

Selectmen's Meeting
April 28, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Friday, April 28, 2006, at 8:30 a.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.

Override Questions

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the questions for the June 5 override.

Mrs. Krieger read question 1: Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$2,614,509 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting educational goals including preserving 36.15 teacher and staff positions and programs that include elementary Spanish and high school German; fee-free elementary music; integration of computers in the K-8 curriculum; moderating athletic fees; most high school science instruction at six periods per week; help sessions and other instructional duties in high school social studies, mathematics, and foreign language; preschool, secondary and K-12 health and physical education personnel; existing debate travel; moderating elementary school class sizes; and new teacher training for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Pagett feel the structure of the question should be broken down into two questions (sustained and enhanced). It is important to provide choice to the voters.

Mrs. Krieger read question 2: Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$551,607 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting educational goals including restoring textbook and supply budgets; providing needed secondary school classes and moderating secondary school class sizes; funding additional debate travel; and providing for the operation of the high school language lab for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

Mr. Krieger read question 3: Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$1,059,100 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding necessary and appropriate maintenance of municipal and school buildings and properties including a school preventive maintenance program for four new and renovated buildings; two additional staff to supervise building maintenance and monitor energy consumption in ten school buildings; three custodians to reduce custodial overtime expenditures; a municipal reserve fund for ongoing building envelope renewal and repair; four fuel-efficient replacement vehicles; restoration of the highway superintendent position to ensure efficient operations; and equipment to maintain the automatic transmissions of the DPW fleet for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

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Mrs. Krieger read question 4: Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$799,335 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of restoring and preserving municipal services including a Middle School Police Resource Officer; a Human Resources Director; an Information Technology Director; a records management/archives program; training and professional development of staff; updating of fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment; purchase of a police cruiser; a Police administrative clerk; Sunday hours of operation at Cary Library; operation of the East Lexington Library; an Economic Development Officer; 10 hours/week of Lexpress transportation operation; an Assistant Conservation Officer; continued scheduled collection of cathode ray tube (CRT) and related electronic refuse (e-waste); 12 weekly curbside yard waste collections; and the tree planting program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

Mr. Kelley wanted to include in the question how many times a year CRT is collected. He also wants to increase the recycling options. Mr. Manz feels it has to be a zero cost to the Town.

Mr. Pagett asked for further information on the survey that was done regarding the questions and the order they are asked. Mr. Diaz stated that the survey found that 3 of the 4 questions were not sensitive to location. Only question 1 lost votes depending on its location.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 2-3 (Krieger, Cohen, Manz opposed) to have the order of questions 1, 4, 3, 2. The motion failed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to call an operating override for Monday, June 5, 2006.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-1 (Kelley opposed) to put 4 questions on the override as discussed at the meeting and with the appropriate changes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 9:20 a.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease
Executive Clerk