

TMMA Executive Committee Minutes: October 5, 2005

Attendance:

TMMA Officers:

Gloria Bloom – (Chair Pct 4)
David Horton – (Vice Chair Pct 8)
Andy Friedlich – (Treasurer Pct 5)
David Kaufman – (Communication Officer Pct 6)
Darwin Adams – (Clerk Pct 3)

Precinct Officers:

Pct 7: Marsha Baker, Pam Hoffman (Appropriation Committee)
Pct 6: Alan Lazarus,
Pct 5: Eph Weiss
Pct 4: Steve Turner
Pct 3: Reid Zurlo (Pct Chair), Arthur Katz
Pct 2: Alessandro Alessandrini
Pct 1: Joel Adler, Jon Cole

Agenda:

Gloria called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in room G-15 of the TOB.

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the September 14th meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously with the correction that the title of this group is TMMA Executive Committee (not Council).

Treasurer's Report:

Andy Friedlich reported that the TMMA bank balance is \$4260.18 with one un-cleared check for \$29.97. So the available funds are \$4230.21. Gloria and Andy indicated that the League of Women Voters had not yet determined the costs for publishing a new edition of the booklet entitled "Town Meeting in Lexington" and that we had previously committed to share the costs of this publication. Andy also noted that we owe David Kaufman another \$29 for website costs. The report was approved by a unanimous vote.

Informational Meeting for the Upcoming Special Town Meeting:

Gloria Bloom told the group that the Warrant for the STM would be closed sometime tomorrow. There would be approximately 7 Articles on the warrant.

1. Reports of the Boards and Committees
2. An easement request at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Clark Street.
3. A lease from Nstar for a parking lot on Edison Way.
4. A rezoning request for the Battle Green Inn.
5. Unpaid bills for the School budget for fiscal year 2005
6. A predicted deficit for the School budget for fiscal year 2006
7. A capital expenditure request for design work for emergency repairs to some roofing on Town School buildings.

Gloria suggested that we hold an informational meeting, as is our tradition, for TMMA members regarding these 7 articles. Prior to this meeting, we might write up the issues underlying the Warrant and publish them to the TMMA list server.

Considerable discussion ensued about when and where the informational meeting might be held and when we should complete our write-ups of the Warrant articles. Estabrook Hall was chosen as the best location, and Gloria said she would try to reserve time for the meeting. October 27th was chosen as the best date for the meeting, and all agreed that 7:30pm would be a good time to begin the meeting.

Pam Hoffman suggested that we might need considerable time for presentation of the budget issues. David Kaufman expanded on this and felt that the tricky issue would not be whether we need to allocate funds, but how and where adequate funds could be found. David and Arthur Katz both emphasized that the informational meeting should be restricted to presentations and questions and that debate should be reserved for the Town Meeting itself.

Marsha Baker suggested that some TMMA members do not have email on the list server and that we should make a list of these people and assure that they get proper notice of the informational meeting as well as a copy of the informational booklet. David Kaufman noted that there were approximately 30 people in TMMA who are not on the email list.

The following people volunteered to write a summary and a list of questions for the informational booklet.

1. No one is needed for item #1.
2. Gloria Bloom volunteered to cover items #2 and #3.
3. Marsha Baker volunteered to cover item #4
4. Pam Hoffman volunteered for item #5
5. Reid Zurlo volunteered for item #6
6. Pam Hoffman volunteered for item #7

Darwin Adams volunteered to create a single report from the contributions of each volunteer and circulate the document to the group for editing and comments via email. We decided to ask for individual contributions to be completed by October 20th and for the combined report to be circulated to the TMMA list server by October 24th. Darwin's email address was given as

darwin@adams-eisenberg.com

Gloria Bloom suggested that we might want to have cable TV coverage of the informational meeting. Alan Lazarus and David Kaufman warned that there was insufficient cable equipment and that it might be difficult to have TV coverage. Gloria will investigate further.

Gloria also brought up the issue of what time of day we should schedule Town Meeting next Spring. David Kaufman had volunteered to send out a survey at our last Executive Committee meeting, but he said he had not yet sent the survey because he was awaiting input from Gloria. They agreed to discuss at a later date.

Andy Friedlich announced that he planned to attend a Planning Board meeting for the Town of Burlington regarding a proposal to develop the land at Perkins Sand & Gravel. This parcel abuts the Town of Lexington and he felt that our Boards and Committees might wish to comment about how

this development might affect Lexington. Andy asked for a vote by the Executive Committee to support a statement that we would like the Burlington Planning Board to please avoid making a final decision on the development until Lexington has had a chance to comment.

Andy proposed the following statement:

“The Lexington TMMA Executive Committee voted last night to respectfully request that the Burlington Planning Board postpone votes on the Perkins site to give adequate time for Lexington Boards and Committees to respond on behalf of Lexington residents.”

David Horton cautioned that we be careful in how we approached the Burlington Planning Board and avoid making something that might appear to be a demand. Eph Weiss and Andy Friedlich indicated that they wanted to make a reasonably strong statement and that communications between Burlington and Lexington had not been adequate. Quite a bit of discussion ensued.

Eph Weiss moved that we approve the statement as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.
Submitted by Darwin Adams, Clerk