

Selectmen's Meeting
April 10, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 10, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Pagett, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; Mr. Lahey, Town Counsel; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk were present.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Because of a flurry of e-mails regarding the Munroe Center for the Arts, Mrs. Krieger reminded everyone that there is a working group that is developing a process to determine the role of the Munroe Center for the Arts and that the Town Manager will be the spokesperson for all Munroe issues.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Valente received a request from Paint a Plate Studio in Lexington. They want to sponsor a fundraiser for Heifer International and asked for the Town's involvement. The Town Manager will ask Paint a Plate to come to a Selectmen's meeting to make a presentation.

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 March 2006 (Cycle 9)	\$232,124.36
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Transportation Advisory Committee

Ms. Arnold, Co-Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), requested the Selectmen's support for a 20% fare increase for Lexpress general passes for FY2007. The proposed rates, effective July 1, 2006, would be: 12 month pass - \$300, 6 month pass - \$190, 3 month pass - \$120, 1 month pass - \$50, and Family Pass - \$625.

Ms. Arnold also requested the Selectmen's approval of the proposed service reductions that would be necessary to cut \$50,000 from the FY2007 budget if the override fails. TAC proposes to stop service as follows: from July 1 to August 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. and from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.; no service between August 28 and September 1; and from September 2006 through June 2007 no service between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the recommendations of the Transportation Advisory Committee for a 20% fare increase for general passes and the \$50,000 worth of service reductions, should the override fail.

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Budget

Article 17 – Appropriate FY2007 Operating Budget

Mr. Valente informed the Board that he will be reducing the revenue projections by \$35,000, which represents the TDM funds which are expected from the Met State/Avalon Bay Project. The \$35,000 has been temporarily offset by an increase in local receipts. This issue will be sorted out in time for setting a tax rate in the fall.

Article 28b – Appropriate for Municipal Capital Projects (Lincoln Field Methane Gas Mitigation)

It appears that DEP's approval will not be received in time for this Town Meeting. Mr. Valente is recommending that \$60,000 be requested at Town Meeting for the engineering, design and contract documents phase. Then in the fall money would be requested for construction.

Article 28e – Appropriate for Municipal Capital Projects (Street Improvements)

Mr. Valente's preference is to not have Town Meeting appropriate the Chapter 90 funds. Town Meeting is only required by state law to authorize the acceptance of Chapter 90 funds. This would allow the Town to spend all of the Chapter 90 funds received, not just what Town Meeting appropriated.

Article Positions

The Selectmen took positions on several articles.

Three Selectmen support Article 17 – Appropriate FY2007 Operating Budget; Mr. Pagett does not support and Mr. Kelley wants to hear further discussion at Town Meeting.

Four Selectmen support Article 23 – Continue Departmental Revolving Funds; Mr. Kelley does not. Mr. Pagett requested that at the next goal setting meeting review of how the revolving funds work be discussed.

All of the Selectmen support Article 18 – Appropriate FY2007 Enterprise Funds Budgets, Article 25 – Appropriate the FY2007 Community Preservation Committee Operating Budget and Article 27a – Appropriate for Recreation Capital Projects (Playground Improvements).

All of the Selectmen support \$300,000 for sidewalk improvements (Article 28a – Appropriate for Municipal Capital Projects (Sidewalk Improvements)).

The Selectmen discussed the amendment to raise fees that will be presented at Town Meeting on the School Budget line item. Three Selectmen do not support the amendment; Mr. Kelley will listen at Town Meeting and Mr. Pagett will vote in favor of the amendment because it is a way to lower the total override amount.

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Discussion of Override Questions

The Selectmen will discuss override questions at its meeting on April 19, 2006.

Consent Agenda

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the minutes of April 3, 2006 and April 5, 2006.

Executive Session Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the executive session minutes of April 5, 2006.

Use of Battle Green – National Day of Prayer

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the request of The Pastors Fellowship to hold National Day of Prayer on the Battle Green on Thursday, May 4, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm.

Proclamation – 2006 Minuteman Cane Award

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve and sign the 2006 Minuteman Cane Award Proclamation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease
Executive Clerk