

Selectmen's Meeting
May 21, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:30 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.

Public Comment

Mr. Pinsonneault of the Department of Public Works announced that there would be a DPW open house on May 24, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mr. Manz reported first, that the LABBB (Lexington, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, and Burlington) School is having a Special Olympics on May 22, 2007 at the Lexington High School track. Second, the Town Report, edited by Kerry Brandin in past years, was edited by Ann Redmon this year. Mr. Manz would like to thank Ann, Tom Whelan who took the cover photo, and Lynne Pease of the Selectmen's Office. And third, the Farmer's Market is ready to start up again this year on June 12th.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Valente said that Lexington has been recertified as a No Place for Hate community. The Town will receive a \$1,000 grant for training. This past spring there was a racial incident where an Asian-American woman was attacked. No Place for Hate and the Lexington Police responded within hours.

LexHab Fund

Mr. Hays, Chair of LexHab, discussed starting a new fund to help people with emergency housing needs that LexHab currently does not meet. He is proposing to commence an emergency housing fund of \$10,000 and put together a committee comprised of the Human Services Director, a clergyman, a LexHab designee, a Housing Partnership designee, and a person designated by the Selectmen.

Mr. Cohen thanked Mr. Hays for the eulogy he gave at Marshall Derby's funeral, and thinks the idea of an emergency housing fund named for Mr. Derby is terrific. Mrs. Krieger agreed with involving the Human Services Director. She also suggested that Mr. Hays consult with the Fund for Lexington since they have mechanisms for responding quickly.

Tree Committee – Tree Farm

Mr. Wood and members of the Tree Committee, Mr. Paul, Mr. Frey, and Ms. Longeteig discussed the new Tree Farm. The farm is located on conservation commission property

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adjacent to the Doran Farms condos, and was established to solve the problem of the net loss of trees in Lexington. The Tree Committee planted 125 trees and will continue to plant trees each year. In response to Mr. Kelley's question as to whether there is a limit to the tree farm, Mr. Wood said there is a limit of about 600 trees. Mrs. Krieger thinks this is an excellent example of what a group can do to provide a lasting benefit to the Town.

Combined Facilities Department

Mr. Valente and Mr. Ash have prepared a draft agreement on a combined facilities department. Town Counsel has reviewed a previous version and recommended the addition of the Town Manager as a party to the agreement. Mr. Valente is waiting for comments from Labor Counsel. The School Committee will take up this matter at its meeting on May 22nd.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 3-1-1 (Kelley opposed; Burnell abstained) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and School Committee regarding the creation of a Lexington Department of Public Facilities, subject to any recommended changes by Labor Counsel.

Town Manager Reappointments

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the Town Manager's reappointment of Jane Trudeau, Frieda Oliner, and Leo McSweeney to the Council on Aging.

Noise By-law Special Permit Fees

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 that there be no fee for a Special Permit Application Under the Noise By-law.

Establish Fees for Supportive Day Care

Ms. McSweeney, Director of Social Services, requested fee increases for the Lexington Supportive Day Care Program effective July 1, 2007. The fee increases are to cover the reduction in tax levy support from \$30,000 in FY07 to \$15,000 in FY08.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to adopt the FY08 fee schedule for the Supportive Day Care program as proposed by the Director of Social Services.

Update Guidelines for Senior Service Program

Ms. McSweeney and Mr. Valente asked the Board to consider two changes to the guidelines for the Senior Service Program (previously the Property Tax Work Off Program):

1. Increase the maximum credit a taxpayer may earn. The new limit is not to exceed \$935, an increase of \$85 from the current \$850.
2. Allow two people per household to participate, earning a total not to exceed \$1190.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the changes in the guidelines for the Senior Service Program.

Review and Approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request

Mr. Addelson, Finance Director, requested approval to transfer \$98,284 from the Reserve Fund to Property and Liability Insurance Contractual Services for the purpose of paying bills received for insurance coverage.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to authorize the Chairman to sign a Reserve Fund Transfer Request for property and liability insurance in the amount of \$98,284.

Consent Agenda

Commitments of Water and Sewer Charges

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the following commitments of water/sewer charges:

Commitment of Water/Sewer charges for March 2007 (Cycle 9)	\$166,736.54
Commitment of Water/Sewer charges for 3/1/07 to 3/31/07 (Final Bills)	\$7,952.08
Commitment of Water/Sewer charges for April 2007 (Cycle 9)	\$169,883.49
Commitment of Water/Sewer charges for 3/1/07 to 3/31/07 (Final Bills)	\$12,655.70
Commitment of Water/Sewer charges for Town-wide bills Section 1-Spring	\$1,865,493.58

Comptroller Performance Review

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the Town Manager's performance evaluation and recommended salary increase for Mr. Addelson.

Eagle Scout Letter – Geoffrey Cooper

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to send a letter to Geoffrey Cooper congratulating him on attaining the highest rank in Scouting.

Ratify Pole Vote – Lower Battle Green Flag for Mr. Derby

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to lower the Battle Green Flag on Friday, May 18, 2007, in memory of Marshal Derby.

Use of Bike Path – Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association request to the Town Manager to place a table west of where the bikeway crosses Fletcher Avenue in Lexington for 4 hours on June 2nd, (June 3rd rain date) to promote its 11th Annual Memory Ride, subject to any restrictions by the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

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Proclamation for Jere Frick

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to sign the Proclamation for Jere Frick in recognition of her nine decades of dedication to Lexington and our appreciation of her using the Silver Cane she was awarded to keep the Conservation Commission on track, we commend her for outstanding service to our town and look forward to her future accomplishments.

Use of Battle Green – ColdWater Media History Show

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the request of ColdWater Media to use the Battle Green on Friday, May 25, 2007 from approximately 5:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and property considerations with no intent to return to open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Diana B. Chabot
Assistant to the Executive Clerk