

PRESS RELEASE – TOWN OF LINCOLN

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Re: - Sidewalk Improvement Program

Town Administrator, T. Joseph Almond states “I am pleased to announce that the Town of Lincoln has begun to implement the first phase of an ongoing sidewalk improvement program. The goal of the program is to make safety repairs to existing sidewalks and to begin the resurfacing of sidewalks on an annual basis.”

Almond credits the advocacy of Councilman John Flynn, and members of the town’s Capital Improvement Committee for identifying and supporting the sidewalk program. Almond also credits the entire Town Council for their endorsement of the program and resolution authorizing the funding of an additional \$150,000.00 from the town’s restricted capital reserve account.

Administrator Almond further points out that despite the reduction of over two million dollars in lost state aid and local revenues, the Town of Lincoln has benefited from responsible budgetary controls and management. The town has reduced its overall annual operating cost, produced a balanced budget, and maintained a responsible reserve account.

He affirmed, “These many accomplishments are the result of all elected officials working together to benefit the residents and taxpayers of the community. Lincoln is fortunate that with good planning and support of the Town Council, capital reserve accounts were established to address the many outstanding and much needed repairs to our infrastructure. “

As a result of practicing responsible budgetary controls Lincoln has been able to remain proactive in implementing prudent capital investments in its schools, public properties, recreational facilities, parks, and infrastructure with no impact on local property taxes. In fact, the economic downturn has provided the town opportunities to maximize best price practices on much needed improvements which are expected to produce significant long-term savings.

Town Administrator Almond concluded, “The next phase of the sidewalk program will be implemented on River Road in the Lonsdale section. This phase will involve the removal of trees that have outgrown the confines of the sidewalks and the resurfacing of those areas. Homeowners with trees in front of their properties will receive information providing for replacement trees on their property at no cost to the homeowner. Homeowners seeking additional information can contact the office of Town Planner Al Ranaldi at 333-8433.”