

Selectmen's Meeting
March 28, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in Estabrook Hall. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz, Mr. Burnell; Ms. Vine, Assistant Town Manager; and Ms. Chabot, Assistant to the Executive Clerk, were present.

Future Meetings

Ms. Vine gave a copy of the Post Retirement Benefits Analysis to the Board. The auditors will come and explain the analysis to the Board at their meeting on April 18, 2007. The Appropriation Committee will be invited to attend.

Town Manager Review

A full copy of Mr. Valente's performance evaluation is on file in the Selectmen's Office. The summary section of his review follows:

Carl has had an outstanding year in difficult financial times. He has dealt with all of the goals we identified for him in an effective manner. Under his leadership, we have maintained our Aaa bond rating and we have continued to receive praise and awards for our budget process. The high cost of energy, health care, etc. cannot be blamed on the Town Manager. It would not hurt, in certain instances, to forcefully, but politely, point this out to persistent critics of the way Lexington is governed.

Carl has quickly gained a good understanding of how Lexington works, and is defining a series of steps that will make Lexington government operate even more effectively. Having five bosses must be challenging in the best of circumstances. He has done a wonderful job in respectfully considering everyone's issues and allowing the Board to work through differing points of view to reach a conclusion that can well serve the Town. We believe Lexington is most fortunate to have Carl Valente as our Town Manager.

Article Positions

The Board took positions on the following articles:

- Article 22 – Appropriate FY2008 Enterprise Funds Budget
- Article 24 – Appropriate for Senior Service Program
- Article 29 – Appropriate for Recreation Capital
- Article 30 – Appropriate for Battle Green Flagpole Maintenance
- Article 38 – Rescind Prior Borrowing Authorization

The Board requested presentations on the following articles:

- Article 25 – Continue and Approve Departmental Revolving Funds
- Article 26 (e) – Comprehensive Cultural Resource Survey
- Article 26 (g) – East Lexington Library Study

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- Article 26 (1) – Muzzey Condominium Study
- Article 34 – Appropriate for School Capital Projects and Equipment

Article 37 – Appropriate for Post Employment Benefits was indefinitely postponed.

Consent Agenda

Use of the Battle Green – Iraq Send-Off Ceremony

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 5-0 to approve the request of the Army National Guard to use the Battle Green on Thursday, May 3, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a send-off ceremony for one of their companies going to Iraq, provided that there are no vehicles on the Battle Green.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Diana B. Chabot
Assistant to the Executive Clerk