

# TOWN OF LINCOLN



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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
Timothy S. Higgins

TO: All Departments, Boards and Committees  
FR: Timothy S. Higgins  
Town Administrator  
On behalf of the Selectmen  
DT: July 21, 2006  
RE: **Hold the Date**  
**Fall Special Town Meeting & State of the Town Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2006**

The Board of Selectmen has voted to convene a combined special town meeting and State of the Town Meeting on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

The warrant for the special town meeting will likely include zoning petitions for proposed developments at the Lincoln Mall (i.e., RLF's Mall redevelopment plan) and the Massey property at 17 Cambridge Turnpike, formerly known as the BIIC property (i.e., New England Deaconess' senior living development). The Planning Board may also request funds in support of its master planning effort.

The State of the Town portion of the meeting will provide the opportunity for boards and committees to engage the town in discussion of key issues and challenges. As the Selectmen explained in their memo introducing the initial State of the Town Meeting in 2002, "State of the Town will create a mechanism for the collective leadership of the town to present its assessment of the current, near-term and long-term challenges confronting or likely to confront the town. The meeting format has been designed to provide the citizens the opportunity to comment, challenge, correct or affirm our assumptions about the things that matter most to the town." Circumstances may dictate, as they did last year with the presentation from the At Risk Properties Committee, that the State of the Town take on a more specific focus; however, this year's State of the Town is returning to its roots. The Selectmen will be requesting that each of the major policy boards develop a written assessment (i.e., report card) of progress against last year's goals and objectives and a summary of anticipated priorities, to be included within a State of the Town report that will be mailed to every household in advance of the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Additional information concerning submission deadlines and other milestones will follow.

The success of the State of the Town Meeting depends on the active participation of the key policy boards. The Selectmen appreciate the effort you extend, above and beyond your normal board responsibilities, to make State of the Town a worthwhile activity.