

April 28, 2010

**Minutes  
Town of Lexington Appropriation Committee  
April 28, 2010**

*Place and time:* Room 207, Town Office Building, 6:30 p.m.

*Members present:* Alan Levine (Chair), Glenn Parker (Vice-Chair), John Bartenstein (Vice-Chair and Secretary), Rick Eurich, Susan McLeish, Eric Michelson, Joe Pato

*Also present:* Micah Niemy, Jim Wood, Charles Hornig, Ingrid Klimoff, Dawn McKenna, Betsey Weiss

The meeting preceded the ninth session of the annual town meeting. It was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Resolution on the Munroe School (Article 36).** Jim Wood presented to the Committee the latest version of his proposed motion for a resolution under Article 36 addressing the process to be followed in disposing of the Munroe School building. Several members of the Committee stated that they were sympathetic with the goals of the proposed resolution but did not agree with the language of the draft motion. The Committee voted not to support the resolution in its current form by a vote of 1-7.

2. **Town Office Building Renovation (Article 8(l)).** Betsey Weiss, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), discussed with the Committee the views of a minority of four members of the CPC who had voted not to support the current proposal under Article 8(l) to expend \$1,185,000 in CPA funds to partially fund renovations to the Town Office Building. She expressed concerns that the CPC had not been given adequate information about the details of construction project on a timely basis; that the contingency and soft costs were extremely high; that some of the items included in the construction plans were excessively costly; that the use of CPA funds for this project would deplete the funds available for other projects down the road that some members of the CPC felt were of a higher priority; and that the approval of this project could have negative political repercussions. She stated that the CPC would have unanimously supported Article 8(l) if the project were limited to the ramp and bathroom reconstruction components proposed to improve handicapped accessibility. The Committee decided not to reconsider its earlier vote to support this article.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bartenstein

*Approved September 22, 2010*