**Reasons for SBC Failed Vote**

**Compiled 11.29.12 Town Meeting and Subsequent Meetings**

**Site**

Maintaining the current footprint of the classic New England campus, central green surrounded on three sides by trees and a ring of modest well-scaled buildings with the parking located at the peripheries and out of view.

This "campus" environment is a metaphor for the Town's broader values: it is the open spaces be they fields or woodlands, that are pre-eminent; the individual buildings support the open spaces but they are secondary.

Loss of views of library and tower

Loss of mature trees

Loss of part of campus green

Loss of defining western edge

Location of parking lots

Replacement of parking lots, fields and playgrounds costs money and is not necessary

Decision to avoid the use of trailers caused many of these site issues

**Design**

Unsustainable to demolish the Kindergarten classrooms built in 1994 and the Smith Gym renovated at the same time

Courtyard takes away classroom views.

Central corridor is too narrow and too long

Building is not as flexible as current one, fewer classrooms, smaller classrooms

Need opinion of architects in town

**Finance**

Tax Impact-hits taxpayers too hard

Tax impact will adversely affect seniors on fixed income

Impact on future town projects and programs, i.e. will result in blocking capital requests for years to come

Inadequate long-term fiscal planning

Does not consider other major future town capital expenses such as open space land acquisition and town-owned building maintenance and renovations

Too many demands to replace old items with new that are unnecessary

Excessively expensive to educate 500 Lincoln children per year

There is a repair option that will cost less

What about just doing immediate/emergency repairs at this time?

What about an incremental repair approach

This is the wrong time. Lincoln has just started a financial Master Plan to engage the town in decision making

Need better value proposition

**Community**

Uncertainty about Hanscom

Scope did not consider a Community Center

Scope did not account for Lincoln's need for our central community campus to serve all generations of residents

COA concerns

**Process**

Presentations were for selling not receiving questions.

Very few suggestions have been incorporated into the design

Process dictated by MSBA a State agency and not the "Lincoln Way"

Not open and inclusive enough

Lincoln's legacy may be in serious jeopardy by virtue of dismissing long-standing values that encourage extensive public input to make decisions about a project of this magnitude.

Planning did not involve full review and hearing of our town boards and committees, a critical process that Lincoln has always engaged in when doing long-term planning

Greater discussion and compromise is needed to allow Lincoln residents to come to consensus and yield a superior result that expresses the long-standing values of Lincoln. Lincoln has done it before on numerous significant projects and we can do it again.

The case for change wasn't made. Need to spend more time talking about this

**Historical Value**

Maintain the Smith Building

Tearing sown a good building which is historically significant

**Education**

Spend money on educational program rather than building

School performance improves house values, not the age of the facilities, this focus on a new building is a distraction form better performance

Students are not currently prepared for LSRHS

Need better instrument program, choral program and language lab and focus

Communicate link between design and learning objectives