

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MEETING OF March 19, 2007

A regular meeting of the Lexington Planning Board, was held in Room G-1, Town Office Building, and called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Vice Chairman Hornig with members Canale, Zurlo and planning staff McCall-Taylor, Henry and Kaufman present. Ms. Manz arrived at 7:45 p.m.

*****MINUTES*****

The Board reviewed and corrected the minutes for the meeting of February 28, 2007. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously 4-0 to approve the minutes as amended.

***** ARTICLES FOR 2007 TOWN MEETING*****

Article 4, Inclusionary Housing: The Board discussed the draft of the report and made some modifications. Mr. Hornig felt that some of the appendices are confusing and wanted to keep the report simple. It was agreed to put in three graphs, one showing the income required to buy houses, one the trend of median house sales price, and one showing the demographic change in Lexington 1990-2000. They will also put in a matrix that Mr. Henry will provide that is a comparison chart showing Inclusionary Zoning Bylaws and Ordinances nationwide.

Members felt that any scenario that tried to show the economic impact of the bylaw would have to be bullet proof and does not need to be in the report. They will continue to work on the data and hope to have it at Town Meeting if it is needed to address any questions. The members agreed that the report as edited would be made available to the Town Meeting members at their meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 21.

The Board then discussed the mechanics of the presentation to Town Meeting. Mr. Zurlo's presentation will include the history and other town's information. He will be the one to answer any questions that may arise on these issues. Mr. Zurlo requested that Mr. Phil Herr's January 2007 document, including his letterhead, showing inclusionary zoning measures in other towns be added as a slide for his presentation. Mr. Hornig will discuss the operation and technical aspects of the bylaw and answer questions regarding those issues. Ms. Manz will address mitigation, fairness and costs of other land regulations. Ms. Manz will make the closing statement, and Mr. Zurlo will deliver the report to the moderator.

Article 5 Tree Management: Ms. McCall-Taylor will rewrite the public hearing section so it is not repetitive. The report will be distributed on Wednesday.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Gregory Zurlo, Clerk