

TMMA MEETING Minutes, 02-11-04

Attendance:

Hank Manz, chair
Wendy Manz, vice-chair
Charles Hornig, treasurer
Ingrid H.Klimoff, clerk

John Bartenstein, 1
Jon Cole, 1
Darwin Adams, 3
Ellen McDonald, 4
Gloria Bloom, 4
Olga Guttag, 5
Sam Silverman, 5
Andy Friedlich, 5, emeritus
Fred Johnson, 6
David L. Kaufman, 6
Alan Lazarus, 6
Marsha Baker, 7
Lorraine Fournier, 8
Janet Post, 9

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.
Minutes of Jan. meeting were read and were accepted.

Report on Liquor License Change:

Fred Johnson, of the Center Committee, came and talked about the March 2 ballot referendum, which will eliminate the minimum restaurant seating requirement. This has the support of the Board of Selectmen, the Lexington Center Committee, and the Chamber of Commerce.

See attachment, Jan.26, 2004. Re: Opening Alcoholic beverage Licensing to Small Restaurants. From: Fred Johnson.

Report from the Communications Working Group: John Bartenstein reported on the website, a basic design that works. Does anyone have photos of town meeting?? David Kaufman has been working on content. Wendy Manz reported on monthly Minuteman articles, to be printed about the website, and about town meeting. (Jan. 15 article was rather obscure.)

Soon website will be released in the following order: First to TMMA executive board members. Secondly to town managers. Thirdly, to all town meeting members. Finally, to the general public.

David Kaufman discussed the website. The current hosting site will not allow much growth. We will need to look at commercial providers. Charles Hornig said we had agreed to spend \$100-\$200/year in the past.

TMMA Information meetings:

March 17: 7pm precinct
 7:30pm auditorium, annual meeting
March 18 8pm
March 24 7:30pm

NOTE: Meetings to be held at different times.

Report from Disabilities Awareness Working Group

Lorraine Fournier, Hank Manz, Susan Cusack, M.Novak visited Clarke to look at ways to improve various conditions, to improve and facilitate easier access to places. David Davio showed them hearing devices in a closet. Boy Scouts will help. Bennet Earl will take this as an Eagle Project. (Boys will help at doorways, put up signs, help direct people, etc.)

Presentation on Article 25, Lexington Media Access Corp.

Dave Becker came from the Communication Advisory Committee to discuss article 25. The CAC wishes town meeting to vote for the formation of a cable co. owned by the town, with financing coming from the yearly monies from Comcast and RCN. This local cable production co. would be independently run. We would be able to watch Selectmen's meetings, on demand, when on vacation. Town currently received between \$200-\$300 thousand a year from RCN and Comcast. Until last year, the money has gone into the general fund, (co-mingling money). This is not legal. The CAC wants to use this money to form a municipal cable co. OLGA suggested sharing resources with LHS cable. Dave Becker said that NO thank you, they wanted 24 hour access to town studios, and did not think they could share equipment and space with LHS.

See Briefing Notes for TMMA from Dave Becker.

Presentation on Article x, the Patriot Act.

Toby Sackton (tsackton@comcast.net), Tempe Goodhue, and Stan Griffith, came to discuss the Patriot Act. Toby pointed out that from the 2000 census, out of a total population of 30,355, about 2300 Lexington residents are not US citizens, and that about 5000 residents are foreign born. If this article passes, town meeting may write the police department, to NOT enforce immigration matters. (Immigration issue, not local police).

See attachments for more information.

Some Facts Regarding Local voting on resolutions to repeal or modify the US Patriot Act.

Town of Lexington Warrant Article. (2 pages)

The USA PATRIOT ACT: A Civil Liberties Briefing.

BOISE PATRIOTS Police Opposition to Local Enforcement of Immigration Law

Last item, it was voted unanimously to send \$25 in memory of wife of Eph Weiss to charity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Ingrid H.Klimoff, clerk