

**Healthy Community Project
Public Forum #2 Summary
April 8, 2010 at 7:00pm**

This document is intended to serve as a summary of this meeting which reviewed the key issues identified thus far in the community health needs analysis. For each issue, we established the following:

- a. We noted which of the core Town of Lincoln values supported or were related to the issue.
- b. In order to determine the degree of interest, or “strength”, behind each item, we provided each attendee 2 red dots, and instructed them to place the dots on the one or two issues they were most concerned with. We then provided each attendee with one green dot and instructed them to place the dot on the issue which they felt most deserved an allocation of town resources. These responses are described below for each issue.
- c. For any issue in which discussion generated specific comments or concerns, they are noted at the end of the appropriate section.
- d. We have listed the names of people who might be involved in further discussion and problem solving during an implementation phase.

KEY ISSUES:

A. Vulnerable Seniors and Residents (financially, physically, mentally, and socially)

- a. Associated Values: People; Health and Safety; Civic Engagement; Diversity; Affordable Housing; Fiscally Prudent Government.
- b. Degree of Interest: 7 red dots / 8 green dots
- c. Comments: This should also include newcomers who feel isolated. We have a mix of those residents who want separation from neighbors, and those who want that small town, neighborly feel. There are no social outlets for people who have young adults or those who have no children and are not yet ready for COA type activities. We are not sure how to capture these “tweeners”. The Town needs more gathering spaces like the new restaurant.
- d. Necessary People: Town Clerk, COA Staff, Seniors, Dan Pereira and Recreation staff, Police Dept., EMTS, Condo Associations reps, faith leaders, Cathy Long, Tucker Smith, Debbie Dorsey, Janet Snell, Minuteman Sr. Services, Disability Commission

B. Tick Borne Diseases

- a. Associated Values: People; Health and Safety; Land; Informed Citizenry; Fiscally Prudent Government.
- b. Degree of Interest: 2 red dots / 1 green dot
- e. Comments: We also need to be concerned about spraying for mosquitoes.

- f. Necessary People: Board of Health (especially Dr. Weinberg), Concord Health Director Brent Reagor, Conservation Director Tom Gumbart, Jane Layton, Pat Phillips, Fire Dept., residents who have Lyme, Joellen Altschaeffl, School Nurse Maureen Richichi, Garden Club

C. Pressures on Children and Teens

- a. Associated Values: People; Health and Safety; Civic Engagement; Diversity; Affordable Housing; Fiscally Prudent Government.
- b. Degree of Interest: 6 red dots / 0 green dots
- g. Comments:
- h. Necessary People: Teens (including some freshman who can speak to transition issues), School Nurse Maureen Richichi; LS Behavioral Health Workers/MS Social Workers; Dan Pereira, Whistle Stop owner; Lincoln Children's Librarians, Youth Ministers, Roger Paine, METCO Director, Scott Carpenter, Betty Smith, Minuteman Tech., Sharon Hobbs

D. Use and Condition of Roadside Paths; Safety of Bicyclists and Motorists on Roads;

- a. Associated Values: People; Health and Safety; Land; Civic Engagement; Affordable Housing; Fiscally Prudent Government.
- b. Degree of Interest: 7 red dots / 2 green dots
- i. Comments: Bikers and drivers need to be educated about how to safely share the road. This issue could be expanded to cover the safety of pedestrians at major crosswalks such as at the intersection of Lincoln Rd and Rt. 117, or of pedestrians such as at the N. Lincoln MBTA bus stop. Certain sections of town need sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety.
- j. Necessary People: Hwy Supt. Chris Bibbo, local bikers, activist bike groups, Bob Apsler, Brian Rogers, the Traffic and Roadside Safety Committee, Officer Bob Gallo, Smith School Principle Steve McKenna, Susan Brooks, Jane Herlacher, Ann Calhoun