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Collection Information

Abstract : Records relating to the Board of Health include minutes of meetings, regulations, information relating to communicable diseases and rabies, and other health-related documents.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

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MARC Access: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Board of Health.
Sandy Pond (Lincoln, Mass.)
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- History.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Politics and government.
Municipal employees and officials -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Public health -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Medical care -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Health boards -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Sanitation -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Communicable diseases -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Refuse and refuse disposal -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Sewage disposal -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Sanatoriums -- Massachusetts -- Middlesex County.
Tuberculosis -- Hospitals -- Massachusetts -- Middlesex County.
Minutes. aat
Ledgers. aat
Local government records. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

A petition to the Governor and General Court in 1746 from the inhabitants of the easterly part of Concord, the westerly part of Lexington, and the northerly part of Weston requested to be set off from their respective towns in order to have a more convenient location for worship. A precinct was established, which gave the inhabitants authority to build a meeting house and hire a minister, the Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston. A subsequent petition led to the incorporation of the Town of Lincoln in 1754, encompassing approximately the area formerly the Second Precinct. Evolution of Town government over 250 years has increased the number and kind of municipal services provided by Towns in Massachusetts. Municipal Boards of Health deal with control of communicable diseases, rabies control, hazardous waste, water and sewage systems, septic systems, refuse, and all aspects of public health. The Lincoln Board of Health was apparently formed in 1894 (first year mentioned in Town Reports). Initially the Board of Selectmen served as the Board of Health.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises minutes of meetings of the Board of Health, 1894-1998; regulations, 1920s-1960s; documents relating to communicable diseases, rabies and dog control, Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, water supply protection, correspondence, and health-related issues, mostly 1930s.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence, 1930s. (3 items)

Series 2: Rabies Control; letters, warrants, dog restraint laws, etc., 1930s. (8 items)

Series 3: Water Supply Protection (Sandy Pond). (12 items)

Series 4: Communicable Diseases. (4 items)

Series 5: Refuse. (2 items)

Series 6: County Hospital. (8 items)

Series 7: Regulations. (3 items)

Series 8: Minutes. (19 items)

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Series 1, Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.023.1.1	Letter to Lincoln Board of Health from Frank T. McGlinchey, Milk Inspector, City of Waltham, relating to milk licenses in Lincoln : typescript / May 6, 1932.
1	1	2003.023.1.2	Letter to Lincoln Board of Selectmen from George G. Tarbell, Chairman, Lincoln Board of Health, relating to the District Nurse : typescript / March 25, 1927.
1	1	2003.023.1.3	Letter to Sumner Smith, Chairman, Lincoln Board of Selectmen, from Lincoln Board of Health, relating to complaint of spreading of pig manure as dressing on fields and requesting authorization for court action : typescript / March 25, 1935.

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Series 2, Rabies Control

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2003.023.2.1	List of cases of rabies in Lincoln and surrounding towns : typescript / nd (ca. 1930s)
1	2	2003.023.2.2	Letter to Mayors and Selectmen from Massachusetts Department of Conservation, relating to deaths from rabies and enforcement of dog laws : typescript / April 7, 1931.
1	2	2003.023.2.3	Letter to Aldermen, Selectmen, Boards of Health, from Massachusetts Department of Public Health, relating to incidence of dog rabies and human deaths, and relating to restraint of dogs, with sample restraint order : typescript, 3 p. / June 30, 1931.
1	2	2003.023.2.4	Letter to Mayors and Selectmen from Middlesex County Commissioners, relating to rabies and dog control laws : typescript / June 19, 1931.
1	2	2003.023.2.5	Warrant to Constable from Lincoln Selectmen, directing constable and police to kill unlicensed and uncollared dogs / July 9, 1925.
1	2	2003.023.2.6	Memorandum to Mayors, Selectmen, Finance Committees, relating to changes in dog laws and responsibility of Boards of Health to provide rabies vaccine : typescript, 2 p. / December 11, 1934.
1	2	2003.023.2.7-.8	Warrant to kill unlicensed dogs and Officer's return / July 1931 and July 1932. (2 items)

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Series 3, Water Supply Protection

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2003.023.3.1	Certificate of Taking, for Sandy Pond as Town of Lincoln Water Supply; Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 2432, Page 381 / January 20, 1896.
1	3	2003.023.3.2	Rules and Regulations for the purpose of preventing pollution of Sandy Pond, relating to cutting or taking ice / Massachusetts State Board of Health, December 1906.
1	3	2003.023.3.3	Amendment to Rules and Regulations re Sandy Pond, relating to swimming or fishing therein / Massachusetts State Board of Health, June 19, 1907.
1	3	2003.023.3.4	<i>Boating and fishing in ponds and reservoirs used as sources of water supply</i> : pamphlet, 20 p. / X. H. Goodenough, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 1920.
1	3	2003.023.3.5-.7	Letters to State Board of Health, Boston, requesting permission to fish in Sandy Pond / 1907. (3 items)
1	3	2003.023.3.8	<i>Use of permanganate for removing taste from water</i> : article / nd (ca. 1930)
1	3	2003.023.3.9	Letter to Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners from Massachusetts Department of Public Health, relating to water level in Sandy Pond : typescript, 2 p. / November 20, 1930.

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| 1 | 3 | 2003.023.3.10-11 | Letter to Water Departments and Water Boards from Massachusetts Department of Public Health, relating to protection of watershed land from pollution : typescript / January & March, 1934. (2 items) |
| 1 | 3 | 2003.023.3.12 | Analysis of water from Sandy Pond / Massachusetts Department of Public Health, sample collected March 10, 1921. |

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Series 4, Communicable Diseases

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2003.023.4.1-.2	Notification to Lincoln Board of Health of case of measles : postcard / April 12, 1907. (2 items)
1	4	2003.023.4.3	Notification to Lincoln Board of Health of case of varicella (chickenpox) : postcard / December 20, 1907.
1	4	2003.023.4.4	Letter from Waltham Public Welfare Commission to Lincoln Board of Health relating to indigent Lincoln resident with diphtheria : typescript on form / October 25, 1934.

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Series 5, Refuse

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2003.023.5.1	Contract between William L. MacDonald, Portsmouth, R.I., and Henry J. Halloran of Cambridge, Mass., for collection and disposal and sale of all garbage from United States Training Station, Newport, R.I. / July 15, 1944.
1	5	2003.023.5.2	Letter to Lincoln Board of Selectmen from David Buttrick Co., Arlington, Mass., re siting of dump near their ice cream store : typescript / October 21, 1955.

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Series 6, County Hospital

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	2003.023.6.1	Letter to "Gentlemen" (Lincoln Selectmen) from George H. Bigelow, M.D., Commissioner of Public Health, relating to opening of Pondville Hospital in Norfolk for cancer patients : typescript / June 14, 1927.
1	6	2003.023.6.2	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from Middlesex County Commissioners, relating to opening of Middlesex County Sanatorium (tuberculosis hospital) and town assessments : typescript / December 22, 1931.
1	6	2003.023.6.3	Letter to Mayors and Selectmen of Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital District, relating to local assessments, and enclosure of State Acts relating to funding of same : typescript / Middlesex County Commissioners, February 12, 1932.
1	6	2003.023.6.4	Chapter 10, an Act authorizing Middlesex County to borrow ... for Construction of Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital and assessments of cities and towns : typescript, 4 p. / enacted February 9, 1932.
1	6	2003.023.6.5	Receipt to E. Russell Davis, Lincoln Town Treasurer, for \$5900.01 for 1931 assessment for Tuberculosis Hospital / Charles E. Catfield, County Treasurer, March 19, 1932.
1	6	2003.023.6.6	Warrant to Town of Lincoln for payment of assessment of \$5900.01 / Middlesex County Commissioners, January 8, 1932.
1	6	2003.026.6.7-.8	Correspondence between Lincoln Town Treasurer and Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation, relating to payment of assessment / 1932. (2 items)

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Series 7, Regulations

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2003.023.7.1	Health Regulations of the Town of Lincoln : one sheet / adopted August 31, 1927.
1	7	2003.023.7.2	Health Regulations, Town of Lincoln : pamphlet, 16 p. / as revised April 1956.
1	7	2003.023.7.3	Health Regulations and Facilities, Town of Lincoln : pamphlet, 16 p. / as revised July 1, 1968.

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Series 8, Minutes

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BV		2003.023.8.1	Minutes of Lincoln Board of Health : ledger, not paginated / 1894-1927.
1	8	2003.023.8.2	By-Laws [of Board of Health] : one sheet, manuscript / ca. 1900. (Insert in 2003.023.8.1]
1	9	2003.023.8.3-.6	Minutes of Lincoln Board of Health : typescript / August-November 1985. (4 items)
1	9	2003.023.8.7-.8	Minutes of Lincoln Board of Health : typescript / January & October, 1987. (2 items)
1	9	2003.023.8.9-.15	Minutes of Lincoln Board of Health : typescript / February-December 1986. (7 items)
1	10	2003.023.8.16-.18	Minutes of Lincoln Board of Health : typescript / October-December 1990. (3 items)
1	11	2003.023.8.19-.29	Minutes of Lincoln Board of Health : typescript / January 1997-January 1998. (11 items)