

# JOE PATO

## LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD

### ACTION SUMMARY

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES - Jan 13, 2020

Notes by Joe Pato, not official minutes.

Full meeting packet materials are available here:

<https://lexington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=517&MinutesMeetingID=74&doctype=Agenda>

Meeting video available from Lexmedia here:

<https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/c0gKv9ZUF0uiidDaffFESDZA5EkkJp7L/playlists/7975/media/536645?autostart=false>

Next meeting scheduled for Jan 27, 2020.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Exemption 6: Purchase, Sale, Lease of Real Estate - Lease for Munroe Center for the Arts  
No notes for executive sessions

## ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

### 1. Review Amendments to Guidelines for LexHAB Use of CPA Funding

The Board reviewed proposed guidelines for the use of CPA funds by LexHAB. The Community Preservation Committee has approved these changes and the LexHAB Board will meet to confirm and vote their support.

*ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve guidelines contingent on acceptance by LexHAB.*

### 2. LexHAB Request for Community Preservation Committee Funds and Financial Reserves

LexHAB reported that their finances are in good condition and have withdrawn their request for additional CPA funds for the Farmview project.

The Board complimented LexHAB on all the good work it has done and encouraged them to return for a discussion should adjustments be needed to support their financial well-being.

*ACTION: Moot – request withdrawn*

### **3. Vote to Transfer Wright Farm Property to LexHAB**

The Wright Farm Property was purchased with CPA funds and a portion set aside for use for affordable housing. This item allows the Board of Selectmen to transfer the custody and control of the Wright Farm property to LexHAB with the necessary deed restrictions.

*ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve the transfer of the Wright Farm property to the Town of Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc., as described in the provided deed.*

### **4. Discuss Proposed New Police Station**

This was a continuation of the December 16, 2019 Board discussion regarding the new Police Station design. Some of the questions/comments that were raised were:

- What is the additional cost of maintaining the two façades of the existing building? Would we be able to build a more attractive building that blended better with the Cary Memorial Building and Town Offices if we were to completely demolish the existing police station and start from scratch? What was the genesis of maintaining the two façades?
- Are solar canopies in the parking lot completely out of the question or would HDC consider these?
- Can we get an estimate from the architect to compare an updated cost for 173 Bedford Street to the current cost estimate vs. building at the current location but demolishing the two facades and building an entirely new building?
- Can we get an updated financial model on the debt costs?
- What is the current timeline?

*ACTION: The Board affirmed its desire to complete the due-diligence investigation of the cost differential between a new police station at the current location and construction at 173 Bedford Street. Further, staff will consult with the HDC to see if a more compact station designed from scratch without preserving any of the existing façade would be acceptable to the commission.*

### **5. Review and Approve 2020 Fee Schedule for Recreation/Community Programs**

Ms. Battite presented the proposed Recreation fees for calendar year 2020. This fee schedule has been approved by the Recreation Committee.

*ACTION: Vote 5-0 to adopt the 2020 Recreation fee schedule as proposed.*

## **6. FY2021 Preliminary Budget & Financial Planning**

Board members provided preliminary feedback on the FY2021 budget. The proposal will be reviewed with the School Committee, Appropriation Committee, and Capital Expenditures Committee at the next budget summit to be held Thursday, January 16.

*ACTION: Board members to submit edits and comments to the Town Manager by Friday, January 17.*

## **7. Recap of Budget Summit IIA**

The Board discussed areas of concern raised at the December 19, 2019 Budget Summit IIA.

## **8. 2020 Annual Town Meeting**

### **Presentations - Update on the following Citizen Petition Warrant Articles:**

#### **Citizen Article - Declare Climate Emergency**

Grace Yang and Kaveesh Pathak presented the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant citizen article - Declare Climate Emergency - Resolution. The proponents described the need for continued and more extensive action to combat climate change. They provided a draft resolution that was modeled on climate emergency resolutions passed by other communities.

#### **Citizen Article - Reduce Legal Expenses**

Richard Neumeier presented his 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant citizen article - Reduce Legal Expenses. He suggests that the Town may be better served by in-house counsel. Information related to the five-year total spending on legal from our Finance Department and last 12 month detailed legal expenses from the Town Manager was provided for the Board to consider.

#### **Citizen Article - Amend General Bylaws-Noise Control**

Varda Haimo will present her 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant citizen article - Amend General Bylaws: Noise Control. This article seeks to require a noise mitigation plan and the inclusion of sound barriers for projects that use heavy equipment to break up rock over a protracted period of time. This article complements the article brought forward by the Noise Committee which addresses times of day/week when heavy equipment can be used.

The Board provided feedback to article proponents and encouraged broad and active public outreach to build consensus prior to Town Meeting.

### **Board Discussion - Review Potential Articles and Draft Warrant**

Board continued general discussion on potential Town Meeting Articles and the draft Warrant.

*ACTION: Board to submit edits by Friday Jan 17.*

### **9. Discuss Semi-centennial Commission (Lex250) Charge**

A revised Semi-centennial Commission (Lex250) charge was discussed and several changes were made.

*ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve the Semi-centennial Commission (Lex250) charge as amended.*

### **10. Selectmen Committee Appointment**

The Board is being asked to appoint Mark Connor as a member of the Tree Committee.

*ACTION: Vote 5-0 to appoint Mark Connor to the Tree Committee with a term expiration date of September 30, 2022.*

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

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