

TOWN OF LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Saturday, March 28, 2020: 9:30 a.m.
ANNUAL ELECTION: Monday, March 30, 2020: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2020 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 at the Smith School Gymnasium on Monday, the thirtieth day of March, 2020 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 eighth day of March, 2020 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 28th day of March next.

The polls for voting the ballot on Monday, March 30, 2020 will be opened at 7:30 a.m. and will be closed at 8:00 p.m.

Any person requiring this warrant in a larger print format, or in need of other meeting accommodations is urged to contact the Selectmen's Office at 781-259-2601 prior to Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Every reasonable attempt will be made to provide the necessary assistance.

Note: Town Meeting shall be continued to Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Auditorium, if needed.

ARTICLE 1

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

- Board of Assessors for three years
- Board of Health for three years
- Board of Selectmen for three years
- Cemetery Commission for three years
- Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years
- Housing Commission for three years
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District School Committee, two seats for three years
- Moderator for three years
- Parks and Recreation Committee for three years
- Planning Board, two seats for three years
- School Committee, two seats for three years
- Trustees of Bemis for three years
- Water Commission, one seat for three years, one seat for two years, and one seat for one year

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.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 3

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

Selectmen

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.

Selectmen

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.

Selectmen

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.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 7

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 8

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by changing the title of the "Board of Selectmen" to the "Select Board"; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Board of Selectmen's stated intention to review all Town bylaws and regulations for the purpose of making them gender neutral. If the Town so votes, the Board of Selectmen shall report back to Town Meeting in March of 2021 with any required bylaw amendments and a report regarding other actions that may be required to ensure gender neutral phrasing throughout the Town's bylaws, policies, and regulations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to Amend Article XV of its General By-Law, titled "Council on Aging," by changing the Council's name to the "Council on Aging and Human Services; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen/Council on Aging

ARTICLE 11

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

Selectmen

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, authorizing the Town to provide a local Property Tax Circuit Breaker program to homeowners and renters who meet certain income and asset tests, and who have resided in Lincoln for at least five years, provided, however, that the program would be 1) implemented by a vote of Town Meeting subsequent to approval by the General Court, and 2) subject to a Town Meeting vote to renew every three years; and, further provided, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general purpose objectives of this petition; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to support the proposal of the Eighth Grade Warrant Article Group to support the Parkland School students' organization, March for Our Lives, to end school shootings and shootings all over the country by raising standards of gun ownership and to halve the rate of gun deaths in ten years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition/8th Grade Civics Group

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution, substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, in support of various federal, state and local actions to combat climate change; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adopting a new Section, entitled "The Polysterene Reduction By-Law," as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for special legislation, as substantially on file with the Town Clerk, for the purpose of requiring Lincoln retail establishments to charge a fee for non-reusable check-out bags; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adopting a new Section, entitled "The Prohibition of Disposable Plastics," as substantially on file with the Town Clerk, which would prohibit food establishments in Lincoln from using and distributing disposable plastic straws, stirrers and splash sticks; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to Amend Section 12.6 (Wireless Communications Facilities Overlay District) as follows:

Section 12.6.2 entitled, "Location," there shall be added to the Wireless Communications Facilities Overlay District ("WCF District") the following parcel:

Assessors' Map Parcel No.	Location/Street Address	Approximate Acreage
112-10	6 Emerson Road	3.0 Acres

The Zoning Map of Lincoln, Massachusetts is hereby amended by adding to the Zoning Overlay Districts, Wireless Communications Facilities the following:

The land situated in the County of Middlesex, Town of Lincoln, State of Massachusetts and shown as Lot #7 on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land in Lincoln, MASS. Belonging to Carleton W. Owen" dated January 1963, Rowland

H. Barnes & Co., Civil Eng'rs., recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds as Plan No. 184 of 1963 commonly known as 6 Emerson Road - Parcel Id #112- 0010-000 and further, bounded and described as follows:

- Southwesterly** by Concord Turnpike, as shown on said plan, 312.00 feet;
- Westerly** by Lot #8, as shown on said plan, 417.07 feet;
- Northerly** by Estate of E. H. Rogers, as shown on said plan, 244.61 feet; and
- Easterly** by Lot #6, as shown on said plan, 576.41 feet. Containing 131,832 square feet of land, according to said plan.

Together with right of way 40' wide along the Southwesterly lot line of Lot #6 as shown on said plan for the benefit of Lot #7 for all purposes for which rights of way are commonly used in the Town of Lincoln.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to hear reports from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee on the status of the Community Center project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 20

To receive and act upon a report of the Capital Planning Committee, 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 21

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, for the purchase and installation of a replacement public safety radio system, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Capital Planning Committee

ARTICLE 22

To receive and act upon a report from the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2021 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 23

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.

School Committee

ARTICLE 24

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.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 25

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 26

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 7 that exceeds the final Lincoln assessment voted no later than July 31st, by the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Committee for the fiscal year 2021, 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 27

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 28

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 29

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

Selectmen

ARTICLE 30

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 FY21 Lincoln School operating budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee

ARTICLE 31

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.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account for Cemetery improvements, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Cemetery Commissioners

ARTICLE 33

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 7 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 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, 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 Selectmen, 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 Board of Selectmen 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 Board of Selectmen 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 Board of Selectmen, 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 35

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 FY 2020 Water Department operating budget, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Water Commissioners

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Law by adding a new Section, titled Illicit Discharge Control and Stormwater Management By-Law, the purpose of which is to protect water quality and comply with federal requirements, as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to add a property to the existing Town of Lincoln Historic District under Section 1.1 of Article XXV (Historic District) of the Town of Lincoln General By-Laws, the locations and boundaries of which proposed additions 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 38

To see if the Town will vote to correct a clerical error pertaining to the Map/Parcel number of one of the properties that were added to the Brown's Wood Historic District (Article XXV of the Town's General Bylaws) pursuant to the March, 23, 2019 vote of the Annual Town Meeting, under Article 31; or take any other action relative thereto.

Historic District Commission/Friends of Modern Architecture

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL, c. 40, s. 22F to allow any municipal boards or officers empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work to fix reasonable fees or charges; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

ARTICLE 40

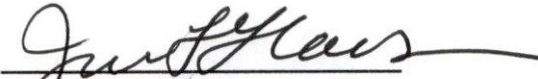
To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL c. 44, § 53E½ to take the following actions:

1. Increase the spending limit for the Recycling Revolving Fund; and
2. Re-establish the current spending limits for all other revolving funds as set forth in Article XXVIII of the General By-law, with such expenditures to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year in accordance with Article XXVIII, Section 2 of the General By-Law, unless such limits are amended by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year;

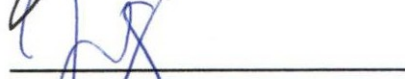
and further, to amend Section XXVIII, Section 2 of the General Bylaw to delete the word "annually," so as to eliminate the requirement that the Town vote annually to re-establish revolving fund spending limits at their existing levels, or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

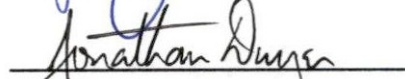
Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with our doings, thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time for the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this the 24th day of February, 2020.



Jennifer Glass, Chair



James Craig



Jonathan Dwyer

Board of Selectmen