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LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD

ACTION SUMMARY

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES – Mar 9, 2020

Notes by Joe Pato, not official minutes.

Full meeting packet materials are available here:

<https://lexington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=569>

Meeting video available from LexMedia here: (posted when available)

Next meeting scheduled for Mar 16, 2020.

Information on COVID19 in Lexington is available from the Office of Public Health at:

<https://lexingtonma.gov/COVID19>

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Exemption 6: Purchase, Sale, Lease of Real Estate - Historical Society Parking Parcel - Edison Way**
- 2. Exemption 3: Collective Bargaining Update - Public Employee Committee (PEC) Contract Renewal**

No notes for Executive Sessions.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 1. Accept Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) Report**

Review and deliberation on this plan were postponed to our next meeting as the Town Engineer and the DPW Director were unable to attend.

Adoption of the plan by the Select Board is an eligibility requirement for certain grant programs. As the

Full plan:

<https://lexington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7250&ItemID=4936>

ACTION: None at this time.

2. Update from Communications Advisory Committee Regarding Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) Access Provider Procurement

Ken Pogran, Chair Communication Advisory Committee, presented information to the Board regarding the Public, Educational, Government (PEG) channel access, including the current provider status (LexMedia). Based on a recommendation from the Purchasing Director the working group recommends a Grant Agreement approach (vs. full competitive RFP) for contract renewal with LexMedia. This approach was endorsed by the Town Manager and Town Counsel and consensus support from the Board.

ACTION: No action required.

3. Update on Police Station Location

There have been ongoing discussions related to the location of the proposed new Police Station and a number of presentations in the recent past. One item the Board has asked for is a confirmation from the Historic District Commission that they would consider a design that includes demolition of the entire existing police station and construction of an entirely new building. The HDC voted unanimously on 3/5/20 to consider demolition consistent with their guidelines and will be forwarding a letter for the Select Board.

Based on the anticipated reduction in costs due to a complete replacement of the existing police station and confirmation from the HDC that they would accept a demolition as part of a new design that preserved the character of the campus, the Board chose to proceed with design work at the current location rather than at 173 Bedford St.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve the new police station at the existing location at 1575 Massachusetts Avenue.

4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for 1050 Waltham Street

The Town Manager has been negotiating the agreement between the Town and BH GRP 1050 Waltham Owner LLC. Previous feedback from the Select Board was incorporated as well as some comments received from resident groups. The Board reviewed the terms of the final agreement, which provides for the following:

- Bicycle parking + locker room/shower facilities for employees
- \$2,000 per parking space (over existing) for the parking garage estimated payment of \$360,000 up to \$416,000 parking spaces and then \$4,000 per parking space up to a maximum of 475 which would generate another \$236,000.
- \$5,000 per year to LexPress

- Shuttle service for employees that will be available for at least a six-month trial period when there are vacant seats to residents (at a charge) - this was requested at the last Select Board meeting by residents.
- A range of transportation mitigation under item (4) TDM Obligations.
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- Traffic mitigation potential of an additional \$50,000 if studies indicate additional
- transportation improvements are necessary or if the Town prefers to use the funds for transit programs.
- Trails connecting to Brookhaven
- \$5,000 per year for trail maintenance and management
- \$5,000 per year for each laboratory tenant
- 10+10 EV Charger Stations
- Solar PV canopy on the garage roof, if operationally and financially feasible

These items are in addition to the increased property taxes the Town will receive.

The Planning Board approved (unanimous) the project at their 3/4 meeting.

The Board made some non-substantive edits to the MOU.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Lexington and BH GRP 1050 Waltham Owner LLC as amended.

5. Discuss WWII Memorial Plaque for Cary Memorial Building

At the Board's December 16, 2019 meeting, Mr. George Gamota presented the Citizen World War II Commemoration Group's plans for events to be held in 2020 commemorating the 75th anniversary of the ending of WWII.

The Board reviewed the Citizen World War II Commemoration Group's request that a memorial plaque be allowed to be installed in Cary Memorial Building (next to the existing World War I memorial plaque) to recognize the 62 Lexingtonians who died in Service in World War II. The Town's Monuments and Memorial Committee submitted a memo recommending proceeding with the commemoration plaque and temporary plaque.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve proceeding with a plaque as recommended by the Monument and Memorial Committee.

6. Discovery Day Street Fair 2020 Request

The Lexington Retailers Association has requested permission from the Board for the 41st annual Discovery Day Street Fair to be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the following areas:

- Massachusetts Avenue, from Waltham Street to Meriam Street (both sides); and
- Depot Square; and
- Muzzey Street, from Massachusetts Avenue to the first private driveway; and

- Massachusetts Avenue, northside sidewalk, from Edison Way to Waltham Street; and
- Visitors Center lawn.

They also request permission from the Board for the following:

- Parking a flatbed truck in Lexington Center on Massachusetts Avenue in two metered parking spaces in front of Depot Square starting on Friday, May 15, 2020 and ending at the conclusion of Discovery Day. A banner publicizing Discovery Day would be hung on the truck.
- Providing free parking at the Central Business District parking meters, and not charge for parking in the Depot Lot on Discovery Day.

Please see the letter from the Lexington Retailers Association dated February 5, 2020 in the meeting packet.

A copy of the letter was given to the Town Manager's Office to review the request for the use of Emery Park regarding the placement of temporary signs for event publicity and a banner. With the implementation of the Massachusetts Avenue Banner Policy effective August 2019, the Lexington Retailers Association request for a banner will now be processed through the Town Manager's Office.

The request for approval of a One-Day Liquor License for a "Beer Garden" will be addressed at a later time.

Police, Fire, and DPW have no objections to this request.

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve restricting vehicular access in the following areas for the 41st annual Discovery Day Street Fair to be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

- ***Massachusetts Avenue, from Waltham Street to Meriam Street (both sides); and***
- ***Muzzey Street, from Massachusetts Avenue to the first private driveway;***

And further to approve parking a flatbed truck, with a banner publicizing Discovery Day, in Lexington Center on Massachusetts Avenue in two metered parking spaces in front of Depot Square, starting on Friday, May 15, 2020 and ending at the conclusion of Discovery Day;

And further to approve free parking at the Central Business District parking meters, and not charge for parking in the Depot Lot on Discovery Day.

*All approvals subject to working out the details with the Town Manager's Office, Department of Public Works, and Lexington Police Department staff.

7. Board Participation in Discovery Day Street Fair 2020

The Board confirmed its desire to participate in the Saturday, May 23, 2020 Discovery Day program. In the past, the Board has participated in Discovery Day by hosting a booth. Last year, the Board hosted a shared "Elected Officials" booth, along with the School Committee and the Planning Board. The Board will once again invite other elected boards to join us in this booth.

8. LexHAB Request for Use of Affordable Housing Stabilization Funds Under 2020 ATM Warrant Article 19

LexHab requested use of Affordable Housing Stabilization Funds that are derived from an annual payment from Brookhaven to use for upgrades to LexHab units. The scale of updates appears to be consistent qualify as capital improvements and are consistent with the purposes of the fund. By consensus the Board supported this request and it will be on a future agenda for a vote.

9. 2020 Annual Town Meeting

- 2020 ATM Warrant Article 28 - Amend General Bylaw-Noise Control - Citizen Petition Motion Review
- Article Discussions/Positions/Consent Agenda
- Select Board Report

The Board heard a revised presentation on the citizen's noise bylaw amendment.

10. Select Board Committee Appointments

- Lexington Council for the Arts

The Board is being asked to appoint Shalini Kakar as a member of the Lexington Council for the Arts with a term expiration date of September 30, 2022.

- Historic Districts Commission Associates

The Board is being asked to appoint one member to the Historic Districts Commission Associates to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Fenn with a term expiration date of December 31, 2022. The Lexington Historical Society has recommended Daniel Hisel. The Trustees of the Cary Memorial Library have recommended Carol Sue Hai. The Lexington Arts & Crafts Society have confirmed that they do not have a candidate for consideration.

Action: Vote 5-0 to appoint Shalini Kakar as a member of the Lexington Council for the Arts; Vote 4-0 (Ms Hai recused) to appoint Daniel Hisel to the Historic District Commission as an Associate member.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request for Use of Battle Green - Lexington Historical Society's Battle of Lexington Reenactment for Children

The Lexington Historical Society has requested permission to use the Battle Green on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of their annual Battle of Lexington Reenactment for children. Police, Fire, and DPW have no objections to this request.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the following Executive Sessions for approval but not release:

- July 22, 2019
- August 5, 2019

ACTION: Vote 5-0 to approve the consent agenda.

ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Select Board Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue.