

TMMA Executive Committee Minutes: November 14, 2007

Attendance:

TMMA Officers:

Edith Sandy – (Chair Pct 6)

Jim Osten – (Clerk Pct 8)

Allesandro Alesandrini – (Treasurer Pct 2)

David Kaufman – (Communications Pct 6)

Precinct Officers and Members:

Pct 1: Jonathan Cole

Pct 2:

Pct 3:

Pct 4: Margaret Heitz, John Rosenberg

Pct 5: Ephraim Weiss

Pct 6: Frank Sandy

Pct 7:

Pct 8:

Pct 9:

Citizens: Jane Pagett, Pct. 6, Vicki Blier, Pct. 9, Narain Bhatia Pct. 9

Agenda:

Edith called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the September 19, 2007 Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Edith noted that \$30 had been spent on the mini warrant information report for the special town meeting.

The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Other Business:

Margaret Heitz gave an update on the status of the One Lexington Dialogue initiative. The steering committee has met 4 times over the past 6 months to further the process of dialogue in Lexington. After significant efforts to recruit participants for two groups, a dialogue was initiated in October.

- Recruits were contacted by the outreach committee (part of the steering committee) and sent letters of explanation and then contacted by phone.
- Finding an appropriate day and time for dialogue sessions convenient for all participants was a stumbling block.
- While a mix of viewpoints was obtained for the sessions, it is difficult to label people as individuals have taken a mix of positions across conservative/liberal, left/right and yes/no override issues.
- Two groups of 6 people, each led by two facilitators, have met four Tuesdays or Thursdays in October.
- Attendance for the two groups was outstanding with perfect attendance other than one

person who missed one session.

- A wrap up session was held jointly by the two groups and a full report is being prepared by the facilitators. Note that the sessions were confidential so that no release of information can be made without the consent of the participants.
- Several participants commented on the process and offered suggestions.

The TMMA was asked to consider the following questions.

- Were the results successful, a failure or innocuous?
- How and whether to proceed?
- How to raise sufficient funds to support the process if we decide to proceed?
- Whether to provide training for facilitators as a dozen would be required?
- How to inform the Town meeting members of the dialogue? It was determined that the facilitators' report would be posted on the TMMA website when it becomes available.

Discussion proceeded upon into methods of financing and alternative ways to have informal meetings.

Ephraim Weiss suggested asking for a voluntary contribution in addition to TMMA dues.

Edith suggested that the TMMA sponsor an election night party at Cary Hall to bring people together. Prior to the internet provision of voting results, the town clerk had election results posted in Cary Hall thus attracting a large gathering of people to view or hear the results. Also, the proposed Pct 8 meeting at the Depot Square was noted as a means of bringing people together.

Margaret noted that we could connect with vision 20/20.

Adjourn:

Edith adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM