TMMA Minutes: November 10, 2004

Attendance:
Hank Manz (Chair-P9), Charles Hornig (VC-P8), Andy Friedlich (Treasurer-P5), Gloria Bloom (Clerk-P4)
Frank Sandy, Edith Sandy, David Kaufman, Marsha Baker, Dave Horton, Stew Kennedy, Janet Post, Eph Weiss, Darwin Adams, John Bartenstein, Alessandro Allessandrini, Sam Silverman, Margaret Counts-Klebe, Ellen McDonald, Sheldon Spector, Nancy Adler, Ann Frymer, Arthur Katz, David Burnes, Tom Harden, Patrick Mehr

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Selectman’s Meeting Room.

Suggestions for possible gifts to the town from the excess TMMA funds (approx $2000), included a power point projector, curtains for Estabrook Hall, and refurbishing the kitchen in Cary Hall. No decision was reached.

A committee to study the TMMA bylaws was created by unanimous vote, with Eph Weiss, Andy Friedlich and John Bartenstein volunteering. They will suggest ways to update the committee structure to add representation for the webmaster, provide for TMMA members to be liaisons on other town committees etc.

There was a discussion of possible changes to the rules for the TMMA e-mail list to eliminate what most people considered inappropriate messages, to enforce the current rules, to keep the messages relevant to town meeting business. The communications working group will bring new wording to the next meeting.

After the business meeting, Eric Shapiro, owner of the Battle Green Inn, and his business partners and architects presented a plan for converting the Inn into 30+ condominiums, plus retail space on Mass. Ave and on Waltham Street. The units would sell for around $800K, would be 1500 sq. ft. on the average, be mostly 2 BR, and there would be enough moderate income units to maintain neutrality under 40B rules. They would need a zoning change to do this and are open to suggestions from the town to improve the project.

Meeting adjourned around 9:00. The next meeting is Dec. 8th.
Submitted by Gloria Bloom, Clerk