

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2005

A regular meeting of the Lexington Planning Board held in Room G-1, Town Office Building, was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Manz with members Hornig, Canale, Harden and planning staff McCall-Taylor and Schilt present. Mr. Galaitsis joined the meeting while in progress.

\*\*\*\*\* ARTICLES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING \*\*\*\*\*

Article 2, 1720 Massachusetts Avenue, CB to CD, Battle Green Inn Conversion: The Board discussed the presentation of their report to Town Meeting on the rezoning of the Battle Green Inn property. A few edits were suggested.

The Board members then discussed the amendment that would be put forward by Ruth Thomas and Julian Busgang. Mr. Hornig said that it would basically ban restaurants and he wondered what restaurant needed in terms of parking versus what is being required. He pointed out that if passed, it would bar Rosie's from coming back as it is classified as a restaurant. Mr. Canale said he was inclined to favor the amendment as it tightened up requirements. Mr. Harden said that it levels the playing field by holding this property to the same ridiculous rules as the CB district. He was concerned that it effectively prohibited restaurants and therefore Rosie's.

Mr. Hornig made a motion to not support the amendment as he felt it was unnecessary and had the effect of banning restaurants. There was no second and Mr. Canale moved to recommend approval of the amendment with Mr. Harden seconding the motion. After further discussion, it was the sense of the Board that it was not an important amendment and they would prefer to go forward without it. Mr. Canale withdrew his motion and Mr. Hornig, seconded by Mr. Harden moved to not support the amendment. The Board voted 5 to 0 in favor of the motion.

\*\*\*\*\* PLANNING BOARD ORGANIZATION, SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\*

Meeting on November 9: It was agreed not to meet before Town Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, if Article 2 was acted on by Town Meeting tonight.

The Board agreed to begin their meeting of November 16 early, at 7:15 p.m., to allow an Executive Session prior to the regular meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Anthony G. Galaitsis, Clerk