

Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee/June 19th Public Forum

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Open Space/Natural Resources Bullets

Goal: Preserve Lincoln's agricultural, recreational and natural resource values.

- Protect lands of conservation and recreation interest including: private farms, Chapter 61 lands, view corridors, buffers and scenic vistas, roadsides, water resources and/or natural communities, outstanding natural features and appropriate fields for recreation.
- Explore opportunities for maintaining and expanding agriculture in Lincoln.

Goal: Promote active stewardship of existing agriculture and conservation land.

- Acquire funds and resources to maintain land stewardship program.
y: 32, g: 23
- Encourage best land management practices including: farming practices compatible with natural resource & recreation values, ecologically sound woodlot management, scientifically sound management of existing open farm ponds.

Goal: Maximize recreational opportunities on recreational and conservation land

- Evaluate maintenance needs and expansion opportunities of roadside paths and trails.
y: 38, g: 16
- Provide new recreation facilities and maintain current facilities as appropriate.

Goal: Foster a sense of coordination, education and outreach regionally and locally.

- Coordinate with boards and regional and local organizations to promote conservation and recreation goals.
- Foster a long-term stewardship ethic among all property owners in Town including: water conservation measures, ecological landscaping practices, and energy and resource conservation.

y: 53, g: 4

Housing and Built Environment Bullets

Housing

- Small town: shall we strive to maintain our modest population growth that is consistent with the Jeffersonian ideal of an optimal population for civic and community involvement?
- Cost of housing: should we seek to allow a broader spectrum of potential residents not just the extremes of those who live in large houses on 2 acre lots vs those in 40B affordable units?
y: 43, g: 16
- Size and type of housing: do we want to attract and keep young families and our aging population in Town?
- Exclusivity: do we want our housing segregated by age (over 55 developments) or income (large home developments in clusters or subdivisions)?
- Accessory apartments: do we want to encourage or discourage them?
- South Lincoln: should we encourage high density (and mixed use) growth?
y: 42, g: 10

Built Environment

- What is Lincoln's "character" and should we implement controls to preserve it?
- Should Lincoln's significant neighborhoods be identified and strongly encourage to become neighborhood conservation districts?
- Teardowns: is this a problem and should we change our bylaws to mitigate their impact on neighborhoods and community character?
- Buildings on the edge of conservation land: should we be concerned that inappropriate construction could detract from the Town's land conservation efforts?

Cultural, Historical, and Governance Bullets

Culture/History

- Enhance Lincoln's long term relationships with its major cultural institutions planning mutually beneficial developments and growth consistent with Lincoln's values and vision. Entities might include the Lincoln Library, Audubon, DeCordova Museum, Codman Community Farms, the Food Project, Historic New England, and the Pierce House. **y: 33, g: 3**
- Introductory culture/history/governance programs for the citizens addressing the wealth of existing town historical sites and assets, the excitement of cultural activities and the vibrancy of town governance. **y: 21, g: 6**
- Long range Historic Preservation Planning, e.g. surveys of existing assets (such as buildings, stone walls, pathways, and the like, rethinking and integrating neighborhood conservation and historic overlay districts, preserving special homes and sites in support of the town's preservation values. **y: 46, g: 4**
- Historic Preservation as an exploration of the evolution of Lincoln's character **y: 39, g: 2**

Governance

- Promote, and enhance the Town Meeting form of government through technology, re-ordering of Town Meeting sessions to better address provocative or special issues, and stimulating teen and parental participation through special assistance and education programs. **y: 59, g: 12**
- Assess and assist Lincoln's volunteer participation in Town government through computer support, tutorial programs, registries of citizen competencies, and organized recruiting programs. **y: 51, g: 3**
- Redefine the office in order to moderate the increasing burden on Selectmen by changing the number of Selectmen and/or redistributing authority to other boards, with better coordination and communications, and through additional use of technology. **y: 32, g: 6**
- Review and moderate the reliance on residential property taxes through long term, regional/state investigations to find alternatives to property taxes. **y: 41, g: 9**

Facilities, Circulation, Transportation and Services Bullets

- New Community Center Building y: 15, g: 11
- Public Safety 2007 & beyond: regionalized planning and response
- School facilities (K-8 and HS) that meet the needs of tomorrow's students
- Lincoln's Roads: avoiding potholes and racetracks
- Sudbury: Still the right partner for Lincoln's high school students?
- Highest & Best: How to maximize the use of town-owned properties & facilities
- Keep on (safely) Truckin': Traffic calming, safety, and roadside paths
- Water use
- Size and justification of town staff and utilization

Land Use and Economic Development Bullets

- Which factors have been key in Lincoln success (lack of success) in land use planning?
- Preserving rural character and/or maximizing property values: What should be the objectives of Lincoln's land use planning? y: 49, g: 13
- Of commercial development and four acre zoning: What tools do we have at our disposal to improve our current land use?
- Regulatory flexibility vs more certain outcomes for landowners: How do we view the trade offs inherent in land use regulation?
- Wal-Mart and Microsoft com to town. Should we be seeking to increase private-sector employment in Lincoln?