

Selectmen's Meeting  
April 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in Estabrook Hall. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz, Mr. Burnell; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk, were present.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mr. Kelley attended the Permanent Building Committee meeting the night before. Also at the meeting was the project manager for the new schools, Mr. Hartigan, Mr. Griffiths, and the new Energy Manager hired by Mr. Hartigan. The architects and engineers confirmed that the air changes at the Harrington were properly set to code based on capacities of the rooms. They were not operating at three times greater than needed. In other respects the system is working well. In order to see energy savings, adjustments need to be made to the heating/cooling system depending on how many kids are in the school and also adjusting for summer time use.

There was also a discussion of the geothermal system at Fiske School. The system is well designed and they expect to see considerable improvement with energy consumption.

Mr. Manz believes the Board should move aggressively to publicize the fact that the Town can build buildings and that the Board needs to think about how can that be done without any finger pointing. Mrs. Krieger suggests a report for the April 23 town meeting.

Lincoln Park Update

Keith Johnson, representing Haley & Aldrich, Inc., provided an update to the Selectmen regarding methane gas mitigation alternatives for Lincoln Park. To correct the problem of gas migrating across Lincoln Street, they are recommending that the Town install a Perimeter Interceptor Trench with horizontal collector pipe and a membrane wall (passive ventilation). This system is highly effective and proven reliable for preventing lateral gas migration. It is a passive system which will avoid neighborhood impacts and the visual impacts are less than an active system. The cost is projected to be \$475,000. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been involved since February 2003 and Haley & Aldrich, Inc. have been presenting information to DEP as requested.

Discussion of the Alcoholic Beverage License Regulations Application to Package Stores

Mr. Cohen has had conversations with a Lexington resident who would like to open a store whose main focus is the sale of alcoholic beverages, mainly wine and beer, in conjunction with the sale of prepared foods. The current package store regulations state that at least 75% of gross sales need to be from alcoholic beverages, which this store would not be able to meet. Mr. Cohen asked the Board if they would consider changing the regulation to reduce the percentage.

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Mrs. Krieger felt the change could be controlled. Mr. Burnell had some concerns about opening the floodgates for a takeout establishment requesting a package store license.

Mr. Cohen will look for information as to why the change was made originally and will come back to the Board with a suggested regulation.

Consent Agenda

Proclamation – 2007 Minuteman Cane Award

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve and sign the 2007 Minuteman Cane Award Proclamation.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to recess at 7:30 p.m. until after Town Meeting in order to have an executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease  
Executive Clerk