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LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD

ACTION SUMMARY

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES - Jan 27, 2020

Notes by Joe Pato, not official minutes.

Full meeting packet materials are available here:

<https://lexington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=564&MinutesMeetingID=98&doctype=Agenda>

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Next meeting scheduled for Jan 27, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Exemption 6: Review Memorandum of Understanding for 1050 Waltham Street Preliminary Site Development and Use Plan (PSDUP)

No notes for executive sessions

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. FY2021 Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan

The agenda packet includes a memo explaining certain aspects of the budget and financial plan and a written response to the questions, comments, concerns raised by members of the Board. Based on those responses there were no objections raised to the proposed operating budget (as modified in the “crosswalk” also included in the packet).

ACTION: Board members to submit by Jan 31 a list of proposed Capital items for review at Feb 10 meeting.

2. Vote to Transfer 241 Grove Street, Parcel 2-B (Wright Farm) to Conservation Commission

The Board completed the division of the Wright Farm property by transferring land to the Conservation Commission. The Record Vote and Approval Not Required (ANR) plan are included in the packet.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve the transfer of parcel 2-B shown on the attached ANR plan by Meridian Associates, dated 2/2/18 to the Conservation Commission.

3. Approve Patriots' Day 2020 Events

The Lexington Minute Men request the following uses of the Battle Green for Patriots' Day Weekend:

- Sunday, April 5, 2020 – Battle Green – Reenactment rehearsal – 9:00am to 4:00pm (Rain Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020, 11:00am to 4:00pm)
- Saturday, April 18, 2020 – Battle Green – Parker's Revenge Reenactment – 9:00am to 10:30am
- Sunday, April 19, 2020 - Battle Green - Reenactment of Hancock Clarke/Paul Revere Ride, 10:00pm - 1:00am
- Monday, April 20, 2020 – Battle Green – Reenactment – 1:00am to 1:00pm (Rain Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020)

The Town Celebrations Committee requests for the Patriots' Day morning parade, ceremonies on the Battle Green and afternoon parade on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Historical Society/Lexington Minute Men request for the reenactment of the arrival of Paul Revere and William Dawes on night of Sunday, April 19, 2020.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve the requests with the modification of the start time of Sunday April 5 events to be noon.

4. Review Requests from The Lexington Lions Club

The Lexington Lions Club requests permission to hold the 106th Annual Patriots' Day 5-Mile Road Race on Monday, April 20, 2020 with an awards ceremony on the Battle Green, at the conclusion of the Road Race, from approximately 11:15am to 11:30am.

The Lexington Lions Club requests permission to hold the 64th Annual Fourth of July Carnival at Hastings Park, as follows: setup on Monday, June 29, 2020 and Tuesday, June 30, 2020, Carnival from Wednesday, July 1, 2020 to Sunday, July 5, 2020, and concluding with tear down and clean-up on Monday, July 6, 2020, which is to be completed by 2:00pm.

ACTION: Vote 4-0 to approve the requests. [Chair Doug Lucente is recused from this item as he is a member of the Lions Club]

5. Discuss Event Scheduling for Patriots' Day 2025

Board discussion of 2025 Patriots Day weekend events regarding scheduling in order to communicate/coordinate with the surrounding Towns the scheduling of respective events for the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. The Board noted that there is a confluence of religious holidays (Easter, Passover) and the Patriots' Day celebration during the anniversary.

ACTION: none at this time

6. Review Action Items Related to Select Board Name Change

Staff is working on making the necessary updates to reflect the Select Board name change. The list in the meeting packet (link above) gives an indication of the many projects taking place but is not an exhaustive list.

ACTION: none at this time

7. 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Update - Amend General Bylaws - Running Bamboo Control

Mike Reamer presented the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant citizen article - Running Bamboo Control. Mr. Reamer made it clear that:

- Uncontained Running Bamboo is a significant threat to property
- It is present and spreading in Lexington
- Other states and communities like Cambridge have implemented effective controls
- The proposed bylaw is modeled on the Cambridge city ordinance.

ACTION: none at this time

8. Discuss the Addition of the Town of Carlisle to the Veterans' District

When the Towns of Lexington and Bedford renewed the inter-municipal agreement on the Veterans' District we had negotiated an agreement that would align costs with demand for services and that Bedford would begin paying more of the overall cost and correspondingly, the Veterans Director would be spending more time in Bedford based on demand.

Carlisle has a small number of Veterans and would like to join the District. Bedford is interested and it makes sense since we will still be able to provide the same level of services at a lower cost to Lexington.

ACTION: consensus to proceed to an agreement between the three communities

9. Human Services Committee Charge Revisions

The Human Services Committee recommended changes to their committee charge to reduce the number of members; reduce the frequency of meetings to be every other month; and more closely align their mission with support of the Human Services department.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to adopt the revised charge as amended during the meeting

10. Legal Services Request for Proposal

The Board reviewed revisions to the RFP for Town Counsel Services. A few non-substantive edits had not been included in the packet draft but will be circulated to the Board before the RFP is issued. The schedule is to advertise the RFP this week; for proposals to be received by 2/28 and for preliminary interviews the first two weeks of March and finalist interviews with the Select Board in the last two weeks of March with a goal of having a vote appointing Town Counsel on 3/30.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve RFP for Town Counsel services with additional non-substantive edits.

11. Access to Town Counsel Policy

Lexington has a practice that the Town Manager serves as a gatekeeper for how departments, board, committees, etc. have access to Town Counsel services. The draft policy included in the packet incorporates current practices and establishes a guideline for Town Counsel to comply with our practices and establishes a policy if Town Counsel provides services outside of this policy.

ACTION: consensus that the Policy Committee should review a revised draft reflecting comments expressed during the meeting

12. Vote 2020 Annual Town Warrant

Review and Approve 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Of note:

- The Hosmer House Relocation article was removed as Town Counsel has opined that it is personal property, which requires Select Board vote and not real property which would have required Town Meeting vote.
- The final version reflects the removal of the Tobacco Inspections revolving fund.
- DPW Fee Modification article was removed as more analysis is required at this time.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant [version 1 - with Lab animal permit revolving fund] and authorize staff to make non substantive edits as necessary or recommended by Town Counsel or Bond Counsel.

13. Early Voting - 2020 Presidential Primary/Town Election Planning

The Town Clerk proposed the designation of the Cary Memorial Building as Lexington's early voting location for the Presidential Primary and the Town Election for the following dates:

- Monday, February 24, 2020 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 25, 2020 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26, 2020 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 27, 2020 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 28, 2020 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve early voting location and dates as proposed.

14. Discuss Potential Building Plaque Policy

The Town's practice has been to include all officials involved in a building project on the plaque for the building. This includes all officials from the initial Town Meeting construction authorization through the certificate of occupancy. The proposed list of officials for the Lexington Children's Place plaque are in the packet.

ACTION: no action at this time (verify)

15. Discuss Proposed Name Change for the New Visitors Center

The Tourism Committee voted to recommend to change the name to be Information Center at their meeting on January 9, 2020 by a vote of 8-1.

The Lexington Center Committee voted at its January 23, 2020 meeting 6 - 0 to recommend that the Select Board rename the Visitors Center as the Lexington Information Center. They cited the rationale for this change is to be consistent with international practice and to signal that it serves as a resource for Lexington residents as well as visitors.

The Board discussed this proposal and expressed support for the inclusion of the international information center symbol in signage but were not ready to rename the visitor center.

ACTION: no action at this time.

16. Draft Letter of Support to MAPC Regarding Technical Assistance Grant for the Battle Road Scenic Byway

The Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee (comprised of representatives from Arlington, Lexington, Concord, Lincoln, and Minute Man National Historical Park) is applying to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for a Technical Assistance grant to update the corridor management plan (done in 2011) and to be eligible to apply for federal funds and designation. The Town of Arlington is taking lead and has drafted the application to MAPC, which is due on January 31, 2020. Each member Town (and the park) is being asked to support the application for the MAPC Technical Assistance grant.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to sign and send the requested letter.

17. Select Board Committee Resignations

- The Board is being asked to accept the resignation of Anne Senning from the Tree Committee effective immediately.
- The Board is being asked to accept the resignation of Holly Sweet from the Noise Advisory Committee effective February 1, 2020.

On behalf of the Town of Lexington, the Select Board would like to extend their many thanks to Ms. Senning and Dr. Sweet for their time and service to the community.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to accept the resignations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve and Sign Eagle Scout Commendation Letters

Move to approve and sign letters of commendation congratulating scouts for attaining the highest rank of Eagle in Boy Scouting:

- Jackson Robert Davy of Troop 119
- Foster Joseph Jackson. of Troop 160

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

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