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Collection Information

Abstract : Records relating to public works in Lincoln include documents of several parts of the town government relating to various aspects of public works, including public utilities, many of which are in 2003 under the Department of Public Works.

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Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Department of Public Works.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- History.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Politics and government.
Municipal employees and officials -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Public works -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Roads -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Highway departments -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Public utilities -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Railroads -- Crossings.
Street lighting -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Letters (Correspondence). aat
Minutes. aat
Contracts -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat
Petitions -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). 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. Public works in general include all aspects of street and highway construction, maintenance, and repair; water supply and sewage disposal systems; and other areas of infrastructure care. The Lincoln Department of Public Works oversees most aspects of these operations, along with the Board of Water Commissioners.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises correspondence relating to state aid, contracts, highway abandonments, and other highway related works; contracts; petitions and correspondence relating to locations for public utilities; railroad grade crossing issues; agreements; permits; and miscellaneous documents relating to all aspects of public works in Lincoln, 1920s-1960s.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence, 1930s-1960s. (29 items)

Series 2: Contracts, 1930s. (16 items)

Series 3: Highways, 1920s-1930s. (25 items)

Series 4: Railroads, 1930s. (8 items)

Series 5: Public Utilities (29 items)

Series 6: Miscellaneous. (1 item)

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Series 1, Correspondence

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1	1	2003.024.1.1-.5	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to Chapter 81 allotments (maintenance of ways in small towns) / 1927-1935. (5 items)
1	2	2003.024.1.6-.12	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to Chapter 90 allotments (maintenance, repair, improvement, construction of state, county, town ways) / 1930-1934. (7 items)
1	3	2003.024.1.13	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from George G. Tarbell, Representative to General Court, relating to advertisement of bids for Cambridge Turnpike construction / March 28, 1934.
1	3	2003.024.1.14	Letter to [Lincoln Selectmen] from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to work in process / nd.
1	3	2003.024.1.15	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from M. J. O'Hearn, Contractor, requesting permission to temporary obstruction of South Great Road / June 9, 1923.
1	3	2003.024.1.16	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from Thomas J. Dee, Virginia Road, Lincoln, with complaint of conditions on Virginia Road / May 8, 1930.
1	4	2003.024.1.17-.19b	Correspondence relating to subsurface soil inspection off Lincoln Road, with soil profiles / 1964. (3 items)

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1	5	2003.024.1.20-.21	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to municipal vehicle registration / 1930. (2 items)
1	5	2003.024.1.22	Letter to H. C. Walsh, Ass't. Civil Engineer from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to Town Meeting Warrant Articles for Road Machinery Accounts to be established / January 15, 1932.
1	5	2003.024.1.23-.24	Correspondence between Lincoln Selectmen and Wallace G. Warren, relating to extension of water mains / April 1930. (2 items)
1	6	2003.024.1.25	Postcard to Lincoln Selectmen from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to public hearing / September 29, 1931.
1	6	2003.024.1.26-.27	Correspondence relating to depression era public works projects / 1935. (2 items)
1	6	2003.024.1.28	Record of transmittal relating to plan of land / Cleverdon, Varney and Pike, Consulting Engineers, Boston, March 17, 1969.
1	6	2003.024.1.29	Permit for Lincoln Water Department to open Concord Turnpike to repair pipes / Massachusetts Department of Public Works, March 13, 1935.

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Series 2, Contracts

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2003.024.2.1	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 81 / April 29, 1924.
1	7	2003.024.2.2	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 81 / May 25, 1926.
1	7	2003.024.2.3	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 81 / June 16, 1931.
		.3a	Cover letter.
1	7	2003.024.2.4	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 81 / May 31, 1932.
		.4a	Cover letter.
1	7	2003.024.2.5	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 81 / May 13, 1930.
1	8	2003.024.2.6	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 90 / June 18, 1930.
1	8	2003.024.2.7	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 90 / September 1, 1931.
1	8	2003.024.2.8	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 90 / September 8, 1931.

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1	8	2003.024.2.9 .9a	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 90 / September 29, 1931. Cover letter.
1	8	2003.024.2.10 .10a	Contract between Massachusetts Department of Public Works and Town of Lincoln, for work to be done under Chapter 90 / May 31, 1932. Cover letter.
1	9	2003.024.2.11-.13	Cover letter for contract / 1930-1934. (3 items)
1	9	2003.024.2.14	Legal opinion relating to contractual agreement / June 18, 1964. (2 p.)
1	10	2003.024.2.15	Order for repairs to several roads in Lincoln, under the provisions of Chapter 120 of the Acts of 1921 / May 16, 1930.
1	10	2003.024.2.16	Order for repairs to several roads in Lincoln, under the provisions of Chapter 120 of the Acts of 1921 / May 6, 1932.

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Series 3, Highways

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	2003.024.3.1-.3	Letter, permit, and map relating to installation of isolated stop sign at Route 2, Bedford Road, and Virginia Road intersection / January 1935. (3 items)
1	12	2003.024.3.4-.5	Permit for warning beacon at Blodgetts Corner, South Lincoln, with map / March 8, 1932. (2 items)
1	12	2003.024.3.6-.7	Permit for warning beacon at Wheelers Corner, South Lincoln, with map / March 8, 1932. (2 items)
1	12	2003.024.3.8-.9	Packing slip and invoice for two traffic beacons / American Gas Accumulator Co., Elizabeth, N.J., June 17, 1925. (2 items)
1	13	2003.024.3.10	Letter to Lincoln selectmen from Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to traffic control signals / May 20, 1930.
1	13	2003.024.3.11	Traffic sign permit, for parking signs where parking is restricted by law / nd.
1	13	2003.024.3.12	Traffic sign permit for warning signs wherever such signs are needed / nd.
1	14	2003.024.3.13-.15	Correspondence relating to land taking for Concord-Wayland Road at Wheelers Corner / 1927. (3 items)
1	15	2003.024.3.16-.18	Correspondence relating to discontinuance of parts of the Concord Turnpike / 1935. (3 items)

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1	16	2003.024.3.19	Agreement to land taking on Lincoln Road, Lincoln / July 1964. (3 p.)
1	17	2003.024.3.20	Highway map, Town of Lincoln : blueprint / nd.
1	18	2003.024.3.21	Road survey and street sign survey : manuscript, pencil, with line drawings / 1955. (10 p.)
1	19	2003.024.3.22	Approval of petition for repairs and alterations to Cambridge Turnpike in Lincoln / Middlesex County Commissioners, June 1931.
1	19	2003.024.3.23	Petition from Selectmen of Lincoln to Massachusetts Department of Public Works, relating to allotment of highway funds under Chapter 81 / 1934.
1	19	2003.024.3.24-.25	Return of County Commissioners of Middlesex County to Town of Lincoln, petitioners, relating to specific highway repairs / 1923 and 1931. (2 items)

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Series 4, Railroads

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1	20	2003.024.4.1-.3	Documents and correspondence relating to abolition of grade crossings, specifically the grade crossing on South Great Road in Lincoln / 1931. (3 items)
1	21	2003.024.4.4-.6	Documents and correspondence relating to the whistling of locomotives at grade crossings in Lincoln / 1931. (3 items)
1	22	2003.024.4.7	Chapter 135 of the Acts of 1931, relating to liability of railroad corporations for damages in case of collisions at grade involving their rail-borne motor cars / July 21, 1931. (2 p.)
1	22	2003.024.4.8	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from Boston and Maine Railroad, relating to completion of repairs to Bakers Bridge : typescript / May 27, 1930.

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Series 5, Public Utilities

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1	23	2003.024.5.1-.6	Documents and correspondence relating to expansion and extension of service by Boston Consolidated Gas Company, including requests to open streets for gas lines / 1929-1930. (6 items)
1	24	2003.024.5.7	Petition of Boston Consolidated Gas Company for authority to expand service to Lincoln [et al.] / March 11, 1930. (2 p. with cover)
1	24	2003.024.5.8	Permit to Boston Consolidated Gas Company to open certain roads in Lincoln for laying and installing gas lines, with conditions / 1930. (6 p.)
1	25	2003.024.5.9-.17	Petitions and orders for joint or identical pole locations / New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, 1930-1935. (9 items)
1	26	2003.024.5.18-.21	Petition of Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to Lincoln Selectmen for permission to attach wires and fixtures to poles of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. / 1931-1933. (4 items)
1	27	2003.024.5.22-.24	Documents relating to construction and maintenance of underground conduits and manholes for electric lines / 1930. (3 items)
1	28	2003.024.5.25-.27	Correspondence and documents relating to extension of electric service in Lincoln and installation of street lights / 1927-1935. (3 items)

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| 1 | 29 | 2003.024.5.28 | Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from R. E. Gould, Street Engineering Department, Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, relating to use of poles for police call boxes and other municipal purposes / June 10, 1932. |
| 1 | 29 | 2003.024.5.29 | Plan showing approved installation of police call boxes and similar municipal installations on poles of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston : blueprint / February 15, 1932. |

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Series 6, Miscellaneous

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1	30	2003.024.6.1	Report of the Lincoln Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1932; largely relating to various public works projects : typescript, 6 p. / 1932. (Draft copy)