

Lexington Town Meeting Members Association

TMMA Annual Meeting

March 12, 2024

The TMMA annual meeting was held in person at Lexington High School, Science Lecture Hall.

After the annual meeting, each of the nine precincts met separately to elect their three Precinct Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk) for this year.

Bridger McGaw (TMMA Chair) called the annual meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

1) Chair's Report—Bridger McGaw presented the following to the TMMA membership:

Bridger announced the agenda and order of tonight's meeting. He thanked current Officers for serving and reflected on this past year, highlighting our work on enhancing information sharing to better prepare TM members for Town Meeting. Initiatives of note this year include:

- a. Continued work to streamline the process and promptness of when and how materials are made available to TM members. This included providing feedback to the Town on Annual and Special Town Meetings in 2023, suggestions to enhance the town's Town Meeting website, and delivery of a memo to the Select Board on information sharing.
- b. Increased email updates to TM members with links to materials and meetings to foster and encourage information gathering earlier in the process.
- c. Organized the return of the Black Cat Café for 2023.
- d. Reviewed our by-laws and will continue a subgroup discussion of possible updates for 2024.
- e. Continued focus on DEI training and awareness for TM members.
- f. Documented critical work processes and created a new Shared Drive for TMMA. This effort will continue in 2024 and beyond.
- g. Hosted another successful TMMA Connect! event (Ice Cream Social).

2) Approval of 2023 TMMA Annual Meeting Minutes—Bridger McGaw

Brielle Meade distributed the minutes for last year's meeting for review via email prior to this meeting. It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes from last year's annual TMMA Meeting as presented. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

3) 2023-2024 Treasurer's Report—Noah Michelson

Noah distributed the Treasurer's Report via email prior to this meeting. He presented the following report:

- a. The TMMA remains financially stable, and the end of year balance is \$3,222.72.

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- b. Expenses were limited to: bus tour for Annual Town Meeting (ATM) 2023; Black Cat Café supplies; Town Staff Thank You “cake and coffee hour”; and administrative expenses (new checks and web hosting). Upcoming planned expenses not in this report include the TMMA Connect! ice cream social event and the bus tour for ATM 2024.
- c. Revenue was received from voluntary dues and donations. 79 percent of members paid their dues in 2023. A new payment option, Venmo, was introduced for this year and proved to be popular (22 percent of all dues collected coming through the platform). Cash continued to be the most common form of dues payment. Dues will remain at \$10.00 for 2024.
- d. \$592 in donations were received this year, entirely from patrons of the Black Cat Café. These donations helped offset the total cost of running the café.
- e. Noah explained the four options for paying voluntary dues (cash, check, Venmo @Noah-Michelson, and PayPal @NoahMichelson) for this year. He distributed envelopes to each Precinct Clerk for collection of cash and will also send out an email with details on how to pay electronically.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report and the report was unanimously approved.

4) Nominating Committee TMMA Elections – Andy Friedlich

Andy Friedlich and the Nominating Committee (Scott Burson, Jim Osten) announced the slate of candidates for TMMA officers. He noted that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer shall not serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms. None of the current officers have reached their term limit, and all agreed to return in their current positions if elected. Having asked the members, no alternate names were proposed from the floor. A motion to elect the slate of candidates was moved and seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The TMMA Officers elected for 2024-2025 are:

Position	New Officers	Past Officers
Chair	Bridger McGaw	Bridger McGaw
Vice-Chair	Sarah Higginbotham	Sarah Higginbotham
Treasurer	Noah Michelson	Noah Michelson
Clerk	Brielle Meade	Brielle Meade
Web Site Manager	Bob Avallone	Bob Avallone
List Moderator	Vicki Blier	Vicki Blier

5) Precinct Officer Election Results—not presented at the meeting but documented here for the record

The Precinct Meetings were held after the annual meeting to allow more time for members to arrive and ensure a quorum for electing Precinct Officers (per the TMMA bylaws, the presence of five

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precinct Town Meeting Members shall constitute a quorum at a precinct meeting). Precincts 2 and 6 did not have a quorum on the evening of March 12, 2024 and held elections virtually at a later date. Precinct 7 also required a vote at a later date to elect a Chair. The officers elected for each Precinct for 2024-2025 are listed below:

Precinct	Chair	Vice-Chair	Clerk
1	Valerie Overton	Tanya Gisolfi-McCready	Jay Luker
2	Laura Swain	Avram Baskin	Barbara Katzenberg
3	Cindy Arens	Frank Smith	Bronte Abraham
4	Ruth Thomas	Wendy Manz	Kathryn Roy
5	Ting Fang	Sarah Higginbotham	Andy Friedlich
6	Andrea Fribush	Innessa Manning	Ryan Wise
7	Pam Hoffman	Benjamin Lees	Meghana Khanolkar
8	Betty Gau	Heidi Pasternak	Peggy Enders
9	Todd Burger	Diana Donovan	Alicia Morris

The annual meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Minutes of 2024 TMMA annual meeting submitted by Brielle Meade on March 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Brielle Kissel Meade
Precinct 8
TMMA Clerk

I, Brielle Kissel Meade, current Clerk of the Lexington Town Meeting Members Association, do hereby declare that this document is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brielle Meade". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brielle Kissel Meade