

Selectmen's Meeting
January 18, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Pagett, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk were present.

Public Comments

Mr. Bartenstein, Town Meeting Member, Precinct 1, presented the Board with the 3rd Annual Report of the Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows and asked for the Board's support.

Margaret Coppe, Town Meeting Member and member of the League of Women Voters, presented the Board with the 3rd version of "Town Meeting in Lexington".

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mr. Pagett brought up the Lexington Center Committee's (LCC) memo regarding issues and priorities for the Board's consideration. In particular, the LCC is looking for the Board's support of a walkway extending from Mass. Avenue through to the Depot Square Parking Lot. The LCC will be at the Selectmen's next meeting to discuss this issue and others.

Mr. Pagett read in the Boston Globe about an initiative the Town of Acton School Department is initiating to push for changing how Chapter 70 funds are distributed. They are having a meeting on January 30 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the issue with legislators. Mr. Pagett would like to encourage the School Committee and Board of Selectmen to attend.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Valente reminded the board that they will be signing some BANS at its meeting on January 23, 2006.

Mr. Valente and finance staff met with Moody's regarding Lexington's rating. All verbal response was positive; and the Town Manager expects to receive information on the rating by Friday.

Mr. Valente and Mr. Hadley, DPW Director, met with the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) regarding the proposed DPW facility. There is a discrepancy on total square footage that needs to be reviewed further. It is likely that construction documents will not be done in time to present to Town Meeting. PBC will come to a Selectmen's meeting in February to explain and talk about how to approach this between now and Town Meeting.

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Budget

Mr. Valente presented an overview of the FY2007 Recommended Budget and Financing Plan. The FY2007 Budget Shortfall is projected to be:

- Level Service Budget: \$3,358,956;
- Recommended: \$6,941,044; and
- Enhanced Budget: \$7,373,036.

An increase in revenue is projected to be \$5,717,748, or 5.25%.

The FY2007 recommended Budget includes 4 items that were Selectmen priorities: reduce PILOT, increase reserves, energy conservation, and maintaining infrastructure. Two Selectmen priorities were not successfully included in the recommended budget: expand downtown police officer hours and restore Economic Development Director.

Major components of the budget increase include the schools, health insurance, salary increases, program improvements, debt service, utilities and reserve/contingency accounts. Reserve recommendations include: uninsured losses (\$35,000), reserve fund (\$300,000), Stabilization Fund (\$650,000), continuing balance accounts; and other post employment benefits.

The Capital Budget includes the following: General Fund Debt (\$4,330,000), Water Enterprise Fund Debt (\$1,150,000), Wastewater Enterprise Fund Debt (\$550,000), and Cash Capital (\$1,040,000).

Outstanding issues include: state aid, health insurance, Minuteman Voc-Tech Assessment; new requests/new capital; and reserve policy implementation.

The “next steps” will be to:

- continue to “scrub” the budget;
- respond to Selectmen, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee questions;
- discuss “sharing of revenues” with Superintendent of School
- Budget Collaboration/Summit meeting in February
- Begin preparing “at risk” list.

Mr. Lapointe, Chair of the Selectmen's Ad Hoc Financial Policy Committee, said the committee is making every effort to have a draft report to Selectmen by February 8.

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Special Municipal Employees

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to rescind, reaffirm, or vote the following as Special Municipal Employees:

Special Municipal Employee	Voted	Rescinded	Reaffirm
2020 Vision Committee	1/18/2006		
Accessory Apartments Committee		1/18/2006	
Ad Hoc Committee Under Article 40-Engine Run-up	1/18/2006		
Ad Hoc Local Emergency Planning Committee	1/18/2006		
Ad Hoc Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee	1/18/2006		
Adams School Conversion Committee		1/18/2006	
Advisory Committee for Alternative Tax Revenue		1/18/2006	
Advisory Committee on Cable Television		1/18/2006	
Anderson & Krieger			1/18/2006
Animal Inspector			1/18/2006
Appeals, Board of			1/18/2006
Appropriation Committee			1/18/2006
Assessors, Appointed		1/18/2006	
Assessors, Board of	1/18/2006		
Assistant Dog Officer		1/18/2006	
Auxiliary Firemen		1/18/2006	
Auxiliary Police			1/18/2006
Basketball Supervisor		1/18/2006	
Bio Safety Committee	1/18/2006		
Bridge Charitable Fund Trustees			1/18/2006
Burial Agents			1/18/2006
By-Laws Committee (authorized by TMTG appt. by BOS)		1/18/2006	
Cable Television & Communications Committee		1/18/2006	
Call Firemen		1/18/2006	
Cambridge Watershed Advisory Committee Reps.		1/18/2006	
Capital Expenditures Committee			1/18/2006
Census Coordinator		1/18/2006	
Census Takers		1/18/2006	
Center Revitalization Committee and Subcommittee		1/18/2006	
Civil Defense Plan Study Committee		1/18/2006	
Civil Defense Volunteers			1/18/2006
Commission on Disability	1/18/2006		
Committee on Cary Lectures			1/18/2006
Committee to Study Efficacy of Section 15 of Zoning		1/18/2006	
Communications Advisory Committee	1/18/2006		

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Special Municipal Employee	Voted	Rescinded	Reaffirm
Community Health Committee		1/18/2006	
Comptroller Selection Committee	1/18/2006		
Condominium Conversion Board			1/18/2006
Congregate Housing Study Committee		1/18/2006	
Conservation Commission	1/18/2006		
Conservation Committee		1/18/2006	
Constables			1/18/2006
Council for the Arts	1/18/2006		
Council on Aging			1/18/2006
Data Processing Advisory Task Force		1/18/2006	
Deputy Forest Wardens		1/18/2006	
Design Advisory Committee			1/18/2006
Desk Attendants			1/18/2006
Director of Guides		1/18/2006	
Diving Coach		1/18/2006	
Dog Officer		1/18/2006	
Electric Utility Ad Hoc Committee	1/18/2006		
Energy Conservation Committee (new 2006)	1/18/2006		
Energy Conservation Committee (old)		1/18/2006	
Fair Housing & Human Relations Committee	1/18/2006		
Fair Housing Committee		1/18/2006	
Fence Viewers			1/18/2006
Field Drivers		1/18/2006	
Forest Warden		1/18/2006	
Franklin School Conversion Committee		1/18/2006	
Fund for Lexington Board	1/18/2006		
Gammel Legacy Income Trustees		1/18/2006	
Gammel Legacy Trust	1/18/2006		
Garrity House Committee		1/18/2006	
Gate Attendant		1/18/2006	
Gym Attendant		1/18/2006	
Hale & Dorr LLP		1/18/2006	
Hanscom Area Towns Committee	1/18/2006		
Hanscom Area Traffic Committee		1/18/2006	
Hanscom Field Advisory Commission	1/18/2006		
Hanscom Field Commission		1/18/2006	
Hanscom Field Working Commission		1/18/2006	
HATS II		1/18/2006	
HATS: DRI Review Committee	1/18/2006		
HATS: Environmental Subcommittee	1/18/2006		

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Hazardous Substance Systems Review Committee		1/18/2006	
Head Lifeguard		1/18/2006	
Health, Board of			1/18/2006
Health, Board of - Agents			1/18/2006
Heavy Equipment Noise Study Committee		1/18/2006	
Historic Districts Commission			1/18/2006
Historical Commission			1/18/2006
Housing Partnership Board	1/18/2006		
Human Services Committee	1/18/2006		
Human Services Committee & Enablement Subcommittee		1/18/2006	
Junior Lifeguard		1/18/2006	
Lexington Arts Council II		1/18/2006	
Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee	1/18/2006		
Lexington Center Committee			1/18/2006
Lexington Forum on Aging and Advisory Board		1/18/2006	
Lexington Housing Assistance Board (LEXHAB)			1/18/2006
Lexington Lighting Options Committee	1/18/2006		
Lexington Scholarship & Education Fund Board	1/18/2006		
Lex-Recycle Committee		1/18/2006	
Local Building Code Board of Appeals		1/18/2006	
Management Intern			1/18/2006
MAPC/MAGIC Representative	1/18/2006		
MBTA Representative	1/18/2006		
Meadows Golf Course and Adjacent Land		1/18/2006	
Memorial Day & Veteran's Day Committee		1/18/2006	
Metropolitan State Hospital Land Task Force			1/18/2006
Middlesex County Hospital Ad Hoc Committee	1/18/2006		
Minute Man Cane Award Selection Committee	1/18/2006		
Minuteman Commuter Bikeway Committee		1/18/2006	
Minuteman Commuter Bikeway Implementation		1/18/2006	
Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District School Committee	1/18/2006		
Moderator			1/18/2006
Morning Field House Supervisor		1/18/2006	
MPO Advisory Study Committee	1/18/2006		
Muzzey School Conversion Committee		1/18/2006	
MWRA Advisory Board Representative	1/18/2006		
Noise Advisory Committee	1/18/2006		
North Lexington Road Improvement Study Committee		1/18/2006	

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Special Municipal Employee	Voted	Rescinded	Reaffirm
Old Age Assistance Bureau		1/18/2006	
Part-Time Employees	1/18/2006		
Permanent Building Committee			1/18/2006
Personnel Advisory Board			1/18/2006
Planning Board			1/18/2006
Planning Intern			1/18/2006
Playground Instructor		1/18/2006	
Playground Instructors -Special		1/18/2006	
Police Manual Policy Committee			1/18/2006
Policy Manual Committee	1/18/2006		
Pool Manager		1/18/2006	
Posture Clinic		1/18/2006	
Public Weighers		1/18/2006	
Public Welfare, Board of		1/18/2006	
Purchase of Conservation Land and the Acquisition of Pine Meadows		1/18/2006	
Recreation Clerk		1/18/2005	
Recreation Committee			1/18/2006
Recreation Committee - Subcommittees only		1/18/2006	
Recreation Custodian		1/18/2006	
Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee		1/18/2006	
Regional School District Committee		1/18/2006	
Registrars of Voters			1/18/2006
Retirement, Board of			1/18/2006
School Doctors			1/18/2006
School Sites Committee			1/18/2006
School Traffic Supervisors		1/18/2006	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	1/18/2006		
Selectmen/Town Manager Act Review Committee		1/18/2006	
Selectmen's Ad Hoc Financial Policy Committee			1/18/2006
Selectmen's Advisory Committee on Financing Cons. & Acquisition of Pine Meadows		1/18/2006	
Senior Center Action Plan Committee			1/18/2006
Senior Lifeguard		1/18/2006	
Sidewalk Committee	1/18/2006		
Soccer Aide		1/18/2006	
Soccer Supervisor		1/18/2006	
Special Events Aide		1/18/2006	
Special Needs Leader		1/18/2006	
Special Needs Supervisor		1/18/2006	
Standing School Building Committee		1/18/2006	

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Special Municipal Employee	Voted	Rescinded	Reaffirm
Summer Clerk		1/18/2006	
Summer Laborer		1/18/2006	
Swim Aide		1/18/2006	
Swim Coach		1/18/2006	
Swimming Instructors		1/18/2006	
Tax Deferral and Exemption Study Committee	1/18/2006		
Tax Policy Committee		1/18/2006	
Tennis Booth		1/18/2006	
Tennis Clerk		1/18/2006	
Tennis Leader		1/18/2006	
Tennis Sign-in		1/18/2006	
Tennis Supervisor		1/18/2006	
Tourism Committee	1/18/2006		
Town Celebrations Committee			1/18/2006
Town Report Committee			1/18/2006
Traffic Mitigation Group	1/18/2006		
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee			1/18/2006
Transportation Advisory Committee			1/18/2006
Tree Committee	1/18/2006		
Trustees of Cary Library	1/18/2006		
Trustees of Public Trusts			1/18/2006
Veterans Agent	1/18/2006		
Veterans Graves' Officer			1/18/2006
Waste Management Committee		1/18/2006	
Waste Management Task Force		1/18/2006	
Westview Cemetery Development Committee		1/18/2006	
Youth Commission	1/18/2006		
Youth Committee and Subcommittee		1/18/2006	
Youth Services Council	1/18/2006		

Traffic Mitigation Group

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint the following to the Transportation Mitigation Group per the charge:

- Staff: Gail Wagner, Transportation Coordinator,
 Scott Schilt, Planning
 Dave Cannon, Engineering/DPW
- Boards: Wendy Manz, Planning Board
 Jeanne Krieger, Board of Selectmen
 Judy Uhrig, Zoning Board of Appeals

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Ancillary: Jerry Van Hook, Bicycle Advisory Committee
Laura Cecere, Sidewalk Committee
Diane Pursley and Elaine Dratch, Transportation Advisory Committee
Sudhir Murthy, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Energy Conservation Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to amend the Energy Conservation Committee charge by adding the following sentence to the end of the Description:

The Committee will recommend an energy policy that ensures sustained commitment to energy conservation.

The Selectmen was also voted to appoint the following members to the Energy Conservation Committee:

Alessandro Alessandrini
Paul Chernick
Christopher Haines
Steve Kropper
Ravi Sakhuja
Myla Kabat-Zinn
Bill Hadley, DPW Director
Bill Hartigan, Director of School Facilities and Grounds

Town Manager Appointments

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Susan Cusack to the Commission on Disability for a three-year term to expire October 30, 2008.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-1 (Kelley abstained) to approve the Town Manager's appointment of William Kennedy and Eric Brown as Selectmen's/DPW representatives to the Permanent Building Committee for the DPW facility project.

Dissolve Committees

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the following committees:

Energy Conservation Committee (appointed October 2003)
Lighting Options Committee
Hanscom Field Working Commission

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Consent Agenda

Annual Little League Parade

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the request of the Recreation Department to conduct the Annual Little League Parade on Saturday, April 29, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Muzzey Field.

One-Day Liquor License – Parenting Resource Associates, Inc.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve a one-day liquor license for a “Laugh ‘til it Helps” Comedy Fundraiser on Saturday, March 4, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Temple Isaiah, Lincoln Street.

One-Day Liquor License – Armenian Sister Academy

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve a one-day liquor license for the Annual Valentine Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, February 4, 2006, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Armenian Sister Academy, Elliot Road.

Resignation – Noise Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the resignation of Andrew McAleer from the Noise Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the minutes of December 19, 2005, December 22, 2005, and January 4, 2006.

Executive Session Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the executive session minutes of December 19, 2005 and January 4, 2006.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to go into executive session for potential land purchase, with no intent to return to open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease
Executive Clerk