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LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD

ACTION SUMMARY

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES – Aug 10, 2020

Notes by Joe Pato, not official minutes.

The video time signatures are based on my recording of the Zoom meeting and may be slightly off what LexMedia posts.

Full meeting packet materials are available here:

<https://lexington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=622>

Meeting video available from LexMedia here:

<https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/c0gKv9ZUF0uiidDaffFESDZA5EkkJp7L/media/581242>

Next meeting scheduled for August 24, 2020.

Updated information on COVID-19 in Lexington is available from the Office of Public Health at:

<https://lexingtonma.gov/COVID19>

Required public meetings and hearing will be held virtually, using LexMedia and phone and/or online technology to allow public participation as necessary*. This was the Board's fifth regular meeting using the Zoom platform for virtual meetings. We will be using this platform until further notice.

***as per Executive Order regarding remote participation:**

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Exemption 3: Collective Bargaining Update – Library Union
2. Exemption 6: Potential Land Acquisition – CPA

No notes are taken of executive sessions.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Covid-19 & Reopening Update

[Video at time signature 00:18:35]

Mr. Malloy presented information on the Town's strategies, implementation and community response actions related to Covid-19 guidelines and directives.

Updated public Health Information (as of 7/9/20):

- 339 Confirmed (cumulative) Cases in Town of which 7 are active cases.

Town/School/Community:

- All Town Departments continue to operate in a partial return to work mode with staff working in the offices 25% of the time and 75% working remotely. The Town has received the draft report from the Industrial Hygienist consultant focused on school buildings. Several issues were identified, primarily related to HVAC maintenance. This work is regularly scheduled to be performed during the summer and most has been completed after the consultant's visit. Two schools, Estabrook and Fiske, were visited after the draft report was written and will be included in a future draft. Other Town facilities are in the process of being analyzed.

More detailed information about may be found in the packet including the draft status report for covid-19 HVAC assessment for Lexington Public Schools:

<https://lexington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7939&ItemID=5279>

2. Update on Next Steps for Social Racial Equity Initiatives

[Video at time signature 00:37:50]

Mr. Malloy provided an update on the proposal from the National League of Cities (NLC) on the Race, Equity And Leadership (REAL) program. The packet also includes an email to NLC highlighting how the Town Manager sees this moving forward with a request for a price proposal for their services. He also followed up with All Aces on the community conversation piece asking for their proposal, which will be provided as soon as it is received.

Should we not receive proposals within the next week, Mr. Malloy recommends that we instead develop and put out an RFP for third party facilitation services (although this will take time as well).

Mr. Pato expressed concern that we have not yet engaged in community conversations that we promised in June. This will have impact on how we address moving the Police Station project along (the next item on the agenda). He pointed out that several members of the Board are participating in grassroots community conversations (such as LexCHAT) but that these activities are conducted in breakout rooms with 6-10 participants and as a result he has no good sense of community concerns and attitudes.

Ms Hai commented that the All Aces program has a platform that allows broader participation addressing this concern – but that we still don't have a proposal for how to proceed.

Mr. Lucente agreed that we need to move forward with a community conversation focused on police issues. Ms Barry and Mr. Sandeen agreed that we need to move forward on a parallel track with a facilitated community conversation addressing policing.

3. Update on New Police Station Project

[Video at time signature 01:10:35]

- Determine Scheduling of Police Station Rebuild and Police Station Swing Space Articles to a Town Meeting
- Determine Scheduling of Debt Exclusion Vote

Mike Cronin, Public Facilities Director, provided an update on the completed Schematic Design phase of the police station project. This was a checkpoint specified in the Integrated Design policy and requires a vote from the Board to proceed to the next phase: Design Development.

The Board was very pleased with the progress in the design and believes the major issues previously identified have been dealt with effectively. The Board noted a few issues (e.g., the ability to provide adequate solar or renewable energy supply, the loss of a few parking spaces to provide additional green space, elements of the public restroom design, etc.) but felt that these were items that could be further addressed as the design progresses.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on the design and on the need to proceed with community conversations on policing. While there was general satisfaction with the Schematic Design and that the design does a good job meeting the existing requirements the open question remains as to community agreement on those requirements. The consensus of the Board was to not proceed with further design development until a robust community dialog has completed.

Action: Board members to meet 1-on-1 with Mr. Malloy to identify concerns for how to move forward. Mr. Lucente and Mr. Malloy will work on bringing a plan for holding community conversations to the Board's next meeting.

4. Approve and Sign Local Initiative Program (LIP) Application for Local Action Units for 186 Bedford Street

[Video at time signature 02:37:05]

The Board packet includes the Local Initiative Program (LIP) application for the Local Action Units (LAU) at 186 Bedford Street. Consistent MOU for the project and with previous discussions, this project includes 13 total units of which 4 are affordable housing units.

Action: Vote (5-0) to approve the Local Initiative Program application for the Local Action Units to be located at 186 Bedford Street as per the attached application and further to authorize Doug Lucente to sign the application form.

5. Approve and Sign Regulatory Agreement - Farmview, 34 Lowell Street

[Video at time signature 02:39:30]

The Regulatory and Use Agreement on the Local Initiative Program for the Farmview project serves as a use restriction on the property which is between the Lexington Housing Assistance Board (LexHab), the Town and the MA Dept. of Housing and Community Development.

Action: Vote (5-0) to approve the Regulatory and Use Agreement for the Farmview Project as attached and further to authorize the Town Manager to execute the agreement.

6. Approve and Sign Proposed Traffic Regulations

[Video at time signature 02:43:40]

The Traffic Safety Group (TSG) has five traffic regulations recommendations for Select Board consideration as follows:

No Parking:

- Mass Avenue at Hillside Avenue
- Mass Avenue at Taft Avenue

Stop sign:

- Minola at Highland Avenue
- Bow at Rawson Avenue
- Holmes at Thoreau Road

Action: Vote (5-0) to approve the motion as detailed in the Board packet.

7. Call for 2020 Special Fall Town Meeting

[Video at time signature 02:27:30]

Board will call for the Special Town Meeting and open the Warrant for citizen articles through Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

To drop off Petitions, Citizens can email Selectboard@lexingtonma.gov by August 19, 2020 to schedule an appointment.

Additionally, in the attachments is a letter from the Planning Department requesting that articles be referred to the Planning Board and a corresponding motion below.

Action: Vote (5-0) to call for a Special Fall Town Meeting to begin on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. via remote participation; and to open the Special Fall Town Meeting Warrant for citizen petitions through Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.; and to refer the articles as listed in the August 4, 2020 memo from the Planning Office to the Planning Board for the Fall 2020 Town Meeting.

8. Select Board Goals Update - POSTPONED

This item was postponed to the Board's next meeting.

9. Discuss Stone Building Reuse Committee

[Video at time signature 02:54:38]

The Board reviewed the latest charge of the Stone Building Committee and agreed to update the charge and move forward with forming the committee.

10. Select Board Committee Appointment

[Video at time signature 03:01:55]

Action: Vote (5-0) to appoint Andra Bennett to the Transportation Advisory Committee with a term expiration of September 30, 2022.

11. Approve Minutes

[Video at time signature 03:03:10]

The minutes of the following Board of Selectmen/Select Board meeting dates were reviewed and approved:

- January 6, 2020 BOS
- January 13, 2020 BOS
- February 3, 2020 Select Board
- February 10, 2020 Select Board
- February 10, 2020 Joint Select Board/Planning Board

Action: Vote (5-0) to approve the listed minutes.

ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board will be held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting that will be broadcast by LexMedia. Information for how the public may access the meeting will be included in the agenda posting on the Town web site.

Note

Join me for casual drop-in office hours on Wednesdays via “Zoom”. Information on how to connect is at <https://joepato.org>

Joe’s Virtual Office Hours
Wednesdays 2-3PM via Zoom



<https://zoom.us/j/623099257>