

Selectmen's Meeting
March 27, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held Monday, March 27, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Mr. Kelley, Mr. Pagett, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; Mr. Lahey, Town Counsel; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk were present.

Because of Mrs. Krieger's absence, the Board selected a temporary chairman

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Peter Kelley as Acting Chairman until Mrs. Krieger returns.

Article Positions and Presentation

Article 13 – Accept MGL Chapter 148 Section 26H (fire sprinklers)

Fire Chief Middlemiss has received additional information that indicates that Bed & Breakfast (B&B) establishments would be affected by the fire sprinkler legislation, but the hotel/motels would not. The economic impact to the B&B's would be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 depending on the type of system installed. The Fire Chief recommends that Article 13 be indefinitely postponed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to support indefinite postponement of Article 13 and to request the Fire Chief keep the Selectmen informed of the outcome of the Taunton case relating to rooming houses and whether sprinkler systems are necessary following acceptance of the law.

Article 6 – Zoning By-Law, Parking in CB District

The Planning Board's intent for the article is to make a technical correction to the current by-law that would make parking at the Church of our Redeemer and Depot Municipal Lot legal parking areas for employers and their employees of Center businesses. The Selectmen support this article (4-1, Kelley opposed).

Selectmen feel Mr. Bussgang's amendment to Article 6 negates the Planning Board's intent.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to not support Mr. Bussgang's proposed amendment to Article 6.

Budget

Proposed Requests for CPA Funding

The Community Preservation Committee will be proposing four potential projects for CPA funding:

Open Space and Recreation Master Plan - \$20,000
Cary Hall – Clerk's Vault Upgrades - \$60,000

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Fire Station - Roof/drainage/floor - \$100,000

Police Station – Dispatch center – cost to be determined

The Community Preservation Committee will verify that the Fire Station and Police Station work can be covered by CPA funds.

There were questions regarding bonding items versus using cash. The Selectmen will discuss at its meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. The Selectmen requested additional information be provided at the March 29, 2006 meeting regarding the cost of the Police renovations.

There will be approximately \$2.3 million available in FY2007 to spend on CPA projects.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to submit to the Community Preservation Committee for consideration for CPA funds the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan, Cary Hall Clerk's Vault Upgrades, Fire Station Roof/Draining and Apparatus Floor work, and the Police Station renovation for the dispatch center, pending verification of CPA eligibility.

Article 36 – Appropriate for Senior Center Design/Conceptual Study

Mr. Kelley asked if Article 36 would be indefinitely postponed. Mr. Pagett is not willing to support indefinite postponement unless there is a timeline for a new senior center. The Selectmen will discuss further at its meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Budget Collaboration

The Selectmen discussed the need for an additional Budget Collaboration meeting to discuss budget issues. A meeting will be posted for Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

Appointment – Design Advisory Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Timothy Lee to the Design Advisory Committee for a 1-year term to expire September 30, 2006.

Consent Agenda

Commitment of Water and Sewer Charges

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the following commitment/adjustments:

Commitment of Water/Sewer Charges for the month of February 2006 (Finals) \$3,472.09

Sidewalk Permit – Bertucci's

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve a sidewalk cafe permit for Bertucci's, including the sale of alcoholic beverages, for the period of April 1 to October 31, 2006, under the conditions outlined by the Town Manager.

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Use of Battle Green – Lexington Minute Men, Inc.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the request of the Lexington Minute Men, Inc. to use the Battle Green on Sunday, April 2, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to hold the dress rehearsal for the annual reenactment (rain date Sunday, April 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the minutes of March 20, 2006.

Use of Battle Green – Lexington Arts & Crafts

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the request of the Lexington Arts & Crafts Society to use the Battle Green on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between March 28 and May 30, 2006 for painting classes with a maximum of 16 students.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

A true record, Attest:

Lynne A. Pease
Executive Clerk