officers, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees, as printed in the Annual Town Report, be accepted.

ARTICLE 6 Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of the several elective officers of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town set the salaries of the elected officials of the Town at the following amounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

Select Board Chair	\$200
Select Board (Other members, each)	\$100
Town Clerk	\$122,598
Assessors (Chair)	\$200
Assessors (Other members, each)	\$175
Water Commissioners (Each)	\$75

ARTICLE 7 Select Board

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 Law, Chapter 59, Section 5K, as it may be amended from time to time; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 by taxation to fund the Town's Senior Tax Work-off Program, as established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5K.

ARTICLE 8 Select Board

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's Tax Work-off Program, as established pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5N, as it may be amended from time to time; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 by taxation to fund the Town's Veteran's Tax Work-off Program, as established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5N.

ARTICLE 9 Select Board

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.

Moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,430 by taxation to be used for the repair and maintenance of certain Town buildings, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

ARTICLE 10 Library Trustees

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.

Moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,200 by taxation to be used for the repair and maintenance of the Lincoln Library, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

ARTICLE 11 Finance Committee

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.

Moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$666,000 by taxation, 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 the Statements 74 and 75 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

ARTICLE 12 Finance Committee

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 Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Committee, to the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High 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.

Moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,892 by taxation, to add funds representing Lincoln's proportionate share of the contribution recommended by the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High 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.

ARTICLE 13 Select Board

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 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.

Moved: That the Town accept and expend such sum or sums of money that may be available under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90 or 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.

ARTICLE 14 School Committee

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money equal to the state reimbursement amounts for Special Education Medicaid expenses to supplement the FY26 Lincoln School operating budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$43,500, said sum being equal to the state reimbursement amounts for Special Education Medicaid expenses, to supplement the FY26 Lincoln School operating budget.

ARTICLE 15 Select Board

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.

Moved: That the Town appropriate \$100,000 from the PEG Access and Cable Related 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; or (iii) prepare for renewal of the franchise license.

ARTICLE 16 Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws, Article XXVII, Capital Planning Committee, as follows, with text to be deleted shown in strikethrough and text to be inserted shown in underline:

Four Representative Members, consisting of one appointed by and from each of the Select Board, the School Committee, the Green Energy Committee ~~Conservation Commission~~, and the Library Board.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town vote to amend its General Bylaws, Article XXVII, Capital Planning Committee, as follows, with text to be deleted shown in strikethrough and text to be inserted shown in underline:

Four Representative Members, consisting of one appointed by and from each of the Select Board, the School Committee, the Green Energy Committee ~~Conservation Commission~~, and the Library Board.

ARTICLE 17 Conservation Commission

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.

Moved: That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Conservation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to support maintenance and improvements to agricultural conservation land.

Article 18 Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaw, Article XXVIII, Section 1, titled: "Revolving Funds" by inserting in the row entitled "Codman Farmhouse", the following underlined text:

PROGRAM or PURPOSE	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS
Codman Farmhouse	Lease Fees	Select Board	To defray expenses related to the care and maintenance of the Codman Farmhouse <u>and Barns</u>

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town vote to amend its General Bylaw, Article XXVIII, Section 1, titled: "Revolving Funds" by inserting in the row entitled "Codman Farmhouse", the following underlined text:

PROGRAM or PURPOSE	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS
Codman Farmhouse	Lease Fees	Select Board	To defray expenses related to the care and maintenance of the Codman Farmhouse <u>and Barns</u>

Article 19 Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 54(b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 203C, the so-called "Prudent Investor Rule," or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 54(b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 203C, the so-called "Prudent Investor Rule."

Article 20 Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to refile the Home Rule Petition approved by the May 15, 2021, Town Meeting providing for the Town to require retail establishments to charge a fee for check out bags, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve such amendments as are within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moved: That the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to refile the Home Rule Petition approved by the May 15, 2021, Town Meeting providing for the Town to require retail establishments to charge a fee for check out bags, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve such amendments as are within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.