

March 17, 2005

**Minutes
Town of Lexington Appropriation Committee
March 17, 2005**

Place and Time: Room 211, Clarke Middle School, 6:35 PM.

Members present: Alan Levine (Chair), John Bartenstein, Deborah Brown, Richard Eurich, Paul Hamburger, Eric Michelson, Ron Pawliczek.

This meeting was held as part of Budget Collaboration Meeting V with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Capital Expenditures Committee. The attached minutes of the Budget Collaboration Meeting, prepared and attested by the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen, are hereby adopted as the minutes of the Appropriation Committee, subject to the following corrections:

- Page 2, par. 7: New growth increment for FY06 was \$299,423, not \$290,000
- Page 2, par. 7: School share was \$91,563, not \$91,000
- Page 3, par. 1: School share was \$91,563, not \$91,663
- Page 3, par. 1: Transfer to Stabilization Fund was \$103,647, not \$103,347

Following the Budget Collaboration Meeting, the Appropriation Committee engaged in a brief discussion of the actions taken, and the Appropriation Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Levine, acting Secretary

Approved July 7, 2007

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A Budget Collaboration Meeting was held Thursday, March 17, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clarke Middle School Auditorium. The Board of Selectmen (BOS), School Committee (SC), Appropriation Committee (AC) and Capital Expenditures Committee (CEC) were present.

Mrs. Krieger called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order.

Mr. Griffith called the meeting of the School Committee to order.

Mr. Levine called the meeting of the Appropriation Committee to order.

Mr. Burnell called the meeting of the Capital Expenditures Committee to order.

Mrs. Krieger explained the reason for tonight's meeting is to decide where to appropriate new growth revenue, not already included in the budget. At a previous Budget Collaborative Meeting, the group agreed to balance the FY06 Budget by making a cut of approximately \$91,000 to the SC Budget with a commitment to the SC that if any further revenue was recognized the \$91,000 would be returned to the budget.

Ms. Vine reported that members of the Board of Selectmen agree that \$290,000 of new growth revenue should be appropriated as follows; \$91,000 for SC Budget; \$31,338 to pay Minute Man Technical School Assessment Fees, and \$176,522 to the Stabilization Fund.

Mr. Levine stated the Appropriation Committee agrees with the School appropriation and the Minute Man Tech payment, but thinks it makes sense to appropriate the \$176,522 to the Snow/Ice Removal Budget, instead of the Stabilization Fund.

Mr. Cohen reminded the Board that every year the appropriation made toward the Snow/Ice Removal Fund must be at least as much as the prior year.

Mr. Kelley restated his position of the need to demonstrate the Board's commitment to increase the Stabilization Fund.

Mr. Pagett also believes the Town needs to show good faith effort to build the Stabilization Fund and suggested increasing the Snow/Ice Removal Fund to \$600,000, and increasing the Stabilization Fund with the remainder.

Mr. Burnell, Capital Expenditures Committee, reminded the group that in the past the Appropriation Committee had \$300,000 in the Reserve Fund, that the fund has been reduced to \$150,000. He suggests the Boards consider increasing the reserve fund instead of the Snow/Ice Removal or Stabilization Funds.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appropriate \$91,663 to the SC Budget, \$31,338 to pay Minute Man Technical School Assessment Fees, \$72,875 to the Snow/Ice Removal Fund and \$103,347 to the Stabilization Fund.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the School Committee voted to approve the \$69,567,568 budget for FY06.

Mr. Levine speaking on behalf of the AC asked the Board to consider increasing the appropriation for the Water/Sewer Analyst Position being proposed by the Water/Sewer Committee.

Ms. Vine reported \$40,000 has been appropriated for this position. She and her staff feel this plus access to funds included in the Wage Adjustment Line was sufficient to fund the position.

Mr. Pagett highly endorses the AC suggestion and recommends funding the position with enough to get the caliber person needed to fill the position.

Mrs. Krieger stated she is not opposed to the \$50,000 figure being suggested by the AC.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to increase the appropriate line item by \$10,000 so there are sufficient funds to cover the Water/Sewer Analyst position.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-1 (Kelley) to approve the FY-06 budget as amended this evening.

The group discussed the need for another Budget Collaboration Meeting to discuss the Capital Budget. It was decided a meeting will be held on either Tuesday, March 22nd or Wednesday, March 23rd. This discussion concluded the meeting of the Budget Collaboration Meeting.

The Appropriation Committee will remain in session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 7:15.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Lexington School Committee voted to adjourn.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Capital Expenditures Committee voted to adjourn.

A true record, Attest:

Lori Manning, Clerk