

May 10, 2010

**Minutes
Town of Lexington Appropriation Committee
May 10, 2010**

Place and time: Ellen Stone Room, Cary Memorial Building, 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Micah Niemy (Budget Officer), Kay Tiffany, Ingrid Klimoff, Charles Hornig, Margaret Rawls, David Williams, Joyce Miller, Dawn McKenna

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

1. Resolution on the Munroe School (Article 36). The committee briefly discussed the latest version of Jim Wood's proposed resolution expressing Town Meeting's desires concerning the process to be followed in disposing of the Munroe School. The committee voted to support that resolution by a vote of 8-0.

2. Cotton Farm Purchase (Article 9). The committee continued its discussion of the pro's and con's of the proposed purchase of an approximately four-acre portion of the Cotton Farm with CPA funds. Comments were made by a number of visitors interested in the topic. Topics discussed included the appraisal process by which the valuation was determined, particularly the absence of a "before and after" analysis taking into account benefits to the retained parcel from placing the acquired portion into conservation; alternative arrangements that might be made to achieve some of the scenic, conservation and preservation goals at a lower cost; and the likely disposition of this property if the pending article is not adopted. At the conclusion of the discussion, the committee remained split 4-4 on this article. It was agreed that Al Levine would present to the Town Meeting the views of those in support of the article, and that Joe Pato would present the views of those opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bartenstein

Approved August 26, 2010