

**TMMA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2009**

Joseph Pato, TMMA Vice Chair, called the TMMA Executive Committee Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. 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>
Nancy Alder, Chair	1
Joel Adler, Vice Chair	1
Colin Hamilton, TMMA Treasurer	1
Joseph Pato, TMMA Vice Chair & Precinct Chair	2
Barry Orenstein, Clerk	2
Loren Wood, Chair	3
Jerold Michelson, Chair	5
Andy Friedlich, Clerk	5
Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti, TMMA Clerk	5
Edith Sandy, Chair	6
Alan Lazarus, Clerk	6
Fred Martin, Chair	7
Diane Biglow, Chair	8
Margaret Enders, Clerk	8
Lisah Rhodes, Chair	9
Vicki Blier, TMMA List Moderator	9

Also present were Norman Cohen, Selectman, Dawn McKenna, Howard Levin and Susan Yanofsky, the Town's Economic Development Officer.

TMMA Clerk's Report:

Joe asked TMMA Clerk Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti to present the Minutes. Nancy briefly discussed the draft Minutes that were previously circulated. Andy Friedlich moved for approval. Upon Motion made and seconded, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Other Meeting Agenda Items:

Joe then asked the Lexington Center Committee to begin their presentation regarding the Center Committee's proposed 2009 Bylaw Changes.

Lexington Center Committee:

As Chair of the Lexington Center Committee ("Center Committee"), Jerry Michelson began the presentation by giving a general background of the Committee. He said the purpose of the Center Committee was to increase pedestrian activity and improve the Center business climate. With this purpose in mind, Jerry said the Center Committee reviewed some of the current Center Business ("CB") zoning Bylaws and proposed some recommendations for change.

Jerry said the Center Committee's proposed zoning Bylaw changes fall into several categories. Part 1: Restaurant Operations, proposes Bylaw language changes that will allow restaurant use by right in the Center and expands restaurant service types to include fast-casual restaurants, restaurants with catering and takeout components, and specialty gourmet food shops with on-site preparation. Part 2: Other Commercial Uses, proposes Bylaw language changes that will allow businesses such as advertising offices, dry cleaner/laundry, post box services, lawn and garden supplies, and indoor athletic use in the Center. Part 2 also includes a new category and definition for artisan work and adds a parking factor for new indoor athletic use. Part 3: Modifying Limitation on Office Uses, proposes Bylaw language changes

regarding the office use prohibition from “Office located on a street level floor” to “Office located in a Store Front” and also adds a new definition of Store Front. Finally, Part 4: Other Proposed Bylaw Changes, proposes new language that exempts businesses located in the CB district from the Traffic Study requirement.

Assisting Jerry with the Center Committee’s presentation were Howard Levin and Susan Yanofsky, the Town’s Economic Development Officer.

A general discussion ensued regarding each Part of the Center Committee’s Report and the Town’s zoning Bylaws. After the presentation, some attendees made suggestions regarding ways to improve the current presentation format. Jerry also talked about several new businesses located in the Center, including a bake shop and a Deli and Lexington Center’s “Lexx is more” campaign. The Town’s Halloween Day date was also discussed.

Before ending his presentation, Jerry added that the Center Committee’s zoning review was a collaborative effort among many parties. He also said that the Center Committee was satisfied with its proposed Bylaw zoning change recommendations because the proposed changes update or clarify some current zoning language which will allow more business variety in the Center. Finally, Jerry said that he would send out an Information Meeting Notice to the entire TMMA list before the Center Committee’s scheduled October 20, 2009 presentation.

TMMA Voting Committee:

As Chair of the TMMA Recorded Voting Committee (Voting Committee), Andy Friedlich gave a general update regarding the Voting Committee’s activities. After Andy’s presentation, a general discussion ensued regarding whether votes should be recorded at the Fall Special Town Meeting (“Special Town Meeting”) and which specific Special Town Meeting Article votes should be recorded. Andy also handed out a proposed TMMA Vote Recording Form for the Special Town Meeting.

The Meeting attendees discussed the logistics of how the vote recordation mechanism would work, how standing votes would be recorded and how TM votes would be posted. It was agreed that standing votes on Articles could probably be recorded but that standing votes when a question is called would not be recorded.

Although several proposed Motions were discussed, two (2) Motions were moved.

1. Edie Sandy, a member of the Voting Committee, moved:

“That we institute on a trial basis a system of recording votes voluntarily at Special Town Meeting.”

The above Motion was seconded and approved with 10 in favor and 4 opposed.

2. Loren Wood then moved:

“That TM Members’ votes be recorded on Articles 2 – 7 at Fall Town Meeting excluding procedural votes but not divided or amended questions.”

The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

After approval of the above Motions, a general discussion ensued regarding the proposed text and content of the Vote Recording Form particularly with respect to questions that are divided or amended. At the end of the discussion, Loren Wood moved:

“That the voting form be referred back to the Voting Committee to complete the form design consistent with the above discussion.”

The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Following the Motion's adoption, some attendees briefly discussed the future of TM voting once the Special Town Meeting vote recording trial is over.

TMMA Green Committee:

Joe Pato, a member of the Green Committee, gave the TMMA Green Committee ("Green Committee") presentation. He discussed the paperless "opt-out" invitation option for those who are interested in not taking a paper copy of the TMMA Warrant Information Book during the scheduled Special Town Meeting. Joe also said that if a TM Member elects to "opt-out" and not take a paper copy, he/she will need to accept the invitation to join the Yahoo Group "lex-tmma-paperreduction". He also said that this Yahoo Group will not have normal message traffic and will be limited to Moderator-only posts.

In addition, Joe said that if a TM Member accepts the invitation to join the above group, a notice will be sent out 2 days before the printing of a document. He added that this notice will also let TM Members know how to request a hard copy of the information if they subsequently change their minds about accepting the paperless "opt-out" option.

Joe concluded his presentation by saying that the goal of the Green Committee is to reduce paper generation where possible - for example by encouraging succinct reports. For now, however, the focus is on reducing the number of pages printed. If the paperless "opt-out" option works well, it will be offered to other Town Committees that produce large reports (e.g., the Appropriations Committee, etc.)

A general discussion regarding the "opt-out" option ensued. At the end of the discussion, Joe moved the following Motion:

"That we enact the "opt-out" provision for the TMMA Information Booklet and this Special Town Meeting".

After discussion, the Motion was seconded and approved with one abstention.

TMMA Warrant Information Book for the Special Town Meeting:

Joe briefly discussed the TMMA Warrant Information Book and Article summaries. He also provided the following assignment information:

<u>Article Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
Article 2	David Horton
Article 3	Edie Sandy
Article 4	Vicki Blier
Article 5	Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti
Article 6 & 7	Rita Goldberg
Article 8	Michelle Goddard
Article 9	Lisah Rhodes
Articles 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14	Andy J. Friedlich

A general discussion ensued regarding the Special Town Meeting Articles. At the end of the discussion, Joe said that the draft TMMA Warrant Information Book Article summaries should be sent to him by October 28, 2009. He also said that the "review" session of these summaries will be held either Friday, October 30, 2009 or Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Adjournment:

Upon Motion made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.