

September 14, 2021

Dear Tara,

At the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting, Lincoln residents overwhelmingly approved Article #36, which asked the town to support federal, state, and local action to address the climate crisis. Section 4 of the Article asked the Town to vote in support of “Directing Town departments, boards, and committees to collaborate on and otherwise take expeditious action to adopt and implement appropriate measures to reduce the carbon footprint in Lincoln to the extent reasonably possible, following Town Meeting approval if necessary and desirable.” The Green Energy Committee appointed a Climate Action Planning Subcommittee that has been meeting for several months. As part of our work, the subcommittee is gathering information from Lincoln committees, groups, and residents that will inform developing a Climate Action Plan specific to Lincoln. We plan to present the collected ideas for discussion at the State of the Town meeting in November.

We are meeting with most of the Commissions and Boards in town to

- Listen to what they are planning regarding the climate emergency
- Share what we have learned about other towns’ Climate Action plans
- Brainstorm actions Lincoln could take.

Ultimately, we hope to develop a consensus of stakeholders as to the steps Lincoln should take to address the climate crisis. We then will propose a Climate Action Plan at a future Town Meeting.

We know the School Committee is busy and is working to make the school as close to Net Zero as possible. We are writing to keep you informed of our efforts with the town. Please contact Lynne Smith at [Lynne@Smith.net](mailto:Lynne@Smith.net) with any questions you have. And good luck with the new school year!

Thank you.

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