

Minutes
Town of Lexington Appropriation Committee
September 14, 2006

Place and time: Estabrook Hall, Cary Memorial Building, 7:30 PM

Members present: Alan Levine (Chair), Deborah Brown (Vice-Chair), John Bartenstein (Secretary), Rod Cole, David Kanter, Eric Michelson, Rob Addelson (ex officio, non-voting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 PM.

Rob Addelson will present financial projections for both school and municipal budgets at the summit meeting on September 21. David Kanter repeated his earlier request that the two parts of the budget use a common definition of "maintenance level". Rob noted that the contracts for nearly all collective bargaining units expire on June 30, 2007. Negotiations on new contracts will take place in the winter and spring.

John Bartenstein noted that he inquired whether it would be practical to make tapes of Board of Selectmen meetings viewable on the world-wide-web.

In response to a question, David Kanter said that he will attend Board of Selectmen meetings when he can.

Alan Levine reported that he contacted Tom Diaz, School Committee Chair, about School financial reports.

Rob Addelson reported on the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) closeout audit of the secondary school projects. Independent auditors are hired by the State to conduct this audit. The Town received \$2,286,000 more in reimbursements than were required to pay off the then-remaining outstanding notes (short-term debt) for that project. The additional reimbursement was primarily toward previously paid debt service for the Clarke-Diamond-High School funding.

David Kanter reported on his follow-up to the questions raised at his presentation to our July 13, 2006 meeting regarding his initial investigation of snow and ice operations. Rob was asked to obtain further information, as outlined by the Committee, from the Department of Public Works on the specific snow and ice operations last winter.

The Committee voted to approve minutes of the meetings of July 26, 2006 and August 31, 2006.

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The Committee voted to ask that each member list the jobs that the AC should take on this fiscal year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Levine

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