

Minutes
Town of Lexington Appropriation Committee
March 24, 2008

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

Members present: Alan Levine (Chair), Deborah Brown (Vice Chair), Richard Eurich, Pam Hoffman, Michael Kennealy, Susan McLeish, Eric Michelson, Rob Addelson (ex officio, non-voting)

Also present: Dawn McKenna (Tourism Committee)

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M.

1. **Liberty Ride.** Rob Addelson reported that his research into Dawn McKenna's amendments, which would form and fund a revolving fund with the excess Liberty Ride revenue from FY07, has still shown that it has the potential to disrupt setting of the tax rate. He also communicated that the Town Manager has made a commitment to "make whole" the Liberty Ride at the next available Town Meeting. Dawn McKenna reported that Rob, Selectman Cohen and the Town Manager have agreed to form a revolving fund at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. She is also planning to divide out line 2300 and 7300 of Article 4, so that she and the Selectmen can determine how they will handle this issue at this Town Meeting.
2. **Update on Article 27** "Amend FY2008 Operating Budget". There will be transfer of \$750 from Free Cash to Battle Green Guides, but, at this time, other changes to the FY2008 budget are not yet in final form.
3. **Update on Article 24** "Appropriate to Specified Stabilization Funds". At this time the only items are \$350,000 for to establish the SPED fund and \$65,000 for TDM.
4. **Update on Article 4** "Operating Budget". There is a parliamentary question about how to vote the use of \$65,000 of Stabilization Fund money to fund School Transportation, which requires a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting. This portion of the Article most likely will have to be divided out. Also, as Mike Kennealy is not a Town Meeting member, he can not move the Appropriation Committee amendment about health insurance. Deborah Brown will offer the amendment, Mike will speak to it and Alan will make additional comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM and the committee moved to Cary Hall to participate in the Town Meeting session.

Committee actions at Town Meeting:

- a) Article 4 - recommended support of Mr. Mehr's motion to divide out line 1100 (Lexington Public Schools) and \$65,000 of Stabilization Funding for School Transportation (7-0);
- b) Article 4 - recommended support of Ms. McKenna's motion to divide out line 2300 (Reserve Fund) and line 7300 (Economic Development) (7-0);
- c) Article 4 – recommended disapproval of Mr. Weiss' amendment to reduce line 1100 (Lexington Public Schools) by \$95,000 (0-7);
- d) Article 4 - recommended disapproval of Ms. Zurlo's amendment to include the non-binding resolution “urging the school committee not to implement full day kindergarten in FY2009” to line 1100 (Lexington Public Schools) (1-6).

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Michelson

Approved May 27, 2008