

Selectmen's Meeting
September 24, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, September 24, 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.

The meeting was adjourned to Cary Hall for the Public Comment period, with the intention of returning to the Selectmen's Meeting Room for the rest of the meeting.

Public Comment

Over 100 citizens came to request that the Town and the No Place for Hate Committee sever its ties with the Anti-Defamation League due to the ADL's failure to first, unambiguously acknowledge the Armenian Genocide and second, support congressional affirmation of the Armenian Genocide. Several citizens stated that the best way to get the ADL to change is to sever ties. One citizen suggested that the No Place for Hate program reconstitute as a Town sponsored committee; another, asked the Selectmen to give the No Place for Hate Committee a deadline to sever its relationship with the ADL; and another, said that the Selectmen should not be concerned with losing funding from the ADL because the members of the group present would provide funding in the form of a Trust.

A member of the ADL New England Regional Board asked the Selectmen to differentiate between the moral issue (unambiguous acknowledgement of genocide) and the foreign policy issue (congressional affirmation of the genocide). The chairman of the No Place for Hate Committee clarified the goals of the Committee and reported that they had recently met with Armenian citizens. The Committee recognizes the Armenian Genocide, but is not ready to make the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to sever ties with the ADL. They would like to continue to study the issue and make sure that everyone is heard.

Mrs. Krieger stated that the Board would not be making a decision that evening, and asked the No Place for Hate Committee to make a recommendation at the next Selectmen's meeting on October 15, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mrs. Krieger pointed out that the Selectmen are no longer using disposable water bottles at their meetings. Mrs. Krieger also described two letters she would be drafting this week, regarding the conversion of Hangar 24 at Hanscom Air Force Base to a museum celebrating the history of aviation communications and command and control technology that took place there.

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Mr. Cohen reported that he attended the retirement sermon of Reverend Peter Meek and the tribute to him following the service at the Hancock Church. Mr. Cohen thanked Reverend Meek for all of his service to the Town and wished him well.

Lexpress – Schedule Adjustment

Mr. Hadley, Director of Public Works, and Sara Arnold, Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee, presented the request to advance the start time of Lexpress Route 2 and Route 1 to allow passengers arriving at Lexington High School to get to school on time. The change would take effect from September 27, 2007 and run through the end of June 2008.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the proposed Lexpress schedule adjustment of advancing the start time on Route 2 to 6:35 a.m. and the start time on Route 1 to 7:05 a.m.

Rotary Club – Bandstand at Hastings Park

Mr. Freehling, Lexington Rotary Club, presented the request to install seven benches around the Bandstand at Hastings Park. The Rotary Club of Lexington and its members, in cooperation with the DPW, recently completed repainting the bandstand and landscaping around it. In addition, the Rotary Club would like to purchase seven teak park benches to be installed by the Town, adjacent to seven sides of the bandstand leaving the eighth side open where the portable stairs are located. These benches would be positioned far enough away from the bandstand to not interfere with the band concerts' interactive audience activities. They also propose to install plaques on each bench with the names of the founding fathers of the Rotary Club of Lexington.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the location of seven benches around the Bandstand at Hastings Park as presented by the Rotary Club.

Recycling and Trash Update

Mr. Beaudoin, Superintendent of Environmental Services, and Mr. Hadley, Director of Public Works, reviewed the FY2007 Solid Waste and Recycling data. Last September the Town implemented a ban on "visible recycling". A comparison of trash tonnage showed a 660-ton reduction from FY06 to FY07. There was also a 28-ton increase in recycling for the same period. This represented a solid waste tonnage savings of \$45,000.

Public Works Projects Update

Mr. Hadley, Director of Public Works, updated the Board on ongoing and recently completed DPW projects, including: repaving of streets, sewer improvements, sidewalks repaired and repaved, crosswalks installed, compact fluorescent bulbs installed in street lights, new water meters installed, tree and turf improvements, restoration work at the Colonial and Munroe

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Cemeteries, Lincoln Park methane gas mitigation, installation of a new municipal parking lot at Edison Way, and approval of a new DPW building.

Mrs. Krieger commended the DPW on an impressive amount of work with little disruption to the community.

DPW Transition Plan

Mr. Hadley, Director of Public Works, brought the Board up to date on plans to move staff, vehicles, supplies, and equipment while the new DPW facility is constructed at 201 Bedford Street. The DPW will not consider using the old Harrington School during the transition. Various public works functions will be spread out in different locations including, the lower level of the White House, the Westview Cemetery building and the rear portion of Westview Cemetery, the main pump station by Rte 128 and Bedford Street, and the State sand and salt area on Forbes Road. The DPW is also discussing the possibility of finding space at Minuteman Regional High School and Lexington Technology Park.

Mr. Manz wonders what the old Harrington School building could be used for in the future. If all plans will be met with protests, we might as well raze the building and stop trying to support it. Mrs. Krieger pointed out that with the various DPW functions spread out in different locations, the Town will need to be patient and expect some delays while the work gets done.

FY2008 Water/Sewer Rate Proposal

Mr. Addelson, Assistant Town Manager for Finance, reported that at this time the Finance Department is recommending no change in rates for FY2008 for either water or sewer operations.

The Board will take public comments on the proposed rates and vote to establish the FY2008 rates at their meeting on October 15, 2007.

FY2008 Budget Adjustments for the Special Town Meeting

Mr. Young, Budget Officer, and Mr. Addelson, Assistant Town Manger for Finance, presented the FY2008 budget adjustments the Finance Department is proposing for the Special Town Meeting. These adjustments are "housekeeping" in nature and affect the operating budget and water and wastewater enterprise budgets.

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Selectmen Appointments/ Reappointments/Resignations

2020 Vision Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Charles Benson, Marian Cohen, and Stacey Hamilton to the 2020 Vision Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Communications Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint David Buczkowski to the Communications Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Design Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Virginia Johnson, Bahig Kaldas, Timothy Lee, Alenka Slezak, Colin Smith and Gregory Zurlo to the Design Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of Patrick Goddard from the Design Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

Housing Partnership Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Florence Baturin, Robert Bicknell, William Carlson, Julia Duncan, Mary Haskell, and Arthur Katz to the Housing Partnership Board for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Human Services Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Pamela Joshi and Ellen McDonald to the Human Services Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Lexington Center Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of Anne Cuervo from the Lexington Center Committee, effective immediately.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to appoint Richard Pagett to the Lexington Center Committee to fill the unexpired term of Anne Cuervo to expire September 30, 2008.

Lexington Scholarship and Education Fund Board

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to appoint Janine Cohen to the Lexington Scholarship and Education Fund Board for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Paul Ash, Thomas Fenn, John Miller, and David Williams to the Lexington Scholarship and Education Fund Board for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

Noise Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Julian Bussgang and Myla Kabat-Zinn to the Noise Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Tourism Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Susan Bennett, Mary Jo Bohart, Kerry Brandin, Bernice Fallick, Dawn McKenna, Paul O'Shaughnessy, John Ott, and Lou Sideris to the Tourism Committee for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to appoint Martha Batten to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Stephen Ades, Steve Frymer, Sudhir Murthy, Charlie Sargent, Stefan Schatzki, and Gail Wagner to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire September 30, 2008.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of Patrick Goddard to the Transportation Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

Tree Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to reappoint Markus Pinney and James Wood to the Tree Committee for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2010.

Approve Regulation – Alcoholic Beverages – Enforcement

The Policy Manual Committee has requested that the Board approve the Alcoholic Beverages Enforcement Regulation with one small change: in Section II, Number 8 the word "may" was changed to "shall".

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the revised Alcoholic Beverages – Enforcement regulation.

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 and sewer charges:

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Commitment of Water/Sewer Charges for August 2007 (Cycle 9)	\$247,430.96
Commitment of Water/Sewer Charges for 8/1/07 to 8/31/07 (Final Bills)	\$13,033.10
Commitment of Water/Sewer Charges for 8/1/07 to 8/31/07 (Interim Bills)	\$16,284.48

One-Day Liquor License – Lexington Symphony

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve a One-Day Liquor License for the Lexington Symphony Fundraiser at the National Heritage Museum on October 21, 2007.

One-Day Liquor License – Corporate Chefs

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve a One-Day Liquor License for Corporate Chefs, Inc. to cater an event at 95 Hayden Avenue on October 18, 2007.

One-Day Liquor License – Temple Emunah

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve a One-Day Liquor License for Temple Emunah's Comedy Night Fundraiser on October 20, 2007.

Use of Bikeway – Quilt Show

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the request of Marita Hartshorn to place a sandwich board on the bike path to advertise the Quilt Show and Craft Sale at Cary Hall on October 13 & 14, 2007.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of September 10, 2007 and September 17, 2007.

Executive Session Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the executive session minutes of September 10, 2007 and September 17, 2007.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to go into executive session at 10:15 p.m. for the purpose of property considerations, with no intent to return to open session.

Following a portion of the executive session, the Board returned to open session.

LexHAB

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-1 (Kelley opposed) to support the acquisition by LexHAB of Units 4, 7, and 107 of the Parker Manor Condominium.

Mr. Kelley fully supports LexHAB's interest and efforts, but did not support the process.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call 5-0 to return to executive session at approximately 10:35 p.m. for the purpose of property considerations, with no intent to return to open session.

A true record; Attest:

Diana B. Chabot
Assistant to the Executive Clerk