

Selectmen's Meeting
April 25, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz, Mr. Burnell, Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Chabot, Assistant to the Executive Clerk, were present.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mr. Manz said that when he approved the policy regarding signage removal at the February 26th Selectmen's Meeting, he didn't realize that it might include no longer painting the island around the Minuteman Statue, and the island at the corner of Harrington Road and Bedford Street. These should be painted for safety reasons. Mr. Valente agreed that this is a safety issue and will follow up.

Mr. Kelley passed out an amendment to Article 36 that he will present as a minority report at Town Meeting that evening.

Mrs. Krieger reported that the Air Force Research Lab at Hanscom Air Force Base will host a vintage aircraft flyover on May 8, 2007 at 4:30 pm.

Public Comment

Victoria Buckley gave an update on the work of the Commission on Disability. Jasmine Sola and the Upper Crust have made better access to their stores and CVS plans to do the same soon. Ms. Buckley also came to discuss her proposed report to Town meeting regarding sidewalk improvements. She asks that an addendum be made to the contract specifications, which would adopt the standard for smoothness set forth by the University of Pittsburgh study.

Mr. Valente said that the current specifications for construction have to meet the Americans with Disability Act standards. Mr. Cohen suggested that Ms. Buckley get up and comment when Article 31 (g) & (h) comes up at Town Meeting that evening.

DPW Facility

Mr. Valente presented two options for financing the new DPW facility:

1. 100% of the project cost financed through the property tax.
2. Project cost allocated among general, water and wastewater funds. (General Fund share = 77%; Water Fund share = 17%; Wastewater Fund share = 7%)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to adopt option two for debt financing.

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FY07 Year End Transfers and Article 42 – Amend FY2007 Operating Budget

Mr. Valente presented a memorandum regarding FY2007 Year-End transfers. As staff begins the process to close the Fiscal Year 2007, Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen, and the Appropriation Committee will be asked to approve a series of budget transfers to enable line-item shortfalls to be addressed. These shortfalls can be funded through four mechanisms:

1. Direct Line-Item Transfers under Article 42
2. Appropriation Committee's Reserve Fund
3. Municipal Salary Adjustment
4. Interdepartmental Transfer

Regarding Article 42, Mr. Valente reported that the Schools received \$103,000 in a Special Education circuit breaker payment. They are discussing the possibility of using it to reduce the shortfall (\$625,538) for line item 1100 – Lexington Public Schools. The goal is to have the motion for Article 42 out on the table at Town Meeting on Monday April 30th, and take it up on Wednesday May 1st.

Future Meetings

The Board discussed future meetings.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Diana B. Chabot
Assistant to the Executive Clerk