

**TOWN OF LINCOLN, MASSACHUSETTS**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Saturday, March 24, 2018: 9:30 a.m.**  
**ANNUAL ELECTION: Monday, March 26, 2018: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**2018 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 twenty sixth day of March, 2018 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 fourth day of March, 2018 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 24th day of March next.

The polls for voting the ballot on Monday, March 26, 2018 will be opened at 7:30 a.m. and will be closed at 8:00 p.m.

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Note: Town Meeting shall be continued to Tuesday, March 27, 2018 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
- DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park Trustee for four years
- Housing Commission for three years
- Housing Commission for two years
- Housing Commission for one year
- Lincoln Sudbury Regional District School Committee, two seats for three years
- Parks and Recreation Committee for three years
- Planning Board for three years
- School Committee, two seats for three years
- Trustees of Bemis for three years
- Water Commission for three years

And to consider the following questions:

1. Shall the Town of Lincoln be allowed to assess an additional \$600,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Department engine, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018?

YES

NO

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 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 9

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, for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Department engine, including all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be made contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a "capital outlay exclusion" in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C(1½), otherwise known as Proposition 2 ½, so called; or take any other action relative thereto.

Capital Planning Committee

ARTICLE 10

To receive and act upon a report from the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2019 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 11

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 12

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 13

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 14

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 31<sup>st</sup>, by the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Committee for the fiscal year 2019, 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 15

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 43 and 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 16

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 43 and 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 17

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 18**

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 FY19 Lincoln School operating budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee

**ARTICLE 19**

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 20**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44, 53E ½, to increase the following spending limits under the Town's General Bylaw authorizing revolving funds, as follows:

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Spending Limit</b>
Student Transportation	\$125,000
Preschool Program	\$140,000
Firearms Licenses	\$10,000
Ambulance	\$280,000
Transfer Station/Recycling	\$25,000
Parks & Recreation	\$35,000

Selectmen

**ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for the cleaning and rehabilitation of the Tower Road well screen and motor, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Water Commissioners

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for the replacement of shingles and rubber roofing materials at the Flints Pond Treatment Plant, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Water Commissioners

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for the purchase and installation of an elevated safety catwalk and handrail system for the filtration units at the Flints Pond Treatment Plant, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Water Commissioners

**ARTICLE 25**

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 26**

To see if the Town will vote to hear a report from the School Building and Community Center Committees; or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee/Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 17.7.3 (Procedures) to make various procedural revisions to site plan review of single family residences, including removing the requirement for publication in the newspaper, revising the process of preliminary meetings, and adding a sunset provision for site plan review of single family residences under 6500 square feet of calculated gross floor area after 5 years, as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

## ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to add 18 properties to the existing Town of Lincoln Historic District under Section 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. (Map/Parcel Nos. 146-16-0; 152-39-0; 139-2-0; 139-3-0; 163-10-0; 149-20-0; 163-7-0; 150-48-0; 163-12-0; 163-16-0; 169-10-0; 146-5-0; 186-32-0; 182-7-0; 186-23-0; 189-2-0; 121-36-0; 135-4-0);

Or take any action relative thereto.

Historic District Commission/FOMA

## ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to create a new historic district, consisting of 11 properties in the Brown's Wood neighborhood, under Section 1 of Article XXV (Historic District) of the Town of Lincoln General By-Laws, the locations and boundaries of which proposed historic district are shown on a plan to be filed with the Lincoln Town Clerk and the Massachusetts Historical Commission and to be recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. (Map/Parcel Nos. 169-23-0; 169-22-0; 181-14-0; 181-22-0; 181-15-0; 181-21-0; 181-16-0; 181-20-0; 181-17-0; 181-18-0; 181-19-0).

The following paragraph shall be added to Section 1 of Article XXV (Historic District) of the Town of Lincoln General By-Laws:

**1.2 A Brown's Wood Historic District** (the Brown's Wood District) is hereby established in the Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts, in accordance with provisions of MGL, Chapter 40C of the Commonwealth. The Brown's Wood District consists of areas, the locations and boundaries of which are as shown on a plan to be filed with the Lincoln Town Clerk and the Massachusetts Historical Commission and to be recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds. The Brown's Wood District is intended to preserve and protect as a permanent legacy the significant historical areas and distinctive architectural characteristics of the Town of Lincoln in their settings.

The following provision shall be added to Subsection 2.1 of Article XXV (Historic District) of the Town of Lincoln General By-Laws:

Further, a Brown's Wood Historic District Commission is hereby established for the Brown's Wood Historic District, consisting of seven members, all residents of Lincoln appointed by the Selectmen. Appointments shall be made as provided in this Section 2 for the Historic District Commission, provided that at least one member of the Brown's Wood Historic District Commission shall be a resident or property owner of the Brown's Wood Historic District. Some or all of the members of the Historic District Commission may also be appointed as members of the Brown's Wood Historic District Commission.



The following provision shall be added to Section 5 of Article XXV (Historic District) of the Town of Lincoln General By-Laws:

**5.3 Standards Applicable to Brown's Wood Historic District**

- a. General Objectives of the District:
  - (i) The maintenance and enhancement of the Modern design ideas and characteristics that inform the homes of the District, while supporting the updating of its homes and the diversity of the characteristic architectural expression of the District.
  - (ii) The preservation of the woodland landscape, ensuring that the houses fit into that landscape rather than dominate it. The woodland is a major unifying factor that ties this District together, establishing its setting and context.
- b. General Description of Neighborhood, Architectural and Historical Characteristics:
  - (i) The absence of traditional or historical architectural styles as it was put by the founding homeowners in the 1950's: "no colonials and no ranches.
  - (ii) The diversity of the architectural forms within the Modern architectural idiom.
  - (iii) The dominance of the natural landscape, topography and woodland setting.
  - (iv) Houses are sited within the landscape and topography, with massing and scale that are reflective of the sites, fit into the woodland and embrace nature, rather than competing with it.
  - (v) Houses are set in the woods, rather than set on a lot surrounded by yard space. The houses are seen through a natural screen of trees and woodland.
  - (vi) Property lines are generally invisible, without fences or large landscaped areas separating properties.
  - (vii) Lawns and formal landscaping do not extend to the street. Large trees and natural woodland vegetation are preserved, and landscaping and plantings are natural or naturalized, maintaining the woodlands character.
  - (viii) Varying setbacks, orientation and massing are used to minimize impacts and maximize privacy and access to nature. Houses are sited and oriented without reference to the streets of the neighborhood, and avoid the typical suburban relationship of houses to street.
  - (ix) Houses are generally horizontal and low in their massing, utilizing flat or low-pitch roofs, either eaveless or with deep overhanging eaves.
  - (x) Windows often serve to connect the inside and outside, bringing the outside into the house, rather than walling it off, economically expanding the apparent living areas.

(xi) Houses have little in the way of decorative elements (shutters, gables etc.), so that decoration and interest arises out of the form, the materials used and especially the setting and surroundings.

(xii) Houses have incorporated and experimented with new technologies and forms, in particular reflecting an early interest in sustainable design, including the use of industrial materials, sensitive siting, passive and active solar and efficient use of space and materials.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

#### Historic District Commission/FOMA

#### ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws in order to establish a North Lincoln Planning Development District within the NL-North Lincoln Planning District pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.5 of the Zoning Bylaw, by undertaking the following action:

- (i) Amending the Zoning Map to include the North Lincoln Planned Development District No. 6 for Oriole Landing located at 0 and 1 Mary's Way consisting of a 60-Unit Rental Development including 15 affordable units, having boundaries encompassing 6 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and described on a plan entitled "1 Mary's Way, Lincoln, MA Tax Map 111 - Lots 10 & 11 – Abutter Summary" prepared for Civico Development by Allen & Major Associates, Inc. and dated 1/23/18; and
- (ii) Approving a preliminary development and use plan for the North Lincoln Planned Development District No. 6, a proposed version of which plan entitled "Oriole Landing, 1 Mary's Way, Lincoln, MA, Tax Map 111 - Lots 10 & 11 – Context Plan", prepared by Allen & Major Associates, Inc. and dated 1/23/18 has been prepared and submitted by the owners of the premises to be included in said district.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

#### Housing Commission & Housing Trust

#### ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, s.134, and, further, to grant the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation; or take any other action relative thereto.

#### Green Energy Committee

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a bylaw entitled "Plastic Bag Ban," as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a bylaw entitled "The Regulation of Sale and Use of Bottled Water," as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a bylaw entitled "The Regulation of Sale and Use of Bottled Water - Alternative Version," as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution relative to Protecting Consumers of Gas and Electricity from Paying for Leaked and Unaccounted for Gas, as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.


Citizens' Petition

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution declaring Lincoln to be a Welcoming, Safe Town which resolves to make all residents, workers and visitors feel safe and secure regardless of immigration status, as substantially on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens' Petition

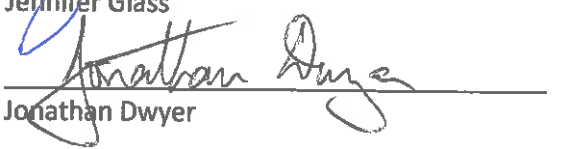
Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings, thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time for the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
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James Craig, Chair

  
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Jennifer Glass

  
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Jonathan Dwyer

Board of Selectmen