

TMMA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 16, 2009

Marsha Baker, TMMA Chair, called the TMMA Executive Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She said the meeting would be an abbreviated meeting because of the TM Information Meeting scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in Cary Hall so each Presenter would be limited to 2-3 minutes. A quorum was present (e.g., at least 9 members, representing 5 separate Precincts). On this date, 16 TMMA Members were present.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Precinct #</u> |
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| Joel Adler, Vice Chair | 1 |
| Colin Hamilton, TMMA Treasurer | 1 |
| Rita Goldberg, Vice Chair | 2 |
| Joseph Pato, TMMA Vice Chair & Precinct Chair | 2 |
| J.J. Krawczyk, Clerk | 4 |
| Andy Friedlich, Clerk | 5 |
| Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti, TMMA Clerk | 5 |
| Edith Sandy, Chair | 6 |
| Alan Lazarus, Clerk | 6 |
| David Kaufman, TMMA Communications Officer | 6 |
| Fred Martin, Chair | 7 |
| Marsha Baker, TMMA Chair | 7 |
| Diane Biglow, Chair | 8 |
| Lisah Rhodes, Chair | 9 |
| Francine Stieglitz, Vice Chair | 9 |
| Vicki Blier, TMMA List Moderator | 9 |

Marsha asked the Committee Members to allow her to take one of the Meeting Agenda items out of order and the Committee Members agreed. Marsha then asked Andy Friedlich to give a brief presentation, no more than 2 -3 minutes, regarding the Voting Committee.

TMMA Voting Committee:

As Chair of this Committee, Andy Friedlich gave a general update regarding the Committee's activities. He also said that the Committee's first meeting would be held on September 24, 2009. After Andy's presentation, Marsha asked Andy if he could go to the Cary Hall lobby to welcome the Cubist and Lexington Technology Park representatives and to make sure that they had everything they needed for their presentations. Before Andy left the meeting, Marsha thanked Andy for his presentation.

TMMA Treasurer's Report:

Marsha asked TMMA Treasurer Colin Hamilton to present the Treasurer's Report. Colin briefly discussed the September 2009 Treasurer's Report handout. Upon Motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted. Marsha thanked Colin for his report.

TMMA Clerk's Report:

Marsha asked TMMA Clerk Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti to present the Minutes. Nancy briefly discussed the draft Minutes that were previously circulated and requested final approval. Upon Motion made and seconded, the Minutes were adopted. Marsha thanked Nancy for her presentation.

TMMA Community Outreach Committee:

Marsha asked Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti, Chair of this Committee, to give a brief update. Nancy discussed several Community Outreach ideas that she said she would present to the Committee at its first meeting, including scheduling outreach presentations to groups such as the 20/20 Committee and

other local clubs and/or organizations as well as creating a TM FAQ. Also, depending on the parties' availability, Nancy said that the Committee's first meeting will be scheduled either at the end of September or during the first full week in October and that she will notify Committee members of the date via e-mail. Marsha thanked Nancy for her presentation.

TMMA Green Committee:

Marsha asked Vicki to give a brief presentation regarding the Green Committee. Vicki said that although TM could probably never go totally "green", the Committee is discussing ways of posting materials on a website and implementing an "opt-out" option for those who are interested in not taking a paper copy. Vicki also said that the "opt-out" option is part of a bigger effort to review the TMMA website. Marsha added that she has had discussions with others regarding the possibility of paring down the number of Warrant copies and associated information to save paper too. Marsha thanked Vicki for her presentation.

TMMA Explainer:

Marsha asked Vicki to briefly discuss her handout entitled "Residential Property Tax and Property Assessment" Explainer. After Vicki's presentation, Marsha thanked Vicki and said Vicki did a superb job on the "Explainer" and that Rob Addelson also assisted Vicki in vetting the information in the "Explainer". Marsha also suggested that TMMA may want to think about doing more topic oriented "Explainers" in the future.

TMMA Gifts/Donations Committee/Task Force:

After a brief discussion, Marsha formed a TMMA Gifts/Donations Committee/Task Force ("Committee") to review how TMMA dues are currently used (e.g., for regular business expenses, for gifts, for donations, etc.) and appointed Colin Hamilton and Diane Biglow to this Committee. Marsha also agreed to send something out in writing to explain the purpose of the Committee and why it was formed.

Special Town Meeting:

Marsha briefly discussed the Fall Special Town Meeting that is expected to be scheduled in early November. She said no official date has been set yet because the Selectmen won't actually vote on the matter until early next week. Marsha also said some of the Articles that are expected to be part of the Special Town Meeting Warrant include Cubist and adoption of a local Meals Tax option.

October TMMA Executive Committee Meeting:

Marsha stated that since she will be on vacation for 3 weeks, Joe Pato, TMMA Vice Chair will chair the October Meeting. She said Joe will gather and distribute all information for the October TMMA meeting including any information that is available regarding the Fall Special Town Meeting. Marsha asked for volunteers to assist with the Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles and Vicki, Edie and Rita volunteered. Marsha also indicated that Nancy A. would help.

Adjournment:

Upon Motion made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.