

**TMMA Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes October 8, 2014**

Meeting called to order: 7:40pm. Twelve members present representing a quorum.

NAME	PRECINCT #
Frank Smith*	3
Mary Burnell*	4
Molly Nye*	4
Andy Friedlich*	5
Dinesh Patel*	6
David Kaufman*	6
Edith Sandy	6
Frank Sandy*	6
Jim Osten*	8
Bob Avallone*	8
Jeanne Canale*	9
Narain Bhatia *	9
Vicki Blier*	9

Note: * denotes members of Executive Committee

Three members of Burlington's Town meeting also attended the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

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Balance as of September 10, 2014	\$2,522.53	
Expenses	\$52.38	Web Hosting
Deposits	0	
Balance	\$2,470.15	

Clerk's Report:

Minutes for September 10, 2014, reviewed and approved. Jeanne Canale will investigate why some members did not receive copies of the draft minutes.

Opening remarks:

Andy Friedlich read comments submitted by Joe Pato, Chair Board of Selectmen:

"We currently don't have a special town meeting scheduled. There might be a need for one in the spring that would occur at the beginning of the annual town meeting. Situations may change, but I'm pretty sure we won't have a special meeting for the remainder of calendar year 2014.

Beyond this, I would expect that issues arising from school enrollment increases – and possible funding requests for design studies as well as temporary measures to alleviate space issues in the schools will be on the agenda for the annual meeting.

As you may have noticed, Cubist made a presentation to the BOS last night indicating that they would like to expand at their current location and will be looking for a modification to the terms on their site. They will be preparing their plans and bringing them to the Planning Board. Should we have a special town meeting before the annual meeting, they indicated that they would be ready to proceed with their request at that time.

As stated during goal setting at the BOS, we hope to bring a request for new public safety facilities – we are looking at the possibility of a new Fire Station, Police Station or a combined public safety facility. There is nothing to report on this front for the moment, but we are working to see if we can have a request ready for ATM."

School Committee liaison Report

No report

Old Business:

Web Issues and Access

Vicki reported on the Yahoo to Google Groups move for the TMMA list. She noted the positive feedback she has received thus far regarding Google Groups reliability and ease of use when compared to Yahoo Groups. In addition to being free, Google Groups does not require future moderators to have particular knowledge about servers, or software or to learn a proprietary program. After further discussion and comments the committee voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the TMMA list from Yahoo to Google Groups

Mock Town Meeting:

Two separate sessions of mock town meeting are expected to occur next year one at Diamond Middle School and one at Clark Middle School.

New Business:

Burlington Town Meeting Representatives, Steve Stamm, Lois Smith Martin and Larry Way attended the meeting and had questions for the Lexington meeting:

- (1) When did the LTMMA start?
- (2) How soon after the LTMMA's formation did formal bylaws and procedures come into effect?
- (3) Does the LTMMA ever challenge Warrant Articles and department budgets at TM?
- (4) How does the LTMMA regard the Open Meeting Law and its applicability to TMMs?
- (5) What suggestions might there be for our fledgling TMMA in Burlington?
- (6) How much interest is there in the LTMMA by the body of TMMs? (e.g., attendance at meetings?).

They also asked if the LTMMA:

- Is in the business of drafting/proposing Warrant articles.
- Takes stances on pending articles.
- Interviews town Department Heads
- Perform investigations as needed

The questions elicited a lengthy discussion of the history and purpose of a Town Meeting Members Association.

Meeting adjourned @ 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Canale, Precinct 9