

Selectmen's Meeting
April 23, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 23, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in Estabrook Hall in Cary Memorial Building. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz, Mr. Burnell; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk, were present.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mrs. Krieger will be attending MPO's TIP Input Day on Thursday to make a plea for funding of the Waltham Street and Marrett Road signal improvement projects.

Youth Task Force

Mr. Dentler, member of the Human Services Committee, described the study done in 2003 on mental health services in Lexington that showed that youth was most at risk and least served. In 2005 the Youth Services Council was formed and is still functioning. The Youth Task Force was formed through the Youth Services Council. Dr. Timothy Dugan, a practicing psychologist in Lexington, was introduced by Mr. Dentler.

Dr. Dugan, member of the Advocacy and Planning Task Force, gave a presentation on Youth Services in Lexington that will also be presented at Town Meeting tonight. The goal is to give information about youth services in Lexington, which includes a history, current state, needs, and recommendations for the future. The purpose of this presentation is to increase awareness of youth needs; provide recommendations for future community-wide efforts and place youth services on next year's agenda. The good news about current youth services is the ongoing efforts distributed over town departments and the significant progress toward coordination of youth services. The bad news includes an erosion of youth services within school and town budgets which results in a weakened community safety net. Youth needs and services need to be addressed in the next budget cycle. The Task Force recommends having a Community Forum on Youth in the near future to develop a town-wide agenda for youth. Long-term recommendations include a Town Department of Youth Services.

Members of the Advocacy and Planning Task Force include: Sandro Alessandrini, Laurie Atwater, Bill Blout, Jeff Drake, Timothy Dugan, Bill Kennedy, Hank Manz, Ellen McDonald, Deborah Strod, and Betsey Weiss.

Members of the Human Services Committee include William Blout, Sarah Conklin, Norman Cohen (liaison), Robert Dentler, Lea Gardner Elkin, Pamela Joshi, Ellen McDonald, and Herbert Wasserman.

The Selectmen believe that services for the youth of Lexington are an important issue and they plan to include the topic on their next goal setting agenda.

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Lexpress Route Changes – Transportation Advisory Committee

Ms. Arnold, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, asked for approval of route adjustments to accommodate an extension to the new Met State Redevelopment off Concord Avenue.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the following changes to Lexpress routes:

- Route 2: add Concord Avenue east of Pleasant Street to Met State Redevelopment
remove Hayden Avenue, including Lexington Lahey (shifted to Route 4) and
Concord Avenue west of Waltham Street
- Route 3: remove Butterfield Road, Joseph Commee Road
- Route 4: add Hayden Avenue, including Lexington Lahey; Marrett Road east of Lincoln Street
to Spring Street; and Spring Street, Hayden Avenue to Hudson Road; remove Cary
Avenue, Hudson Road, Lincoln Street (south of Marrett Road), Middle Street,
Normandy Road, Shade Street and Woodcliffe Road

Energy Conservation Committee – DPW Facility

Mr. Kropper, member of the Energy Conservation Committee (ECC), provided some comments on the proposed design process and current design of the DPW Facility. The ECC feels the DPW Facility was designed before energy issues were considered or assistance was sought from the utility programs. The building's energy design continues to evolve. Based on the ECC review: the lighting system will be very efficient; the heating, ventilation and cooling systems will be conventional designs; the heating/cooling of the vehicle storage area has been addressed; insulation levels have increased and the insulation of the windows has been increased. The ECC considers the building's energy design to be good, but not exemplary or at the leading edge of energy efficiency. The ECC looks forward to working with the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) to identify further savings.

Mrs. Krieger challenges the ECC's premise and feels the DPW facility should have been and was designed specifically for DPW programs and for operating efficiencies.

Mr. Sacks asked what the assumption for energy use in the facility is considering that energy costs will probably continue to go up.

Mrs. Krieger stated that the operating costs have been significantly reduced from earlier models. Mr. Kropper feels that energy costs should fall and stabilize in the future.

Mr. Himmel, Co-Chair of the Permanent Building Committee, stated that the PBC made a number of changes to make sure the proposed DPW facility would work for the client and they also tightened up on the square footage. The PBC is unclear what the charge of the ECC is and wants to see the ECC and PBC work on a better relationship between them.

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Article Positions

The Selectmen all support Article 25, Continue and Approve Departmental Revolving Funds. A majority of the Selectmen support Article 34, Appropriate for School Capital Projects and Equipment. Mr. Kelley would like to receive some information on school capital items by the end of the week.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease
Executive Clerk