



**2023
WARRANT**

The inhabitants of the Town of Lincoln in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:



Article 01 Election of Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing as follows: Selectman, Town Clerk, Budget Committee Members, Cemetery Trustee, Library Trustee, Moderator, Zoning Board Members, Supervisors of the Checklist, and Trustees of Trust Funds.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 02 Amend LUPO-Section D Floodplain

LUPO, Article VI. DISTRICT AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS-Section D. FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 01 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance known as the "Land Use Plan Ordinance" (LUPO) as follows: amend Article VI District and District Regulations, Section D – FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program? Recommended by the Planning Board.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 03 Amend LUPO-Signage

LUPO, Article VI-B. LINCOLN SIGN REGULATIONS

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 02 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance known as the "Land Use Plan Ordinance" (LUPO) as necessary to comply with two (2) US Supreme Court cases re: regulation of signage as follows:

- a. Clyde Reed et. al. v. Town of Gilbert Arizona, 576 U.S. 155 (2015), 135 S Ct 2218 (2015) to make all of the provisions of the sign ordinance "content neutral"; and
- b. City of Austin v. Reagan National Advertising of Austin, LLC, 142 S. Ct. 1464 (2022) the more recent US Supreme Court case having do with off premise signage.

Proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance are substantial and include numerous amendments to the rest of the Land Use Plan Ordinance that references signs to conform to these two US Supreme Court cases. Proposed amendments include the following sections of the Land Use Plan Ordinance:

- Article V General Regulations, Section G. Home Businesses
- Article VI-A Telecommunications Equipment and Facilities, Section H. Conditional Use Permits and Site Plan Review; Criteria, Construction and Performance Standards, e.
- Article VI-B Lincoln Sign Regulations
- Article VI-C Temporary Land Uses, Section C. Temporary Land Use Signage
- Article VI-D Solar Energy Systems Section G, paragraph 4
- Article VIII Board of Adjustment, Section A. Board of Adjustment, Paragraph 3 Request for Special Exception Under Sign Ordinance, subparagraph e.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

☐ Yes ☐ No



Article 04 Route 3 Water Main Upgrades-Long Term Debt

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$2,200,000.00) for the engineering and reconstruction of a portion of the Route 3 Water Main, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,200,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article. (3/5 ballot vote required).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 05 New Police Station-Long Term Debt

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) for the engineering and construction of a new Police Facility, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,000,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article. (3/5 ballot vote required).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 06 Route 3 Water Main-Engineering

In the event Article #4 is defeated, shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$325,000.00) for the engineering of the improvements to the Route 3 Water Main. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the engineering for the Route 3 Water Main is completed or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. If Article #4 passes, this article should be null and void. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.26/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 07 New Police Station-Engineering/Final Designs

In the event Article #5 is defeated, shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) for the Engineering and Final Design services for a new Police Facility. The scope of services will include Architectural and Engineering (Civil, MEP/FP, Structural) and Cost Estimator services, Schematic Design Phase, Design Development Phase, and completion of Construction Documents. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Engineering and Final Design Services are completed or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. In the event Article #5 passes, this article will be null and void. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.32/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 08 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Seven Million Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three dollars (\$7,786,143.00) for the purposes of General Government; Public Safety; Highways; Sanitation; Water Treatment; Health, Welfare, Culture and Recreation; and Long and Short Term Debt including Interest, for the ensuing year, exclusive of all special and individual warrant articles. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact: Appropriations = \$6.19/per thousand; Revenue = \$1.57/per thousand; Net Tax Impact \$4.62/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No



Article 09 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local #633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year 2023-Estimated Increase: \$76,615.00

Fiscal Year 2024-Estimated Increase: \$52,019.00

Fiscal Year 2025-Estimated Increase: \$47,019.00

And further to raise and appropriate Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen dollars (\$76,615.00) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.06/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 10 Special Meeting-CBA

Shall the town, if Article #9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #9 cost items only? The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 11 School Resource Officer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$120,000.00) for the purpose of hiring a full-time School Resource Officer, including estimated benefits expenses, with \$100,000 to come from the school and grant funding. The Town shall receive a federal grant match contribution of up to \$125,000.00 over three years. Furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lincoln-Woodstock School District to establish a cost-sharing formula to offset the expense. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 12 CR-Fire Truck & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1989) and to further fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$450,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. No amount is to be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 13 CR-Fire Truck & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1989), The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.12/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No



Article 14 CR-Employee Separation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Employee Separation Expendable Trust Fund (created in 2010). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 15 CR-Library Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1991). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 16 CR-Public Works Vehicle & Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty Two Thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) to be placed in the Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1990, amended in 2008.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 17 CR-Police Department Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.12/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 18 CR-Water System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand dollars (\$166,000.00) to be placed in the Water System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.13/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 19 CR-Sewer System Rehabilitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) to be placed in the Sewer System Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1995). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.24/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No



Article 20 CR-Roads & Streets Reconstruction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand dollars (\$123,000.00) to be placed in the Road and Street Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1994). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.10/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 21 CR-Kanc Rec Area Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eighty-Three Thousand dollars (\$83,000.00) to be placed in the Kancamagus Recreational Area Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (created in 2005). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.07/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 22 CR-Property & Building Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eighty-One Thousand dollars (\$81,000.00) to be placed in the Property and Building Maintenance Expendable Trust (created in 2007). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.06/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 23 CR-Engineering & Planning

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Engineering & Planning Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1997). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.004/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 24 CR-Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Solid Waste Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1999). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 25 CR-Village Center & Riverfront Park

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the Village Center & Riverfront Park Capital Reserve Fund (created 2008). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 26 CR-Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1984, amended in 2008.) The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.02/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No



Article 27 CR-Library Technology

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be placed in the Library Technology Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1997). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.002/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 28 CR-Community Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the Community Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established (created in 2005). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.03/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 29 CR-Cemetery Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund (created in 2006). The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.0004/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 30 Purchase Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven dollars (\$61,857.00) for the purpose of purchasing a replacement cruiser. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact: \$.05/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 31 Highway Block Grant Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for purposes allowed under the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Program. This appropriation is to be offset by revenue from the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant Program to the extent that it is available. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 32 Cemetery Record Retention Software

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing cloud-based record retention software for the Town Cemetery. The selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Tax Impact: \$.01/per thousand.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 33 Modify Veteran's Tax Credit

Shall the Town READOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No



Article 34 Readopt Optional Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the town READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.00? The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Article 35 Transact any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

☐ Yes

☐ No