In Memory of Harriet Todd:
BOS Member, 1989 - 1995
Our hearts are with the family of Harriet Todd, who passed away on August 27th. Harriet, a long-time Lincoln resident, was deeply involved in the Town throughout her life. She served on the Finance Committee from 1984 - 1987, was a Selectman from 1989 - 1995, a member of the School Building Committee from 1991 - 1993, and was a representative to the Council on Aging Board from 1990 - 1995. She was a quiet leader known for her succinct and probing questions and an open-minded, no-nonsense approach to problem-solving. Harriet generously fostered those of us new to Town committees through her willingness to share her knowledge of issues and Lincoln history. We are honored to share the title of "Selectman" with this dedicated woman. We will miss her voice in our town.

~ BOS Listening Sessions ~
Drop by and visit with a member of the Board of Selectmen. Bring your ideas, feedback, questions, or favorite Lincoln anecdote! Two dates are currently scheduled:
- October 9th, 2:30 - 3:30pm, Bemis Hall
- November 7th, 2:00 - 3:00pm, Bemis Hall
Special Town Meeting: Recreational Marijuana By-Laws

On November 8, 2016 the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution and use of marijuana for recreational purposes. With goal of giving Town officials time to study the issues, engage the town, and to develop appropriate policies and regulations, the Selectmen sponsored a Recreational Marijuana Moratorium Bylaw that was approved by Town Meeting in March 2017. The Moratorium, which precludes the Commonwealth from issuing licenses to any retail or grow establishment while in effect, will expire in November of 2018. The most fundamental question for us to consider as a community is whether we should be open to retail sale and cultivation of marijuana, or whether we should seek to ban these activities in Lincoln.

During the 9:00am - 10:00am Special Town Meeting on October 20th, residents will be asked to vote on two (2) warrant articles:

1. **Will the Town vote to extend the current moratorium on recreational marijuana businesses until June 30, 2019?** This extension is being recommended in order to allow the Town additional time to develop, depending on the will of the Town, by-laws governing the retail sales, commercial growing, and processing of recreational marijuana.

2. **Will the Town vote to ban retail sales, commercial growing, processing, and testing of recreational marijuana?** The question is being proposed because of the survey results collected this spring. A total ban would require a 2/3 majority vote at the October 20th Special Town Meeting.
   - If the warrant article passes, there will be a ballot vote in March 2019. The ballot question must receive a majority vote for the ban to go into effect.
   - If this warrant article does not pass, residents will be asked for additional feedback about which types of activities they would consider accommodating in Lincoln. The Town would then consider zoning by-laws at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2019.

To learn more about the Committee’s work, visit the Marijuana Study Committee’s FAQ page: http://www.lincolntown.org/DocumentCenter/View/35459/FAQ--042318?bidId=

Lincoln School Project: What’s Happened Since June 9th?

The School Building Committee (SBC) has been meeting throughout the summer and fall, and is deep into the schematic design phase of the Lincoln School project. The SBC has been fortunate to have a dedicated group of community members who have joined SBC members and liaisons in immersing themselves in the many detailed aspects of the project under development. If you would like to get caught up, visit www.lincolnsbc.org. You can also watch all of the SBC meetings live on local access TV (Verizon channel 32 or Comcast channel 8) or on-demand on the Town's video website: www.lincolntv.viebit.com.
Project Timeline:
✓ September/October - Cost estimates; "value engineering" process.
✓ October 20th - Project update at State of the Town
✓ November - Community Outreach
✓ DECEMBER 1st - Special Town Meeting to bond the project
✓ DECEMBER 3rd - Ballot Vote to bond the project

Project Progress:

Educational Improvements: The design team and SBC worked together on the design of "hub" spaces for grades 3 - 8. Hubs are classroom-sized flexible spaces shared by multiple classrooms. They can be used for independent or teacher-led small or large group work, and as whole grade gathering or presentation spaces.

"Heart of the School": In the center of our L-shaped building will be new, shared common spaces used by the entire school. This will include a central entrance, dining commons and kitchen, flexible learning commons, media center (library), and centralized administration.

Site Plans: The SBC has been discussing how best to maximize the site to meet recreational needs, and to provide safe vehicular, pedestrian, and cycling traffic, and adequate parking.

Sustainability: Lincoln has set an ambitious goal to renovate an existing building so that it becomes a leader in minimalist energy-use and on-site energy generation. Achieving our "net-zero" goal requires investment in the structure of the building, the addition of photovoltaic panels on the roof, and a commitment from all of us to think carefully about how we use the building.

Phasing: The project will take about 36 months to complete, and will be accomplished in two, 18-month phases. About 28 classrooms are needed to accommodate half of the school. The proposal is to move the K - 4 students to the temporary school located on the central ball field. They would remain there during the entire 3-year process, reducing the number of transitions for both students and faculty, and saving the cost of re-fitting the temporary classrooms for different ages.

Cost: Two independent cost estimators provided preliminary cost estimates to the SBC on September 26th. Both initial estimates came in above the $93.9M voted on in June, and the SBC is now engaged in a value-engineering process to understand the individual
components of the estimates and to make decisions that will bring the project to the agreed-upon budget.

**South Lincoln Planning Update**
The South Lincoln Planning and Implementation Committee (SLPIC) is a subcommittee of the Lincoln Planning Board working to create a vibrant, mixed use, pedestrian-oriented village center ("Lincoln Station") for residents and visitors.

Throughout the years, Lincoln has conducted numerous studies of Lincoln Station including Lincoln's Comprehensive Long Range Plan which identifies the economic sustainability as a key issue of Lincoln's small commercial area, Lincoln Station.

SLPIC needs your help to determine big picture ideas such as zoning changes and design guidelines.

This Survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please read the questions and summaries carefully. Check all the images that you think are appropriate for the Lincoln Station Study Area. Leave images unchecked that you do not feel are appropriate. To access the survey, click [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGLidKruyS0Is73yGEYt6gKvp46nFmM7Gc3S1bgey7GWYs9A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGLidKruyS0Is73yGEYt6gKvp46nFmM7Gc3S1bgey7GWYs9A/viewform).

**deCordova Sculpture Park & Museum - Proposed Partnership and Integration with Trustees of Reservations**

Our Board met last fall with the Board of the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum for our annual meeting and update, at which time we learned of the financial challenges the Museum has been experiencing and its efforts to develop a more sustainable model going forward. Since that time, deCordova has undertaken a thorough analysis of its finances and has been evaluating various reorganization possibilities. The reorganization option that has emerged as the deCordova’s preferred option is a proposed integration with The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR), an organization that is familiar to many Lincolnites, and whose organizational commitment to preserving culturally, historically and environmentally significant land and buildings, is in close alignment with our Town’s values.

In April, we were advised of deCordova’s desire to pursue a proposed partnership with TTOR, and were asked for our guidance about the Town’s process for considering the proposal and in bringing it before the voters at Town Meeting in March for a vote on the bylaw /governance changes that would be required for the reorganization plan to move forward. In response, the Board of Selectmen formed the deCordova Working Group, comprised of representatives of key stakeholder groups, to study the complex history and legal issues and to advise the Selectmen on measures to be taken to best protect the Town’s interests. The Working Group has been hard at work for the past several months. It has retained expert legal counsel, studied the history and issues, engaged in early discussions with deCordova and TTOR, scheduled
meetings with other key town stakeholder boards, and is performing various forms of due diligence on behalf of the Town.
The State of the Town Meeting on October 20th will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about this current proposal, and the circumstances that precipitated it, as we have asked representatives from deCordova and TTOR to present a high level overview. You will also hear from the Working Group concerning its work to date, upcoming opportunities for public forums/discussion, and the process envisioned between the time of the SOTT and Town Meeting in March, 2019, at which time we anticipate a vote on the proposed changes to the deCordova governance structure and bylaws.
Our early discussions with deCordova and TTOR have been productive and encouraging. We are hopeful that our common values and shared interests will enable us to reach agreements that work for all parties. We look forward to providing a State of the Town Meeting status report and a preview of next steps.

What is Energy Aggregation?
The Town of Lincoln is developing a plan for a new electricity program to be named Lincoln Green Energy Choice. The program is a form of group electricity purchasing known as an “electricity aggregation.” More than 125 communities in Massachusetts are already engaged in electricity aggregation. If Lincoln votes to adopt the program, the town would use the bulk buying power of the community to increase the amount of renewable energy in its electricity supply, and to provide new electricity choices, electricity price stability, and consumer protections to Lincoln residents and businesses. The program would impact the supply charge portion of participants’ Eversource electricity bill. All Eversource Basic Service customers would be automatically enrolled in the program and would have options to choose from different levels of additional renewable electricity. Residents would retain the right to leave the program at any time with no fee or penalty. This is a multi-step process - learn more at State of the Town!

Cycling Safety Committee
You may have seen these signs as you drive around Lincoln. They are one way the Cycling Safety Committee (CSAC) is trying to raise awareness and keep cyclists and motorists safe. CSAC has been hard at work since its initial meeting in February of 2017 and the final report will be available at State of the Town and posted on the Town website, www.lincolntown.org. CSAC was tasked with evaluating existing road and roadside path conditions and opportunities for improving cycling safety in Town. Some of the work has included:
• Working closely with Lincoln Police Department to help educate and enforce rules of the road for both drivers and cyclists.
• Working closely with Road and Traffic Committee (RTC) and Department of Public Works (DPW) concerning signage installations on our primary roadways and on intersection improvements (e.g. 117/Lincoln Road).
• Sponsoring numerous “Bike to School” days during the school year to encourage children to experience the health/wellness benefits of bicycling, utilize our robust trail and roadside path network, and to learn how to ride safely.

School is back in session - be aware of children riding their bikes!

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Single-Use Water Bottle and Plastic Bag Bans Go Into Effect January 1st!

At the March 2018 Annual Town Meeting, Lincoln voted to adopt two proposals made by the Lincoln-Sudbury HS Environmental Club:

- **Plastic Shopping Bag Ban**: Plastic shopping bags with handles will no longer be provided by shops. This applies to the bags typically offered at check-out, it does not apply to the plastic bags used to hold produce or meat.

- **Single-Use Water Bottles**: Single-use bottled water up to 1 liter will no longer be sold in any Lincoln grocery/eating establishment. This does not apply to plastic water bottles that are marketed as reusable.

The BOS hopes that the community will 1) honor the spirit of the bottle ban by finding creative ways to reduce plastic use and provide water for personal use and at large events, and 2) make a conscious effort to support our local businesses, knowing that the ban may have an effect on retail sales.