

March 28, 2005

Minutes
Town of Lexington Appropriation Committee
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Place and time: Reading Room, Cary Hall; meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

Members present: Alan Levine (Chair), Eric Michelson, Deborah Brown, Ron Pawliczek, Richard Eurich, Paul Hamburger, Rod Cole

1. RC agreed to be minute taker.
2. It was decided to pass out the AC report to precinct captains rather than put them out on the TMMA table to be sure one copy was reserved for each TM member.
3. The committee decided not to take a position on Article 21.
4. There was a long discussion of the Community Preservation Act.
 - a. AL expressed concern that the CPA is not ready for prime time.
 - b. DB commented that one possibility is to let it go forward now with the advice that the proponents need to bring forward more information.
 - c. There was a discussion of how the timing works and related problems, and how CPA might pass, but crowd out other pressing overrides.
 - d. We decided to continue the discussion at our next meeting.
5. There was a discussion regarding the article to upgrade the heating systems at Clarke and Diamond, and the various options, costs vs. savings, and whether these upgrades might be replaced in the near term by other upgrades, say to gas heat. We decided to continue this discussion when we had more information.
6. There was a discussion of capital items.
 - a. Is the CEC cap on borrowing reasonable? Opinions were heard on both sides.
 - b. The \$25K for a street light at Concord Ave was discussed. The sense was that this was not a high priority and that the Avalon Bay traffic mitigation money could perhaps pay for it when needed in two years.
7. Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Cole

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