TMMA Executive Committee Minutes: February 11, 2009

Attendance:

TMMA Officers:
Edith Sandy – (Chair, Pct 6)
David Kaufman (Communications, Pct 6)
Jim Osten – (Clerk, Pct 8)
Vicki Blier – (List Moderator, Pct 9)

Precinct Officers:
Pct 1: Colin Hamilton
Pct 2: Joe Pato, Barry Orenstein
Pct 3:
Pct 4: Gloria Bloom
Pct 5: Andrew Friedlich, Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti
Pct 6: Frank Sandy
Pct 7:
Pct 8: David Horton
Pct 9: Francine Stiglitz

Other Town Meeting Members:
Deborah Brown

Other Attendees: Fernando Quesada (Vision 2020)

Agenda:
Edith called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Andy Freidlich made a motion made to amend the TMMA By Laws to add an officer position for Email List Moderator. The Email List Moderator and the Communications Officer are not term-limited. Passed unanimously. The amendment will be voted on at the annual membership meeting.

The nominating committee for the TMMA executive positions consists of Andy Friedlich, Nancy Adler and Alan Lazarus.

Vicki Blier made a motion to contribute $400 to a Lexington Charitable Organization of choice of the collator of the Warrant Bulletin. This to be a payment in kind for preparation of the printed Warrant Bulletin. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:
Edit noted a balance of $1826.73, same as in January.
Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was passed unanimously

Motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2009 was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Edith reviewed the progress on the warrant article write-ups. To date, 11 write ups have been received, 6 or 7 are mostly done but have outstanding questions. Other attendees indicated progress being made on remaining articles.
Edith requested that the final documents exclude the article itself and be delivered in ".doc " format.

New Business:

Edith discussed the bus tour routing to include:

Start at the White House for reviewing trucks and DPW equipment
View the Beal properties and areas of Hartwell Ave. and Parker Street where zoning articles may produce changes. Also to view the Vine Street land purchase and street acceptances.
A walk through of the Police Station was asked for as well as a visit to the Stone Building.
The DPW building when finished will have an open house to display the new building after completion in May or June.

**Vision 2020: Fernando Quezada**

Fernando Quezada presented The 2020 Committee program, including the provision for tracking votes of Town Meeting Members. The theme is communications and engagement for constructive community discourse.

Fernando had provided a report from the Town of Brookline on keeping track of meeting votes and wanted the feedback from the TMMA. Comments included:
The process of keeping track of votes would be time consuming, divisive and costly;
that it is good in principle; and that the present process of roll call votes and standing votes do provide a record of how people vote.
A recommendation was made that when the clerk is recording a standing vote, the clerk who is standing for both the yes and no votes, should indicate which way they are voting.

Edith discussed the Minuteman Tech proposal to create a stabilization fund.

Edith reminded us that the article editing session would be 9AM, Saturday Feb. 21st in room G15 of the Town Office Building.

**Adjourn:**
Edith adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM