

Selectmen's Meeting  
September 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Chabot, Assistant to the Executive Clerk, were present.

Public Comment

Mrs. McKenna, Chairman of the Tourism Committee, reported that the new Liberty Ride trolley unexpectedly came with a cooler. They have begun to sell water on the trolley. They plan to make t-shirts, hats, and bags available soon.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mr. Manz reported first, that he reduced his packet of information for the Selectmen's Meeting to a searchable CD. This was done to cut down on the use and storage of paper. Second, as Liaison to the Transportation Advisory Committee, Mr. Manz said that there has been some linkage, incorrectly, between Lexpress and the School Bus System. And third, in light of the recent loss of two Boston Firefighters, he thanked the Town Inspectors who keep our citizens safe. A grease-laden ceiling contributed to the fire in Boston, and a similar situation existed in a building here in Lexington, but has been corrected thanks to one of our inspectors.

Mr. Kelley has received comments from citizens who were surprised that a beveled brick was used in the sidewalk installation project on Mass. Avenue. He also wondered what happened to the promise that abutting businesses would not be affected. Mr. Valente explained that the day the kids went back to School was the day the installation started. The thought was that most of the back to school purchases would have been made before school started, but that was apparently not the case for one business. Mr. Cohen has received positive feedback about the sidewalk.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Valente reported that the Town has received recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association for our budget prepared by Mr. Young, Budget Officer and Mr. Addelson, Assistant Town Manager for Finance.

Water Sewer Rate Discussion

Mr. Addelson and Mr. Young presented the FY2008 Water/Sewer Cost Analysis. This is the first of two steps leading to the Board establishing FY2008 water and sewer rates. Mr. Young reviewed the results of FY2007 water and sewer operations, and also reviewed direct and indirect cost analysis based on the budget approved at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. Overall, in FY2007, expenses were in line with appropriations and revenues were higher than expected. Mr. Addelson reviewed consumption history in FY2006 and FY2007. Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee, discussed the issue of evaporative cooling towers

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that cool large commercial buildings in town and billing for those structures. These systems may be putting less water back into the sewer system, but it could be water that is more concentrated in undesirable chemicals. Mr. Meehan, Superintendent of Water & Sewer, is collecting more information from the state on how the MWRA calculates its charges for this water.

The Board will receive a recommendation on proposed water and sewer rates at its next meeting on September 24, 2007.

#### Selectmen Appointments/ Reappointments/Resignations

##### Board of Appeals

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint John McWeeney to the Board of Appeals for a five-year term to expire September 30, 2012.

##### Board of Appeals Associates

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint John Gilbert, Daniel Lucas, Leo McSweeney, David Williams, Carolyn Wilson, and Martha Wood to the Board of Appeals as Associates for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

##### Communications Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Jeanne Canale, James Gonzalez, Maria Kieslich, and Edmond Vail III to the Communications Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

##### Fence Viewers

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint David Buczkowski, William Simmons, and Robert Warshawer to the Fence Viewers for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

##### Gammel Legacy Trust

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Lillian MacArthur and Jacquelyn Ward to the Gammel Legacy Trust for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

##### Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Stewart Kennedy, Abraham Shenker, and Michael Tabaczynski to the Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to accept the resignation of Jim Wichmann from the Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to appoint Margaret Enders to the Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jim Wichmann ending September 30, 2008.

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Lexington Center Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Frederic Johnson, Howard Levin, Daphne Politis, and Jerome Smith to the Lexington Center Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Lexington Council for the Arts

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Louise Cady-Fernandes, Barbara Ciampa, and Sirapi Heghinian Walzer to the Lexington Council for the Arts for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Personnel Advisory Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint William Barnes and Janet Perry to the Personnel Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Police Manual Policy Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Chief Casey, Cleveland Coats, Jr., Edith Flynn, William Hays, and Gerald McLeod to the Police Manual Policy Committee for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Sally Castleman, and to appoint Danny Moraff, to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Eagle Letters – Tom Osborn and Jesse Weeks

Mr. Manz congratulated Tom Osborn and Jesse Weeks for attaining the highest rank in Scouting. Jesse Weeks' project was to rebuild the fire rings at Willard Woods, and Tom Osborn built a retaining wall behind the First Baptist Church.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to send a letter to Tom Osborn and Jesse Weeks congratulating them on attaining the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

Use of Battle Green/Walk – Masonic Learning Center

The Masonic Learning Center requested permission to hold the Fifth Annual Battle Green Walk on Sunday, October 7, 2007, beginning at 12:00 noon and ending at approximately 2:00 p.m. The walk will begin at the Masonic Learning Center and proceed to the Battle Green and then back to the Masonic Learning Center. The police have requested that there be one police detail at Mass. Avenue and Marrett Road. The DPW has requested that the Masonic Learning Center make sure to cleanup at all water stops and the Green.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve the request of the Masonic Learning Center to hold the Fifth Annual Battle Green Walk and use the Battle Green on Sunday, October 7, 2007, from 12:00 noon to approximately 2:00 p.m. subject to complying with the requests of the Police and DPW.

## Lexington Minute Men – Monument Ceremony

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve the request of the Lexington Minute Men to fire muskets during the ceremony to unveil the soldiers' names added to the monument on the Buckman Tavern Grounds, on Saturday, October 13, 2007, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

## Consent Agenda

### Authorize the Town Manager to Submit the MORE Grant Application

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Manager to submit a MORE Grant Application for road intersection improvements.

### One-Day Liquor License – Friends of Cary Memorial Library

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve a One-Day Liquor License for the Friends of Cary Memorial Library Fundraiser on October 26, 2007.

### Tax Bill Insert – Lexpress Routes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve inserting the Lexpress Revised Schedule into the mailing of the Tax Bill.

### Ratify One-Day Liquor License – Khushboo

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to ratify the poll vote approving a One-Day Liquor License for Nikita Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Khushboo Restaurant on Saturday, September 1, 2007.

### Use of Bikeway (rain date) – Yale Club of Boston

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve the rain date September 23, 2007 for the Yale Club of Boston to use the bikeway.

### Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of August 27, 2007.

### Executive Session Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve the executive session minutes of August 27, 2007.

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Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call 4-0 to go into executive session for the purpose of property considerations, with no intent to return to open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Diana B. Chabot  
Assistant to the Executive Clerk