

The Inclusion,
Diversity, Equity, &
Anti-racism
Committee
welcomes you to
Lincoln!!!

Newcomers' Party
January 26, 2025



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Chappaquiddick
Wampanoag Tribe**
Chaubunnagungamaug
Nipmuc Tribe**
Herring Pond
Wampanoag Tribe
Mashpee
Wampanoag Tribe*
Massachusetts Tribe at
Ponkapoag

Nipmuc Nation
Pocasset
Wampanoag Tribe of MA
Seaconke
Wampanoag Tribe**
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of Gay Head/Aquinnah*

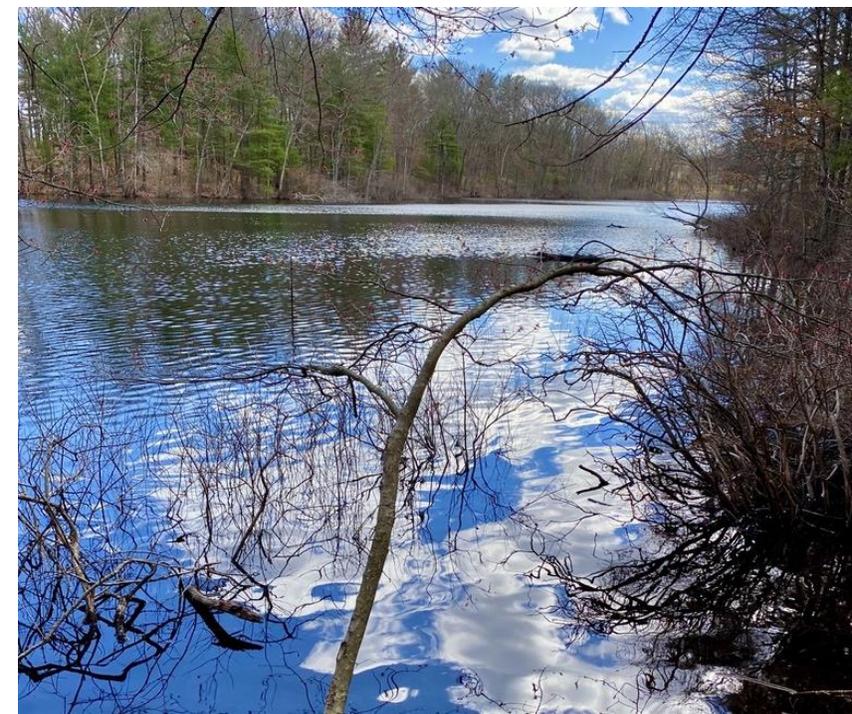
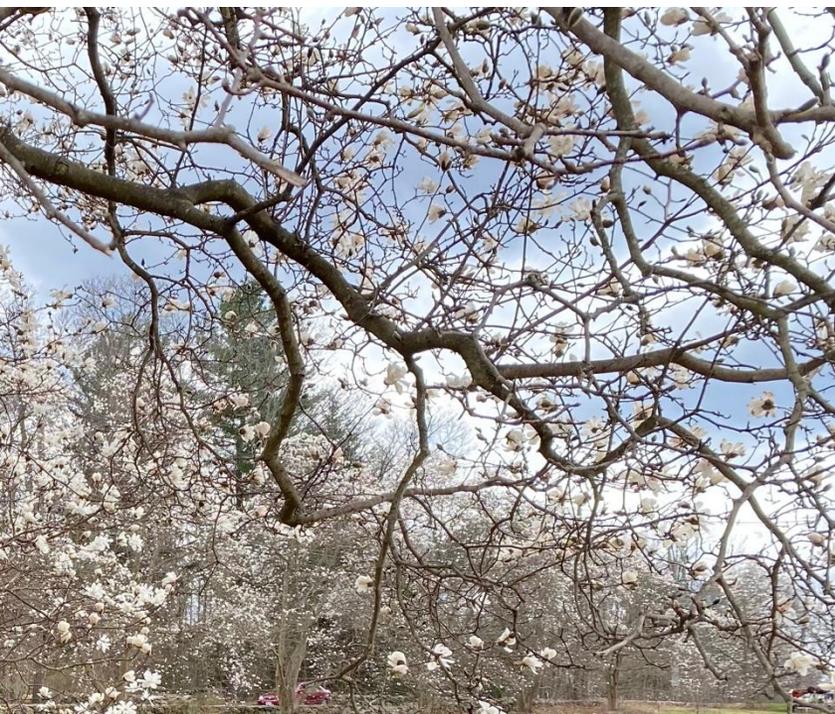
*Federally Recognized Tribes -
sovereign nations in a government
to-government relationship with the U.S.
**Historic Tribes acknowledged by the
Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs



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Beyond the Flag

MASSACHUSETTS

**Lincoln is on the unceded lands
of the Wampanoag,
Massachusetts, and Nipmuc
Nations, whose members
continue to live, work, play, and
thrive here.**





Did you know?

The **Town of Lincoln** was established in **1754** when the inhabitants of the "Easterly part of Concord and Southwesterly part of Lexington and the Northerly part of Weston" petitioned the Legislature to form a new town.



19 sheets at end of book

An Act for erecting a new Town within the County of middle by the name of Lincoln April the 23 Anno Dom. 1754

Whereas the Inhabitants of the Easterly part of Concord, the Southwesterly part of Lexington, & the Northerly part of Weston have Addressed this Court, setting forth the many Difficulties they now Labour under, which might be Effectually remedied if they were constituted a Township:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Governour, Council & House of Representatives, That the Easterly part of the said Town of Concord, the Southwesterly part of the said Town of Lexington, & the Northerly part of the said Town of Weston, as hereafter set forth, & separate & distinct Township by the name of Lincoln: The bounds of the said Township to be as follows, viz. To begin at Concord River, where the Line goes over said River, between Concord & Sudbury, & runs down said River, to a Brook that runs out of Well-meadow (so called) from thence to the southeasterly side of Walden pond (so called) from thence to the Northwesterly side of Walden pond (so called) belonging to Daniel

DON'T

HIBERNATE



BE A

VOLUNTEER

If you care about...



COMMUNITY WELLBEING

- ❖ School Committee
- ❖ Council on Aging & Human Services Board
- ❖ Library Board
- ❖ Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Anti-Racism Committee
- ❖ Parks & Recreation
- ❖ Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- ❖ Pierce House Committee
- ❖ Board of Health
- ❖ Finance Committee
- ❖ Select Board



ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ Green Energy Committee
- ❖ Conservation Commission
- ❖ Capital Planning Committee
- ❖ Community Preservation Committee
- ❖ Roadside & Traffic Committee
- ❖ Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- ❖ Agricultural Commission
- ❖ Water Commission
- ❖ Select Board



HOUSING

- ❖ Housing Commission
- ❖ Planning Board
- ❖ Affordable Housing Trust
- ❖ Historical Commission
- ❖ Community Preservation Committee
- ❖ Zoning Board
- ❖ Council on Aging & Human Services Board
- ❖ Board of Health
- ❖ Select Board



FINANCES

- ❖ Finance Committee
- ❖ Capital Planning Committee
- ❖ Community Preservation Committee
- ❖ School Committee
- ❖ Water Commission
- ❖ Select Board

...consider one of these boards!



Did you know?

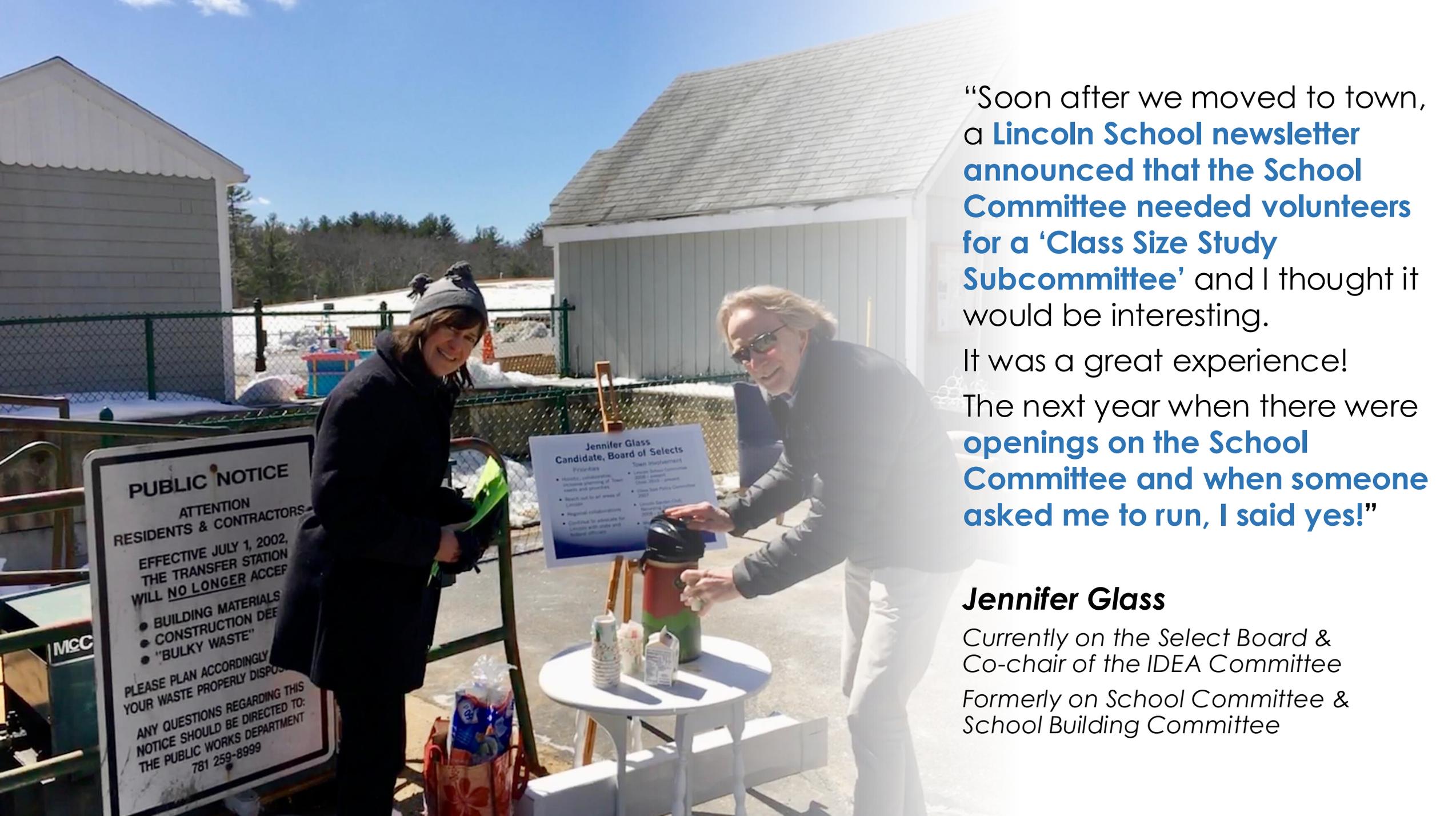
*Select Board = Town's Executive Branch
3 Elected Members; 3-year terms.*

Back Row, left to right:

- **Jim Hutchinson, *Select Board***
- **Chief Sean Kennedy, *Police***
- **Tim Higgins, *Town Administrator***

Front Row, left to right:

- **Kim Bodnar, *Select Board***
- **Jennifer Glass, *Select Board***



“Soon after we moved to town, a **Lincoln School newsletter** announced that the **School Committee** needed **volunteers for a ‘Class Size Study Subcommittee’** and I thought it would be interesting.

It was a great experience!

The next year when there were **openings on the School Committee** and when someone asked me to run, I said yes!”

Jennifer Glass

*Currently on the Select Board & Co-chair of the IDEA Committee
Formerly on School Committee & School Building Committee*



Whom should we DUNK?

Tim Higgins	I			
Jennifer Glass				
Colleen Wilkins		\$\$\$		
BUCK CREEK				
MICHAEL H.				
JEN BURNEY				
Becky McFall	<small>Bring it on!</small>			
DWYER				
BRIAN YOUNG				



Sometimes Town staff and volunteers just have fun!!!



Former Lincoln Select Board members in 2004
Town of Lincoln's 250th

Did you know?

The **first woman** elected to the Select Board (then called the Board of Selectmen) was **Beth Ries**, who served from 1977 to 1984.
In 2023, **Kim Bodnar** was the 11th woman to be elected.



Selectwomen past & present





“I joined the **Finance Committee first, after some cajoling by an existing committee member**, and I suppose some **concerns on my part about town finances after the school building project was defeated in 2012** - how would we handle subsequent project costs?!

I've **served on the Finance Committee, Water Commission, and Select Board** directly, and been the liaison and one point or another to most other committees in town.”

Jim Hutchinson

Currently on Select Board, Capital Planning Committee, Community Preservation Committee, and Town Meeting Study Committee

Formerly on Finance Committee, Green Energy Committee, and Water Commission

**Town Meeting
Study Committee
(TMSC)**

**presentation at the
Dec. 7, 2024, State
of the Town
Meeting.**

The TMSC was
appointed by the
Select Board.

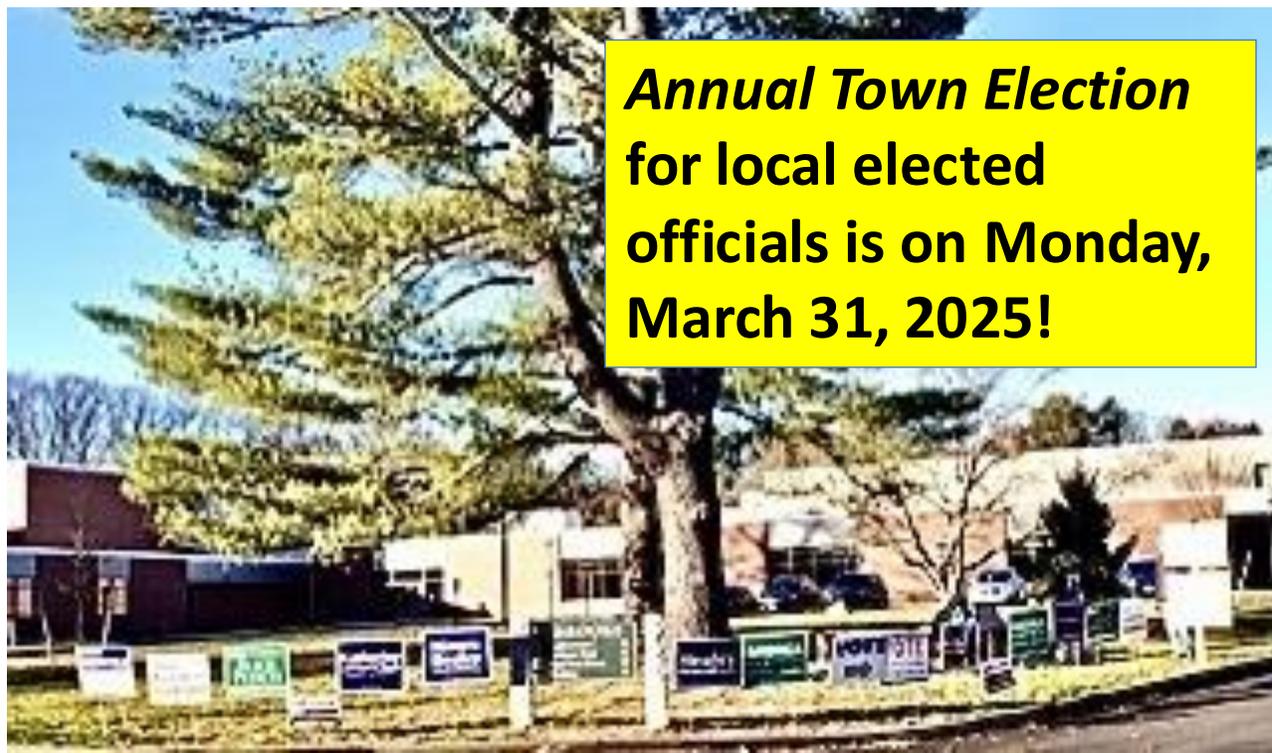


Did you know?

**Town Meeting = Legislative Branch
of Town Government**

**ALL voters registered in Lincoln are encouraged
to come to the March 29, 2025, Annual
Town Meeting to vote on budgets and
bylaws!**

**Annual Town Election
for local elected
officials is on Monday,
March 31, 2025!**







Did you know?

- ✓ The **Town Moderator** is responsible for running Town Meetings.
- ✓ It is an elected volunteer position; the term is 3 years.
- ✓ *Sarah Cannon Holden, Town Moderator*

Did you know?

- ✓ The **Town Clerk's Office** is responsible for:
 - Conducting elections
 - Attesting to the finality of town bylaws
 - Keeping birth, death, and marriage records
 - Issuing dog licenses
 - Swearing in members of Town staff, boards, & committees
 - And so much more!
- ✓ It is one of the oldest positions in Town Government!
- ✓ The Town Clerk is a paid, elected position. Each term is 3 years.

Valerie Fox, Town Clerk





Did you know? There are 13 full-time police officers in Lincoln



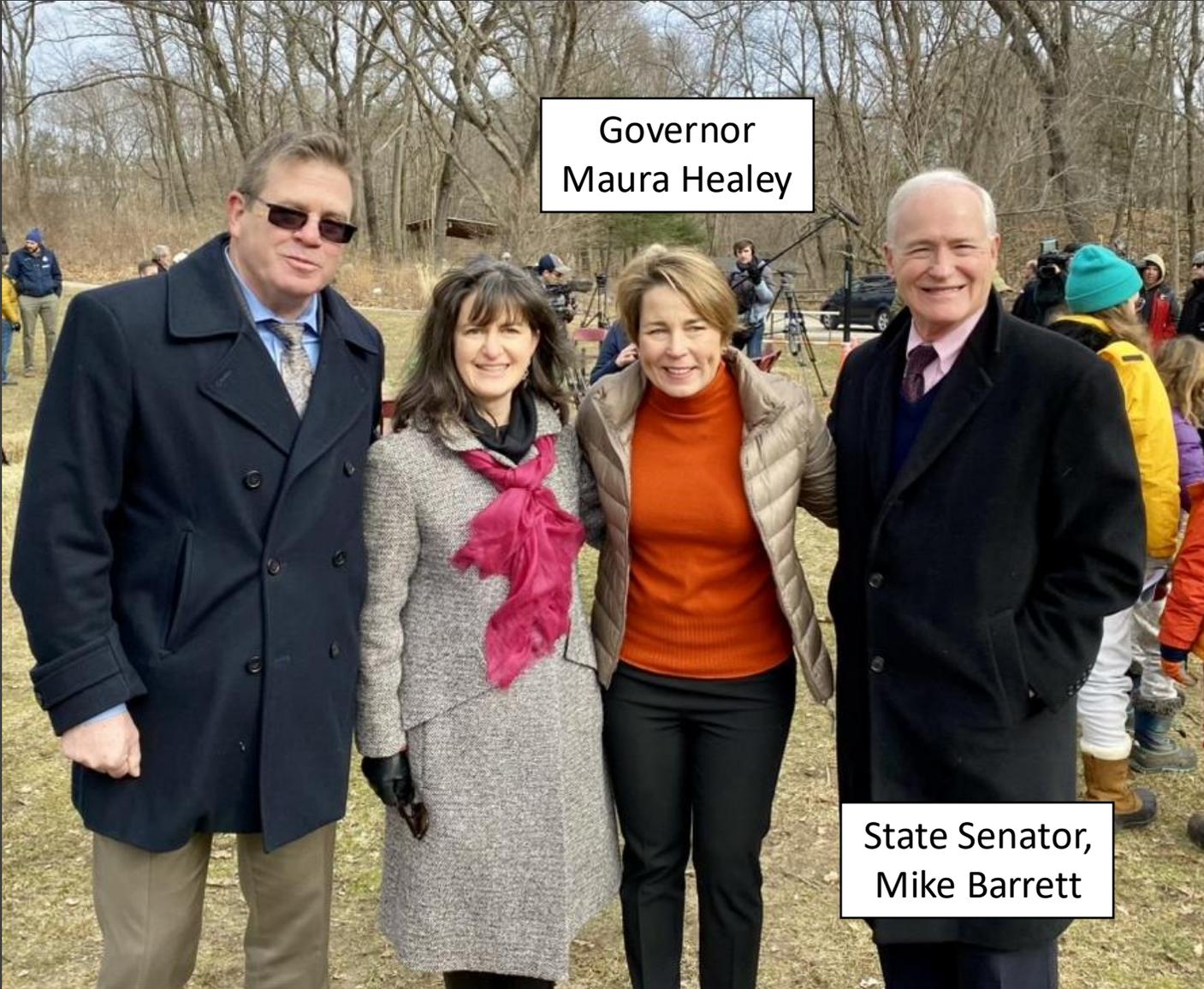




Precinct 2 State Representative,
Alice Peisch



Precinct 1 State Representative,
Carmine Gentile



Governor
Maura Healey

State Senator,
Mike Barrett



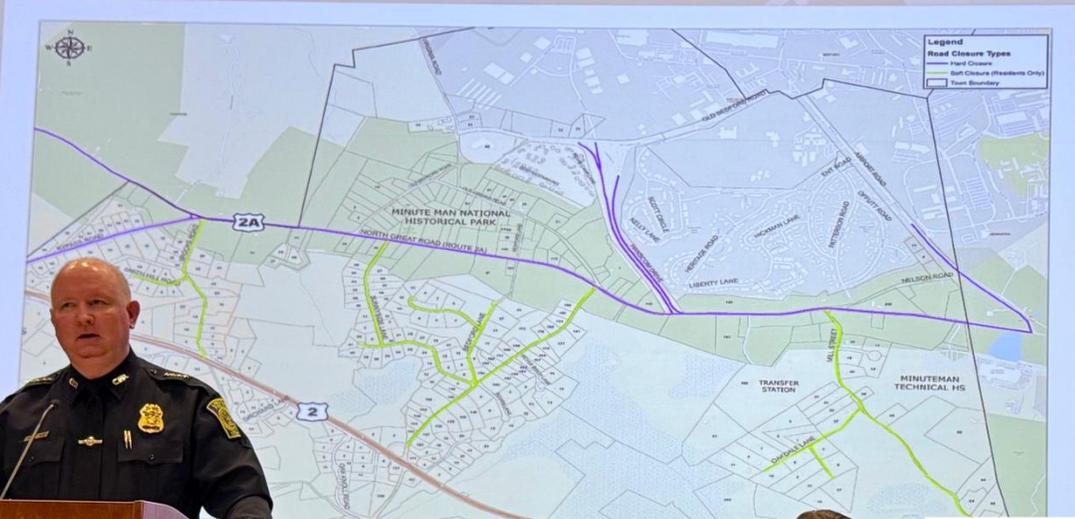
“[I volunteered for the School Building Committee] simply because I believed in the purpose and mission of the committee. I had been following the progress of the school building project since we moved to Lincoln in 2011 and was aware that a committee would soon be formed to evaluate a potential building project. **I responded to a notice from the Lincoln School Committee** requesting volunteers for the newly formed School Building Committee.”

Kim Bodnar

Chair, Select Board & Lincoln250

Formerly on the School Building Committee

Route 2A & Transfer Station Closure



April 19, 2025!!!



Save the Date! – June 14, 2025

Lincoln250 Fair & Feast @ the Pierce House

All are welcome!

Learn more at:

<https://www.lincolntown.org/1474/Lincoln250-Planning-Committee>



An informational graphic for Minute Man National Historical Park, Paul Revere Capture Site. It features a statue of a minuteman on the left, a map of the area on the right, and text describing the park's history and the Battle Road Trail. The text includes: "Minute Man National Historical Park was the starting place of the American Revolution, here the resolve of citizens willing to risk their lives for the ideals of liberty and self-determination was instrumental in the formation of the American identity." and "The park preserves sites where Colonial militia men and British soldiers clashed on April 19, 1775. A force of 700 British soldiers left Boston to seize military supplies stockpiled in Concord. Alarm riders alerted the countryside. In area towns, militia companies assembled, ready to defend their communities and their liberties if necessary." The map shows the route from Lexington to Concord and back to Boston. Below the map is a section titled "The Battle Road Trail" with a smaller map and text: "This five-mile trail from Meriam's Corner to Fiske Hill provides pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair access to many cultural and natural sites within the park. The trail visits battle sites, agricultural fields, colonial homes and taverns, forests, fragile wetlands, and historic landmarks. Portions of the trail are on the Battle Road where the British column marched; other sections follow stone walls and farm lanes traversed by the Colonists. Many visitors begin their tour by viewing the exhibits and orientation program at the Minute Man Visitor Center." There are also small images of the trail and a sign that says "BLOODY BUTCHERY: BRITISH TROOPS: AT THE REVOLUTION".



A screenshot of the Lincoln250 Planning Committee website. The header includes "THE TOWN OF LINCOLN MASSACHUSETTS" and navigation links for "Government" and "About Lincoln". The main content area features a green sidebar with "Lincoln 250" and "Online Bill Pay" buttons, and a main section with "Lincoln250 Events" and "Lincoln250 Fair and Feast - June 14, 2025!". The footer includes the breadcrumb "Home > Government > Boards & Commissions > Lincoln250 Planning Committee" and the title "Lincoln250 Planning Committee".



Did you know?

- ✓ The **Finance Committee (FinCom)** is made up of **7 volunteers appointed by the Town Moderator**; members serve a 3-year term.
- ✓ FinCom works with the Town's Finance Director to **review all financial matters**, advise the Town, and deliver the annual budget at Town Meeting.
- ✓ The **total town budget** for fiscal 2025 was just over **\$49 million**.

Paul Blanchfield, Chair Finance Committee
Colleen Wilkins, Director of Finance

Town of Lincoln				
FY2025 Proposed Budget				
	FY2024	FY2025	\$ change	% change
REVENUE				
TAX LEVY	32,800,008	33,651,884	851,876	
EXCLUDED DEBT	4,800,658	4,802,479	1,821	
LOCAL RECEIPTS	1,030,043	2,551,571	1,521,528	
STATE AID	2,608,145	2,659,300	51,155	
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	166,657	160,955	(5,702)	
FREE CASH	6,060,000	5,483,561	(576,439)	
TOTAL REVENUE	47,465,511	49,309,750	1,844,239	3.9%
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,739,266	3,992,724	253,458	
PUBLIC SAFETY	4,661,991	4,795,954	133,963	
EDUCATION				
<i>Lincoln K-8 School</i>	13,161,319	13,490,352	329,033	
<i>Lincoln Sudbury High School</i>	4,292,657	4,421,436	128,779	
<i>Vocational School Assessment(s)</i>	350,905	105,500	(245,405)	
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES	2,120,071	2,207,464	87,393	
HUMAN SERVICES	389,730	434,226	44,496	
CULTURE & RECREATION	1,918,800	1,986,677	67,877	
DEBT SERVICE	4,759,169	4,760,669	1,500	
PENSIONS & INSURANCE	8,768,467	8,888,389	119,922	
CAPITAL PLAN	800,292	1,296,841	496,549	
STABILIZATION FUND	1,638,696	-	(1,638,696)	
WARRANT ARTICLES	864,148	2,929,518	2,065,370	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	47,465,511	49,309,750	1,844,239	3.9%

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Anti-Racism Committee (IDEA)

Up to 11 volunteer members appointed by the Select Board;
Jennifer Glass and Rob Stringer, co-chairs



“I first became interested in joining a town committee after attending a Lincoln PTO school picnic event. There, I [visited the IDEA table] and learned about the opportunities to get involved. I felt inspired to contribute to making a positive impact in my town.

I haven't served on other boards before, but I hope to help others contribute to Lincoln Town as a Lincoln Resident!

Emily (Qiong He)
IDEA Events Subcommittee





“When I moved to Lincoln this year, I wanted to get involved in the community and was inspired to support the IDEA Committee’s important work to foster a more equitable, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all residents.”

Naila Karamally

*Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Anti-Racism Committee
(appointed January 2025 – welcome!)*



“After our July 4 parade float for Friends of Lincoln Library won first place, I was urged to run for election to the Library Board of Trustees. Wonderful experience with thoughtful people. Then when I was lassoed by a retiring School Committee member to run for his seat, I was excited to try it. I learn so much among earnest people seeking positive change for the students and for community.”

Susan Taylor
Lincoln School Committee
IDEA Committee
Formerly Library Trustees





“I went to a newcomers' event which in 2019 was just a very small gathering with only a handful of town organizations represented. But among these **were the Democrats (LDTC). I met the chair and expressed my interest, she invited me for coffee to discuss it further, and I submitted my name for one of the vacant membership spots on the 2020 ballot.**

I had been on a library friends board back in California, so I **looked on the Library website and contacted the Friends' president about volunteering to help with the book sales.** I did that for about six months and then **was invited onto the Friends board.**

Usually, **I ask friends about their volunteer interests** to find other opportunities, so by that route I started volunteering at the COA&HS for **Senior Dining and the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.**

I am also **on the board of the Old Town Hall Corporation because a friend invited me.**

I answered an ad for the IDEA Committee because it fit with my professional experience and research interests from my academic career.”

Margaret McLaughlin

*IDEA
Friends of Lincoln Library*

Celebrating Juneteenth!



Lincoln Public Schools Celebration

Ring the bells to commemorate the hour word of the Emancipation Proclamation had reached all parts of the country.

Role of the Conservation Commission

Conservation@LincolnTown.org

- 7 volunteer residents appointed by the Select Board
- Protect and care for >2,000 acres of conservation land for wildlife & people
- Administer MA Wetlands Protection Act & Lincoln Wetlands Protection Bylaw
- Lead seasonal nature walks
- Educate the community about natural resources and the role of stewardship

Lincoln has more than
80 miles
of trails & roadside paths

Use our map on your mobile device

Want to see where you are on Lincoln's trail system? Use the free OuterSpatial App on your mobile device to navigate the trails. Scan the code, download, and press 'explore'. The 'blue dot' represents your location as you enjoy Lincoln's conservation lands.

<https://www.outerspatial.com>

Land Stewardship

The Conservation Department manages 2,500 acres of conservation land for wildlife habitat, passive recreation, and promotion of agricultural resources. If you see a tree down along a trail or other issues, please contact the Conservation Department at 781-259-2612 or Conservation@Lincolntown.org



Support Lincoln's Open Space

The Lincoln Land Conservation Trust and Rural Land Foundation are Lincoln's non-profit conservation organizations, which work together to acquire and protect land of conservation value in Lincoln. Scan the QR Code to learn more and to donate.



www.lincolncconservation.org

Did you know?

INVASIVE PLANTS
OF LINCOLN AND ITS WATERSHEDS
IDENTIFICATION, CONTROL AND
NATIVE ALTERNATIVES

**TRAIL USER'S GUIDE
TO LINCOLN
CONSERVATION
LAND**

Lincoln's trails cross over public and private property. They are intended for multiple uses, and we ask that you respect other visitors and wildlife. You may encounter walkers, runners, horses, dogs, bicyclists, skiers, birders, snowshoers, or farmers using equipment.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE: SLOW DOWN, SAY HELLO, AND MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN WHEN APPROACHING ANOTHER TRAIL USERS. EVERYONE MUST YIELD TO HORSES. BIKERS YIELD TO WALKERS AND RUNNERS.

PUBLISHED BY THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION DEPT. & THE LINCOLN LAND CONSERVATION TRUST TO ENCOURAGE SAFE AND APPROPRIATE USE OF LINCOLN'S TRAIL SYSTEM.

Lincoln Conservation Department
781-259-2612
Conservation@Lincolntown.org

**"I JUST FOUND
A TICK!!"**

STEP 1

**IS MY TICK RISKY?
SEND A PICTURE. IT'S FREE!**
TICKENCOUNTER.ORG/TICKSPOTTERS
TICKSPOTTERS ASSESSES YOUR RISK BEFORE TESTING
(PERSONALIZED E-MAIL IN 1-3 DAYS)

STEP 2

**IS IT INFECTED?
SEND YOUR TICK. IT'S SIMPLE!**
TICKREPORT.COM
ORDER ONLINE, TICKREPORT™ TESTS YOUR TICK
(TEST RESULTS IN 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS)

UMASS AMHERST LABORATORY OF MEDICAL ZOOLOGY
TickCounter Resource Center

The Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over ALL proposed construction, new landscaping, tree removal, and vegetation clearing projects within 100 feet of wetlands and ponds and 200 feet of a perennial stream.

Questions? Contact the Conservation Department at **781-259-2612.**

Michele Grzenda, Conservation Director

A wooden boardwalk path made of weathered planks leads from the foreground into a vast, green field. The path is flanked by tall grasses and some reeds on the right. In the background, there are more trees and a clear blue sky. The scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant day in a park or natural area.

“I joined the Zoning Board of Appeals
in the late '90's and served for 8 years. As
a real estate attorney, I thought I could
add value, and I enjoy zoning issues. I still
do!

After that stint, [a member of the
Conservation Commission] kept
**asking me to volunteer for the
Conservation Commission.** I deflected
the request several times, but in 2019
decided I had time for board service again
and volunteered. I felt some obligation to
put my time and talent to use, and the
ConCom didn't seem like heavy lifting.
Turns out I am now 'lifting a lot' but
enjoying it!”

Susan Mygatt

Chair, Conservation Commission



**The Conservation
Department
welcomes
volunteers!**

- Adopt-A-Trail
- Volunteer Park Rangers
- Weed Warriors
- Trailhead Greeter

Send in a volunteer application here:
<https://tinyurl.com/LCCVolunteerApplication>



MOUNT MISERY

MT. MISERY DOG RULES

Regulations for Dog Walkers at Mt. Misery

Visitors are allowed to possess the breed and variety of dog listed on the permit. The dog is to be on a leash and under control at all times. The dog is to be on a leash and under control at all times. The dog is to be on a leash and under control at all times.

Dog Walking at Mt. Misery—Please Note

- Dogs are to be on a leash at all times.
- Dogs are to be on a leash and under control at all times.
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Group Use Permit Application

If you would like to use Mt. Misery or other conservation land for your group of 10 or more people, you must apply for and obtain a Conservation Land Group Use Permit.

How to Apply for a Group Use Permit?
Fill out the form found here:
Call: 781-259-2612
Email: Conservation@lincolntown.org
www.lincolntown.com/GroupUsePermit
Lincoln

PREVENT LYME DISEASE!

- WEAR REPELLENT
- CHECK FOR TICKS DAILY
- SHOWER SOON AFTER BEING OUTDOORS
- CALL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU GET A FEVER OR RASH

For more information: www.cdc.gov

KEEP DOGS ON LEASH UP AFTER DOGS FIELD

Protect our Dog waste

FULL TRAIL MAP ON BACK



OPEN WATER SWIMMING
WALDEN POND





“I have always wanted to know what is going on in my community.

My children went to a cooperative nursery school, so I became involved. Later I was Lincoln School PTO President and a member of the 2008 – 2012 School Building Committee.

I care about our environment, and **a friend suggested I apply when there was an opening on the Conservation Commission.”**

*Laura Regrut
Conservation Commission*



TOWN MEETING

Students craft warrant article

Submitted by Elena Christenfeld, Colin Christian, Allie Dwyer, Greer Harden, Amalia Munn and Irene Terpstra

We are six eighth-grade students, the Warrant Article Group, who have been meeting every Monday (when it hasn't snowed) since September with Sarah Cannon Holden, town moderator, and Susan F. Brooks, town clerk. Our purpose is to learn how town government works by going through the process of getting a Citizens' Petition presented to Town Meeting at the end of March. We talked about several ideas before the Parks &

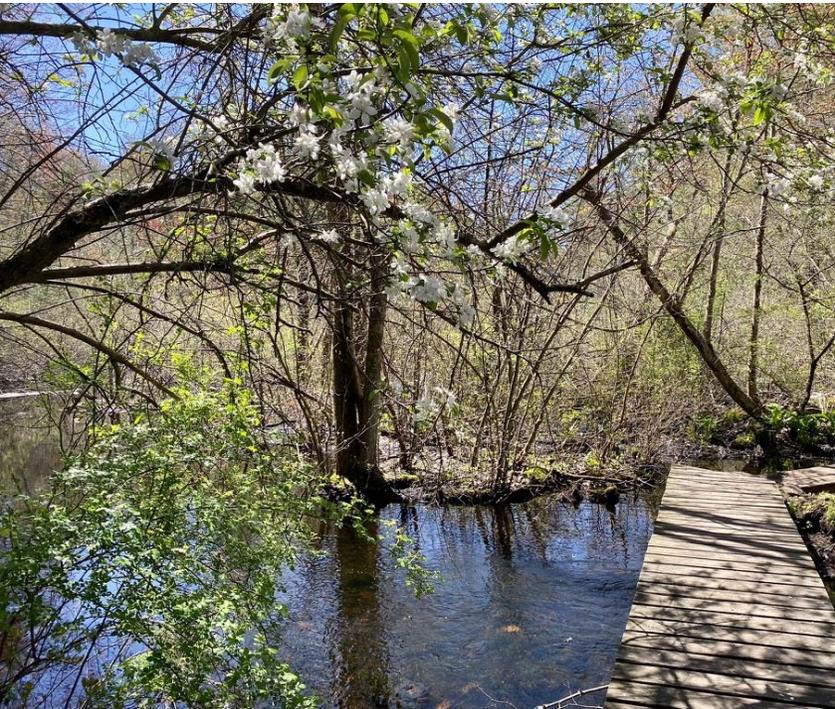
highest priority field for a cost of \$7,000. The other was to clear an overgrown evacuation site behind the Smith School where students and faculty would gather if an emergency occurred. There is also a school garden in the area that is blocked by the brush. The estimate for this plan was \$2,500. We met with Detective Ian Spencer from the Lincoln Police Department who fully supports our idea. He also was concerned about this spot as a safety hazard.

We took the idea of the \$9,500 project to the CapCom. The committee members asked a lot of questions and suggested that this could be an





WITH THANKS TO
THE GENERATIONS WHO HAVE
PROMOTED THE CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL BEAUTY
OF THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY
~
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THE LINCOLN GARDEN CLUB 2021







Dan Mattus and Will MacInnes

Lincoln Water Dept Operators at Flint Pond Reservoir

**Board of Water Commissioners:
3-member elected volunteer board; three-year terms.**



**USE LIMITED
TO
1-DAY PER WEEK**

Outdoor water use allowed by
last number of address
Even # = Saturday
Odd # = Sunday

PLEASE CONSERVE WATER

Lincoln Water Department



Did you Know?

Lincoln is a “Right to Farm”
Community

The Agricultural Commission is an
8-member volunteer board appointed by the
Select Board.

Louise Bergeron, Chair





“I deeply care about about the unique rural character of Lincoln and joined the Agricultural Commission to help preserve and promote farming and conservation.

Volunteering provided me with the opportunity to meet fellow residents and learn a lot from them.”

Louise Bergeron

Chair, Agricultural Commission and Lincoln Dark Skies Committee





Did you know?

The **Planning Board** is a 5-member elected volunteer board. Each term is for 3 years.

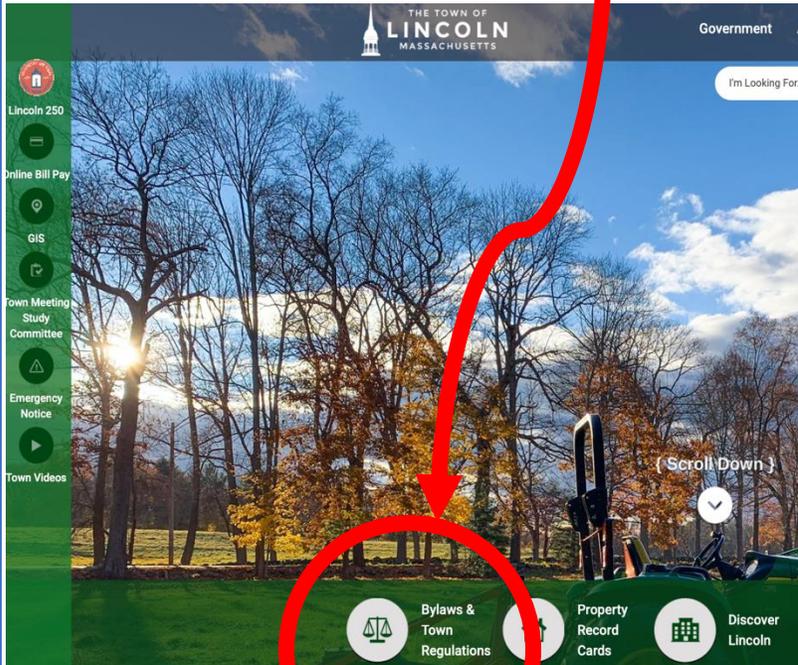
Land Use Planning Department:
Paula Vaugh MacKenzie, Director
Jennifer Curtin, Assistant Director

“I am **interested in town planning**, and particularly smalltown planning, and have what I guess you might call a planning hobby. I was **on the Planning Board** when I lived in other small towns. I started with the **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** as a way to ease into Lincoln.”

Margaret Olson
Chair, Lincoln Planning Board



The Planning Board develops zoning policy and oversees the implementation of the Town's zoning bylaws.



“The **League of Women Voters** wanted an **observer at Finance Committee meetings** in the early 1990s, and **my wife volunteered me**. She handed me a peanut butter sandwich after work on Tuesdays, and I went to their meetings. **Soon thereafter, the Moderator dropped by our house to appoint me to the committee. I’ve participated in Town government ever since.**”

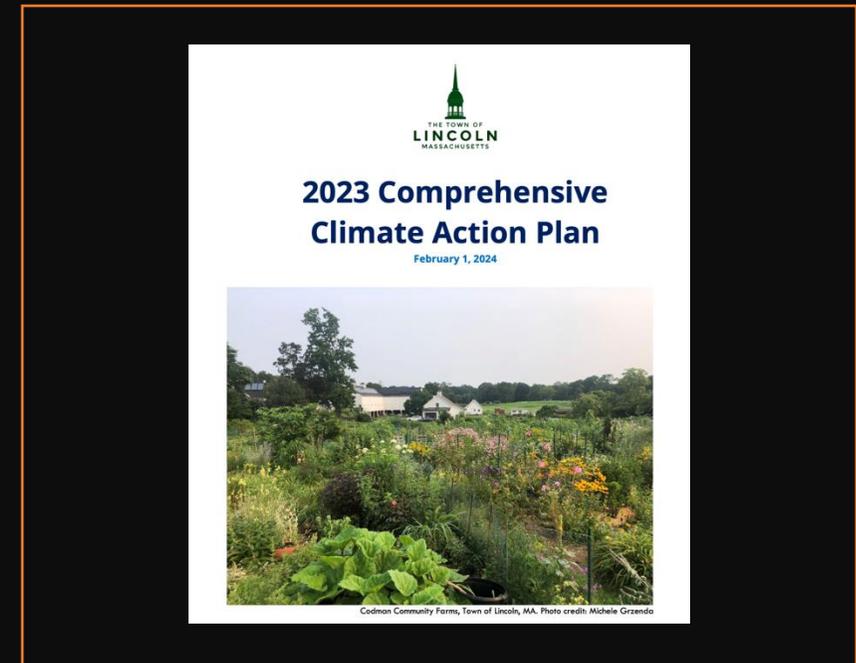
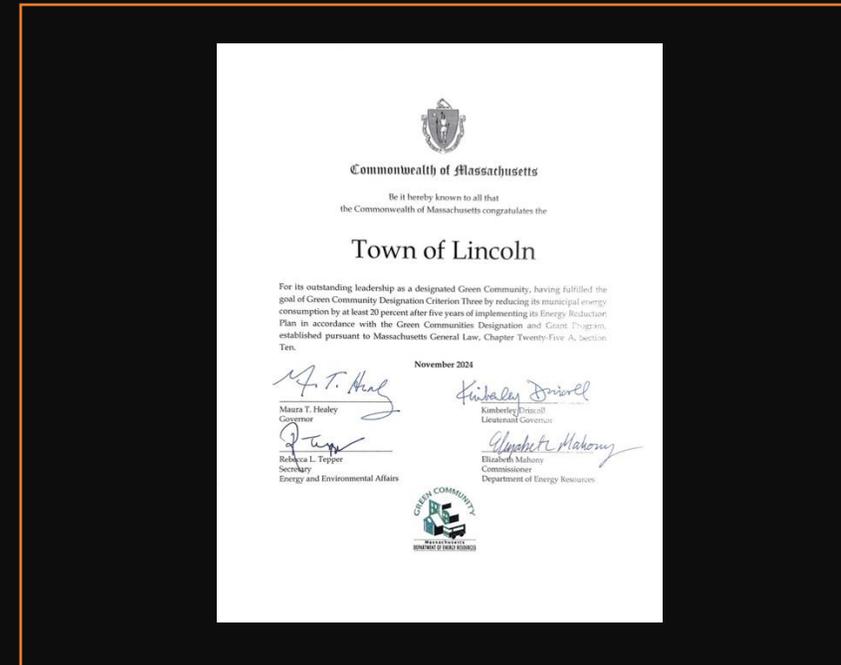
- Gary Taylor

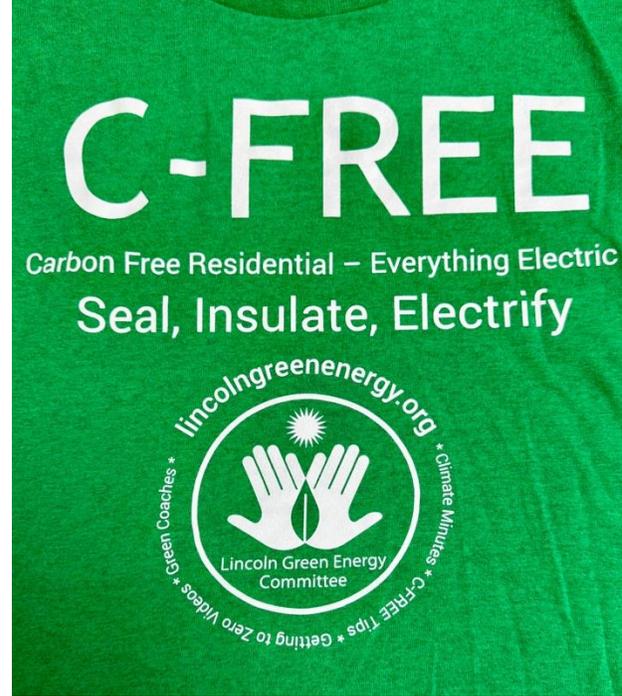
Currently on Planning Board,
Previously on Select Board, Housing
Commission, & Finance Committee



Did you know?

- ✓ **Lincoln is designated by the Commonwealth as a “Green Community”** and was recognized for our efforts to reduce the Town’s energy consumption!
- ✓ Lincoln is part of the Massachusetts **“10-town demonstration pilot”** to require all new construction and major renovations to use all-electric heating/cooling.
- ✓ Our **Climate Action Plan** can be found on the Green Energy Committee web page: <http://www.lincolntown.org/137/Green-Energy-Committee>
- ✓ We are **working to achieve “Climate Leader” status**. This will:
 - Help us set goals to **electrify buildings and vehicles**.
 - Give us **access to grants** to help us do that work!





“The reason I volunteer is simple - this is one way to connect with people in Lincoln, serve the people and community, and make it a better place.

I belong to the CFREE Committee and and the Board of Friends of Council on Aging & Human Services (COA&HS).

I also volunteer to take minutes for the Community Center Building Committee and the Board of Water Commissioners, and I serve at Senior Dining at least once a month.”

Edwin Tom



Volunteering in a Committee is the best way to know what's going on in the Town.

When I moved to Lincoln it did not have a swap table or recycling, so I volunteered to start & participate in the **Recycling Committee**, which then organized the "Swap Table".

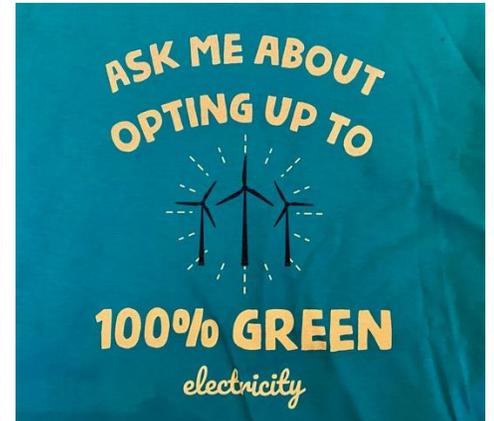
I ran for **Housing Commission** and my presence helped lead to spreading the affordable housing throughout the Town.

I am now a member of the **CFREE Committee**, helping to lower Lincolnites' carbon footprint - it's most informative about many of the important things happening in Town.

I also volunteer teaching English to immigrants via English at Large, not a Town organization, but we use Bemis Hall & are listed as a COA&HS activity.

As you can see from all this, one learns a lot & it's fun!

Vicky Diadiuk
CFREE





Did you know?

Construction of a 700-Watt solar array at the Transfer Station should be complete by Summer 2025!





Home > Government > Departments > Parks & Recreation

Community Center
Committee

Community Preservation
Committee

Department

Policies

Services in Lincoln

Pool

Summer Camp

Sport Court

Space and
Zoning Plan

and Recreation
Committee

Funds

Courts

Parks & Recreation

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department provides affordable and diverse wellness and enrichment opportunities, community-based special events, and safe recreational facilities to residents of all ages. Programs are designed to develop interests and skills, promote healthy lifestyles and socialization and enhance quality of life for all!

Online registration is available and paper registrations may be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office. All registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

REC PROGRAMS

WINTER REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Join our mailing list to receive weekly programming updates!

[Join Email List](#)

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Did you know?

The Parks & Recreation Department offers programming for all ages!

The Parks & Recreation Committee is made up of 3 elected volunteers and 3 volunteers appointed by the Select Board. All terms are for three years.

Parks & Recreation Director: Jessica Downing
Parks & Recreation Committee Chair, Anita Spieth





“My neighbor asked me to get involved!”

*Anita Spieth
Chair, Parks & Recreation Committee*

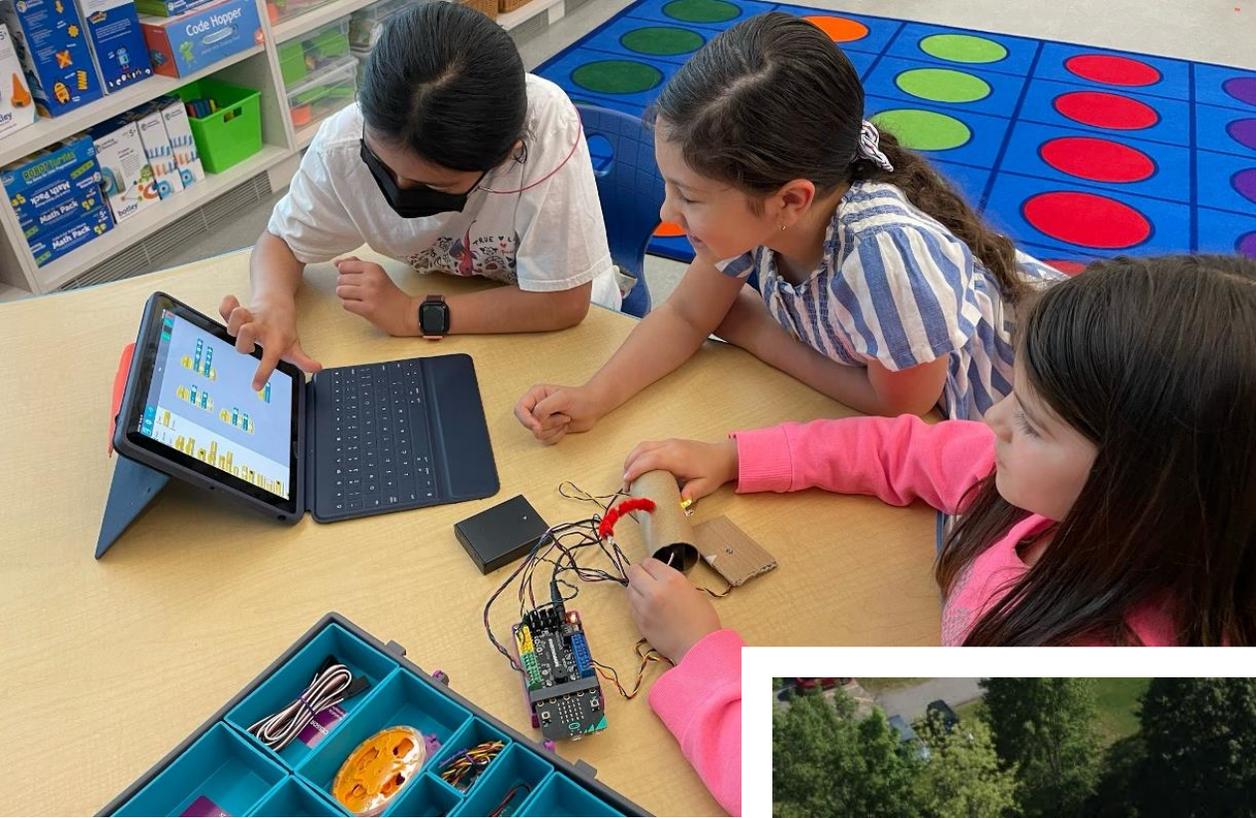


“I chose to become an elected town volunteer after volunteering to chaperone a Parks and Rec led session to Nashoba Skiing (my son got to attend for free if I chaperoned). I got to know the Director and Asst. Director and then when I heard that a member was not going to run for re-election, I put in my name.”

Rob Stringer

Parks & Recreation and IDEA Committees











COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

The Community Center Building Committee is holding monthly meetings to continue work on the Community Center Building project.

For all updates and information, visit

LincolnCommunityCenter.com

- ✓ Construction of the new Community Center is scheduled to begin in July 2025!
- ✓ *Target Opening Date = Fall 2026!*
- ✓ The Community Center will house:
 - The Council on Aging & Human Services (COA&HS)
 - Parks & Recreation Department (PRD)
 - Lincoln Extended-day Activities Program (LEAP)

Did you know?

- ✓ **The Council on Aging & Human Services** provides programming and services for residents of all ages!
- ✓ It has a volunteer advisory Board consisting of 12 members.
- ✓ The Friends of the Lincoln COA&HS raises funds to support its mission.
- ✓ *Abigail Butt, Director*



Friends of the Lincoln Council on Aging

P.O. Box 143 • Lincoln, MA 01773

Proud to Support the Lincoln Council on Aging
Serving people of all ages

Trips – Music – Social Events

Chi – Line Dance

The COA&HS offers information translated into multiple languages!



БЕСПЛАТНЫЙ «ФАЙЛ СПАСЕНИЯ»!

Для чего нужен «ФАЙЛ СПАСЕНИЯ»?

Скорая несется по дороге. Сирены воют, включены маячки. Скорая медицинская помощь спешит к вашему дому. Когда они приезжают, вы без сознания, и у них мало фактов, на которые можно опереться. Есть ли у вас заболевания? Принимаете ли вы в настоящее время какие-то лекарства? Если ли у вас аллергия?

Такой нерадостный сценарий, к сожалению, не редкость для пожилых людей и сотрудников скорой помощи, которые приезжают на вызов. Вот почему Совет по вопросам пожилого населения и пожарная охрана разработали и рекомендуют вести ФАЙЛ СПАСЕНИЯ — мини-историю болезни в яркой красной обложке, которую можно повесить на дверцу холодильника.

Карточка ФАЙЛА позволит врачам узнать важную медицинскую информацию, когда вы не в состоянии ее предоставить. Карта также исключает риск недополучения медицинской информации о себе или близком человеке, что иногда происходит из-за тревоги и волнения.

Карта хранится в красной пластиковой папке с надписью FILE OF LIFE, содержит ваше имя, экстренные медицинские контакты, страховой полис, имя лечащего врача и доверенного лица по вопросам медицинской помощи, важную информацию о здоровье, дозировке лекарств, аллергии, недавних операциях, вероисповедании. Папка крепится на магните на дверцу холодильника.

«ФАЙЛ СПАСЕНИЯ» можно оформить бесплатно в Совете по вопросам пожилого населения и социального обеспечения в рамках программы SAFE для пожилых людей, проводимой пожарной службой штата Массачусетс.

Если вы хотите оформить «ФАЙЛ СПАСЕНИЯ» для себя или своего родственника/друга, обратитесь в Совет по вопросам пожилого населения и социального обеспечения в рабочее время.

Emergency Assistance Fund

Are You Experiencing Financial Difficulties?

Many people within the Lincoln community experience financial distress at some point. The Council on Aging & Human Services' Emergency Assistance Fund and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Financial Assistance Program and Food Pantry would like to help.

免费 保健诊所

健康和保健 每月第 2 个星期三和第 4 个星期二。

测量血压, 获得有关营养和健身、药物管理的建议, 获得有关如何管理慢性病、在哪里获得医疗服务等问题的解答!
由林肯镇公共卫生护士提供服务

听力 每月第 4 个星期二。

检查您的听力。请拨打 781-259-8811。进行预约 免费提供 30 分钟的听力评估和咨询。我们还可以评估您现有的助听器。

足病科 每月第 2 个星期三和第 4 个星期二。

请拨打 781-259-8811 预约足病医生。

心理健康

为所有年龄段的镇居民提供心理健康服务。服务通过 Zoom、电话或当面提供。请拨打 781-259-8811 进行预约。由 Eliot Community Human Services 提供服务。

诊所地址: Bemis Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA
COA&HS

¿Necesitas ayuda? Haga clic [aquí](#).

Нужна помощь? [Нажмите здесь](#).

需要帮助? [点击这里](#)。



“I was prompted to serve by how much I enjoyed belonging, feeling a part of and contributing to the vibrant community I found in Lincoln which I had learned so much about by participating in The League of Women Voters.”

Dilla Tingly

*Council on Aging & Human Services
Board*

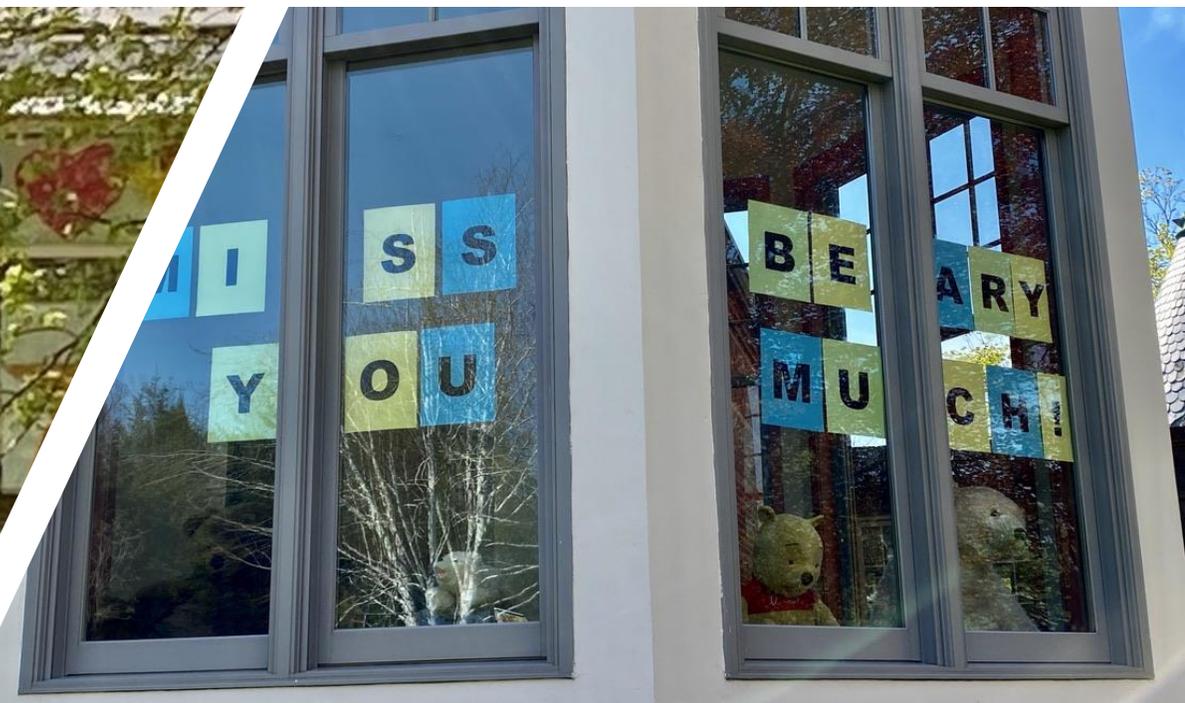
*Community Center Building
Committee*

*1975 Tenant Selection Committee for
Lincoln Woods*

*1976 Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer
Station Committee*

1989 Planning Board







TRUSTEES

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

- Jacquelin Apsler, Chair
- Ronald Chester
- Indrani Kharbanda
- Lucy Maulsby
- Ray Shepard
- Peter Sugar

The Board of Trustees of the Lincoln Public Library is comprised of six members of the community at large.

- One member is elected to a three-year term in general elections
- Three are self-perpetuating
- One is appointed by the School Committee

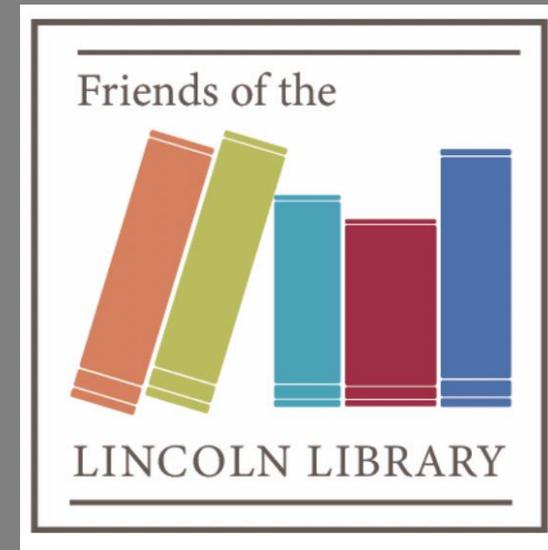
LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETINGS

The Library Board of Trustees regularly scheduled meetings: Third or fourth Tuesday or Thursday of the month. (No meeting in August).

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- June 27
- July 25
- August 22 (if needed)
- September 26
- October 24
- November 21
- December 19

Lincoln Public Library



The Lincoln Public Library in 1884. The Library building was a gift to the Town by George Grosvenor Tarbell (1807-1889). It was designed in the Victorian Romanesque style by Boston architect William G. Preston (1842-1910). This photograph was taken by George A. Nelson (1822-1912), grandson of one of Lincoln's Revolutionary War veterans. (Courtesy of Lincoln Town Archives, Lincoln, MA)

“Once my kids were older and I had more time, I was encouraged to join town government. **From my perspective I was motivated to give back to the town for all that the town I felt was providing to us!**

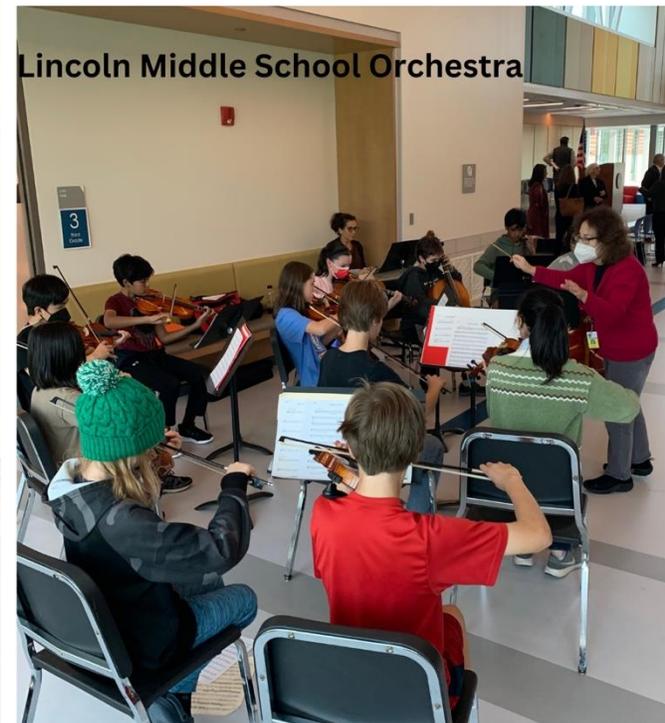
I served on the Finance Committee, on the Select Board, on the four-town Hanscom board [HATS], on the Capital Planning Committee, the Bemis Hall Building Committee, and on the School Building Committee (for the current building). I am also a Trustee of the Lincoln Public Library, and I worked on the town’s Comprehensive Master Plan.”

Peter Sugar

Library Board of Trustees







Thursday, November 21, 1991

An old tradition is revived

By Margie Cady
Staff Writer

Lincoln's oldest resident, 96-year-old Thomas R. Morse, was awarded the Boston Post Cane in a ceremony held at Bemis Hall Sunday.

The tradition of awarding the cane to a community's oldest resident began in 1909, as part of a publicity stunt for the *Boston Post*. Over 400 canes were distributed to cities and towns throughout Massachusetts, and about 250 of the canes are apparently still circulating.

Harriet Todd presented the gold-tipped cane to Morse. Todd gave additional background on the tradition.

"The original idea was to give it to the oldest male, but as early as the 1930s, women were also included," said Todd. The audience laughed when Todd added that it was often difficult to identify the town's oldest female because many women refused to reveal their age.

Morse briefly addressed the audience after accepting the cane. "I hope you live as long as I do, to

find things to do and enjoy life," said Morse.

Four generations of the Morse family were on hand for the ceremony. Hugh Morse noted his father's accomplishments. As a Lt. Commander in the Navy during World War II, Thomas Morse ran a recreational facility in Guam, known as "the longest bar in all the Pacific," said his son. After the war, Morse was in charge of the financial affairs of a Boston businessman.

Entertainment was provided by the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Concert Choir and soloists. The choir performed "The Nightingale," "Oft in the Stilly Night," and "Gloria." Piano soloists Michael Dansereau and Chris Kurth also performed, with Dansereau playing "Blue in Green," and Kurth performing "Prelude in G Minor."

Morse delighted the audience when he agreed to perform an impromptu piano recital of "The Blue Danube."

Hugh Morse said his father enjoyed the ceremony. "He loves this. I didn't think for a minute he'd play the piano, but he's just having a ball," said Morse.

Thomas Morse added his comments. "I'm very much honored and delighted to have this cane," he said. With a twinkle in his eye, Morse said that he would also like to thank the *Boston Post*, but noted that the paper is no longer around.



Staff photo by Cheryl A. Miller

At Sunday's ceremony, Thomas Morse holds the gold-tipped Boston Post Cane along with his usual pair of canes.





Pierce House Committee
5-member volunteer board appointed by the
Select Board; 3-years terms.

Did you know?

The c. 1900 Pierce House is located within the Lincoln Center Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

The Pierce House Committee is looking for volunteers to bring their expertise to help us maintain the house and property!

Jennifer Westlund
Pierce House Director
westlundj@lincolntown.org
781-259-9757



“When my kids were young, I was very involved with the PTA serving in different positions, one being vice president of the PTA for the Brooks Building (then the middle school). I also served on the Recreation Committee and Lincoln Youth Soccer Committee.



It was after my daughter got married at the Pierce House in 2011 that I joined the Pierce House Committee because I loved the house and wanted to help keep it as an important piece of Lincoln’s history.”

Anne Crosby

Pierce House Committee





“Volunteering to serve the Town was a result of “nature” and “nurture”. I have lived in Lincoln for 65 years and raised my family here. **I went to Town Meeting as a teenager**, and over the decades I witnessed my parents, neighbors, and friends’ parents actively participating on various committees and boards.

When my “nest” emptied, I seized the opportunity to give back to the Town. I **served on the Select Board, Finance Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Capital Planning Committee, and Pierce House Committee.**”

Peter Braun

Pierce House Committee

Pierce Park community picnic

Did you know?

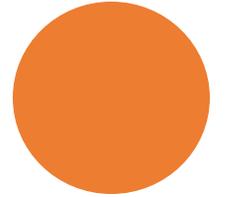
The **Lincoln Housing Commission** works to ensure that a range of diverse housing options are available in town.

The Commission:

- ✓ Works to preserve and/or increase housing that addresses such needs;
- ✓ Maintains Lincoln's inventory for low- and moderate-income households in compliance with state policy;
- ✓ Supports town, regional, and state housing goals.
- ✓ Administers Lincoln's town-owned rental housing units.

The **Commission** has up to **7 members** appointed by the **Select Board**.

*Rachel Drew & Neil Feinberg,
Co-chairs Housing Commission*



“[I] first ran for the **School Committee** because, at the time, there were no parents serving on the board. **Didn't win, but** within 3 years the whole board was parents. **Stayed actively involved** in town government.

I served on the **Celebrations Committee** for 10 years, 8 as Chairman before the committee's role was absorbed by the Recreation Dept. **Served as Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes** for 4 years. **Spearheaded successful efforts to change the job from volunteer to paid professional.** My argument? The town didn't want me collecting its taxes. I could barely balance my personal checkbook.

Wrote a column about life and politics in Lincoln for the *Lincoln Journal* (town newspaper) for 20 years.

Currently serve as Co-Chair of the Lincoln Housing Commission and member of the CPC (Community Preservation Act Committee)."

Neil Feinberg

Co-chair, Lincoln Housing Commission



Did you know?

- The **Lincoln Historical Commission** administers the town's ***Demolition Delay Bylaw***
 - Bylaw applies to proposals to remove or demolish part or all of a building or structure.
- The **Lincoln Historic District Commission** administers the town's ***Historic District Bylaw***
 - Bylaw applies to proposed exterior alterations to a building or structure within the town's historic districts.
 - There are over **300 buildings located throughout town that are in the town's historic districts**, ranging from the 17th century to the 1970s.

Andrew Glass

Chair, Historical Commission & Historic District Commission





GARDEN HOUSE

The circa 1873 Dexter C. Harris House was relocated on the site and preserved as an integral part of Oriole Landing.

Now a Garden House, it is dedicated to Lucretia Hoover Giese (1937-2018) in recognition of her lifelong dedication to the community and her commitment to preserving Lincoln's history and character.



**Lincoln School Committee 2023
with Superintendent Parry Graham**



**Lincoln School Principals
Sarah Colmer (K-4) & Lynn Fagan (Preschool)**

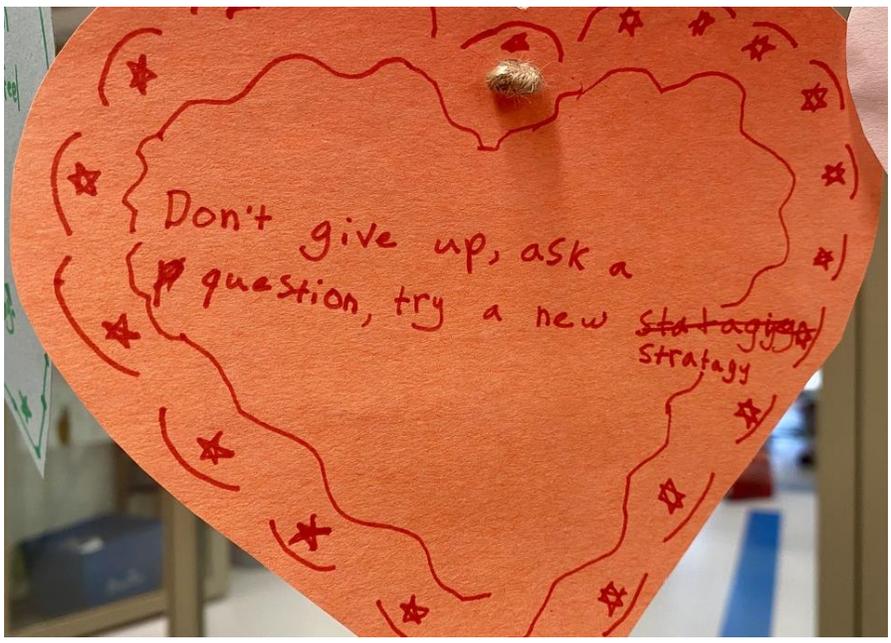


**School District Leaders
Torrance Lewis, Parry Graham, and Marika Hamilton
with speaker Dr. Darnisa Amante-Jackson**



“Santa” Chet Thompson
and Doherty’s School Bus &
Rubbish Truck Driver







Handwritten names and symbols on a white surface:

- ELIZA
- LUCA
- Benji
- CRUZ
- SAIGE
- MREY
- WHEO
- PAT RICHIA
- Other names: Olivia, Zaabava, Madeline, MADDox, sarayah, MATHIEZ, KALEJ, GADDDAT, *madeline*

I think in 25 years the school will have expanded once again and they will have a cafeteria with hot lunches. I also think all the sport teams will get new uniforms. I also hope there will be alot more Pentiums instead of all Macs in the computer lab.

Hopefully, in 25 years, people will recognize my name because I will own a very popular computer game company and I will be a billionaire!

Truthfully, I hope 7th grade in 2020 is better than it is in 1995



“[I volunteered because] I was asked!...and I didn't let the doubt over whether I was qualified or able to find time dissuade me. I've always found the ideals of service and community to be strong in Lincoln, starting with our experience as parents at the Lincoln Nursery School cooperative, where I met many other active volunteer parents and slowly increased my volunteer hours.

Many neighbors I met were volunteers or founders of various local boards and committees, and when they asked if I could help, I was happy to do what I could to give back to this wonderful community. In return, **I met many wonderful people, learned a lot, and significantly increased my feeling of connection to Lincoln.”**

Kim Rajdev

School Committee

Friends of Modern Architecture

Valley Pond





“Growing up in Lincoln, my parents always served on boards and committees. I saw how impactful their connections to the community, staff and residents, meant to all they worked with.

When I moved back, it felt only right that I give back to the community. My work as a Girl Scout Leader, an elementary teacher and a Lincoln Scholarship Committee member has helped make this town feel like home.

My volunteerism has connected me with amazing folks I may never have known otherwise.”

Carolyn Dwyer

Lincoln Scholarship Committee (10 Years)

FELS (1 year)

Lincoln Girls Scouts (20 years)

Lincoln250 Feast





Lincoln-Hanscom Step Team



“I was asked to serve, as the town is always looking for people who want to volunteer their time, and my background in education was relevant to the post. Also, I saw the opportunity to serve as a way to not just give back, but to become better connected with the town, the schools, and the community.”

*Jake Lehrhoff
School Committee*





Adm. Christopher Grady, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited the Hanscom K-8 School on the Hanscom Air Force Base.



PURPLE UP!



HONORING THE MILITARY CHILD



Erich Ledebuhr
Principal Hanscom School



Hanscom School Common Room



Lincoln & Hanscom 7th Grade Spotlight







deCordova Museum & Sculpture Park Trustees & Reservations





**Our thanks to our community partners:
TWISTED TREE CAFÉ for donating today's coffee &
DONELAN'S for donating the cold drinks!**



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Did you know? Codman Community Farm is owned by the Town

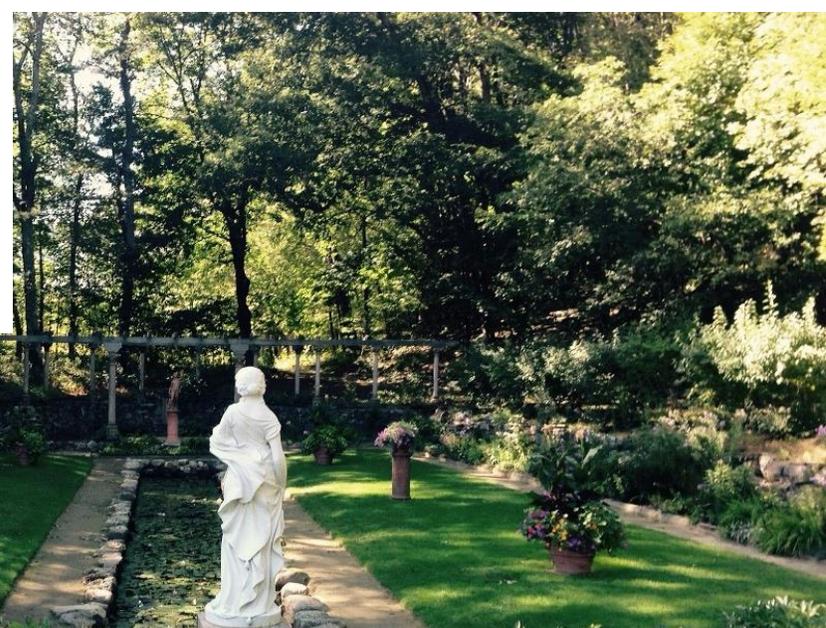


Groundhog Day at Drumlin Farm

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Special Event: February 2, 2025

9:30 am-12:00 pm



Codman House, Historic New England

NATURE LINC



Farrington Nature Linc

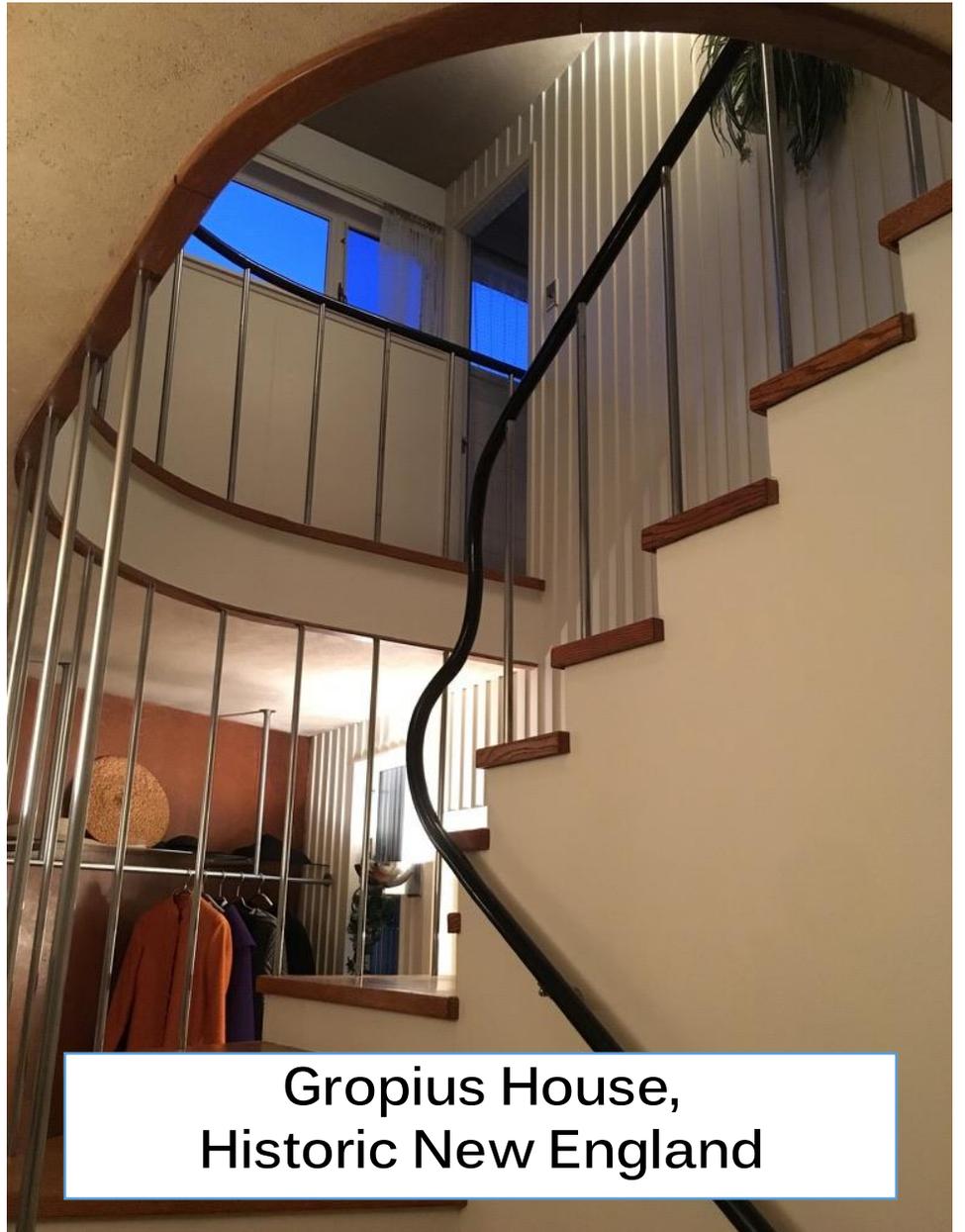


Youth Guides at Nature Linc



OLD SUDBURY ROAD
PONY HENGE





Gropius House,
Historic New England



First Parish



St. Anne-in-the-Fields



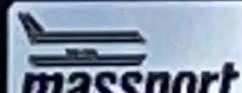
St. Joseph's





Welcome to

Hanscom Field







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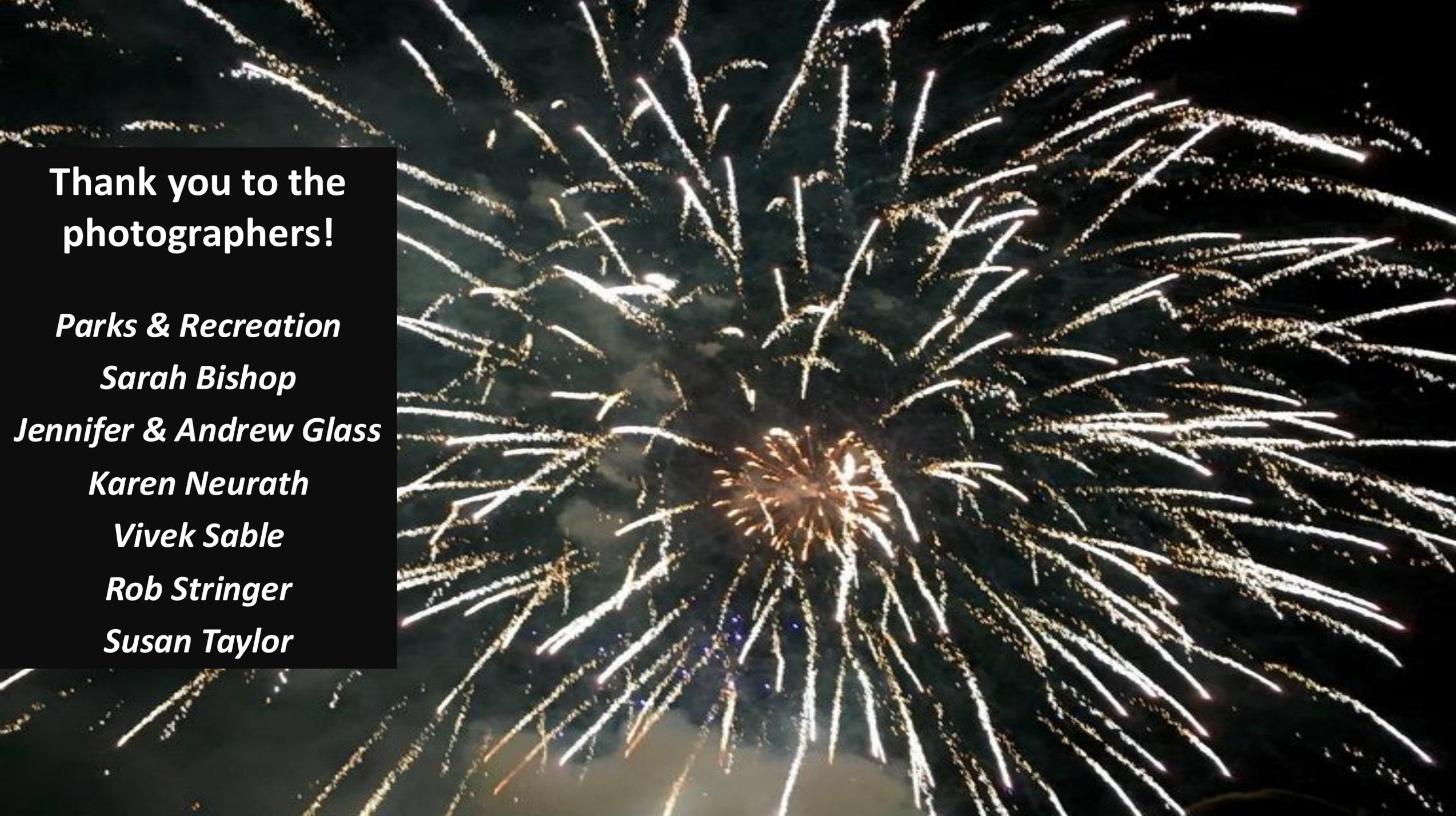




Henry Cousins, owner of a grocery store at the depot, proudly displays his Fourth of July float, circa 1900.. (Courtesy of Lincoln Town Archives, Lincoln, MA)







**Thank you to the
photographers!**

Parks & Recreation

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