

TMMA Executive Committee Meeting
 Minutes for January 8, 2020
 Estabrook Room, Cary Memorial Building

Attendees:	Precinct	Attendees:	Precinct
Ben Moroze*	7 TMMA Chair	Vinita Verma*	6
Marc Saint Louis	5 TMMA Vice-Chair	Bridger McGaw*	6
Brielle Meade	8 TMMA Clerk	Sara Bothwell Allen*	6
Vicki Blier	9 TMMA List Moderator	Jim Osten*	8
Hongbin Luo*	1 Clerk	Yu Wu*	8
Jonathan Suber*	2 Vice	Betty Gau*	8
David Kaufman*	3 Vice	Tom Shiple*	9
Andy Friedlich*	5 Vice	Umesh Shelat	7

*denotes Precinct Officers

The Chair Ben Moroze called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM as quorum was confirmed.

- I. Chair's Report—Ben Moroze had nothing new for the Chair's Report but has more for discussion in Section VI. – Annual Town Meeting Planning.
- II. Clerk's Report—Brielle Meade submitted the Draft Minutes for the December 18, 2019 meeting for approval. There were no corrections; the minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report—Susan McLeish was not in attendance; the current balance is unchanged from last month, \$2,945.18. The Treasurer's Report (found on page 3 below) was moved, seconded and unanimously accepted.
- IV. Webmaster Report—Bob Avallone was not in attendance and no one had anything new to report related to web activities.
- V. Email List Moderator Report—Vicki Blier had nothing new to report related to the email list.
- VI. Annual Town Meeting Planning—
 - A. Information Sessions: Sessions will be held March 10 and March 17, and March 12 if necessary, in Battin Hall at 7:30PM. There will be a call for volunteers for table setup, cleanup, etc. coming shortly.
 - B. Information Book: Andy Friedlich will organize the articles in a spreadsheet and start calling on volunteers to sign up for sections. It was noted that for citizen articles, TMMA does not allow the citizen sponsor to do the write-up for the Information Book.
 - C. Bus Tour: Ben Moroze mentioned the need to wait and see what articles will be on the final warrant before deciding what stops will be needed on the tour. The potential date for the bus tour was set to Sunday, March 15. Andy Friedlich agreed to work with Ben to organize the bus tour and schedule the buses.
 - D. Nominating Committee: Andy, Jonathan Suber, and Bridger McGaw agreed to be on the nominating committee and will discuss nominations for open positions.

TMMA Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes for January 8, 2020
Estabrook Room, Cary Memorial Building

- E. 30-year Ceremony: Ben Moroze has the list and pins for the ceremony; there are four 30-year TM members. It was agreed that Frank Sandy, who is not seeking reelection due to an impending move, will be honored as a 50-year TM member as he is just shy of the milestone.
- VII. TMMA Connect!—Vicki Blier provided an update that 50 people have RSVP'd. There will be a ten-minute introduction by Alessandro Alessandrini, followed by group breakouts. Executive Committee members will be distributed among the groups to help facilitate. Tom Shiple mentioned that facilitators should focus on making sure that everyone in the small groups gets a chance to speak and no one person dominates the conversation. Sara Bothwell Allen mentioned she attended a similar forum with a “parking lot” where questions could be parked for later discussion and wondered if TMMA Connect! should include this. It was decided this may not be necessary as this topic is not a question with an answer. A representative from each group breakout will bring highlights back to the main group. The conclusion will include an announcement of topic ideas for the next TMMA Connect! and request for feedback. Sara Bothwell Allen suggested that the session be recorded or otherwise documented so people who could not attend can still find out what was discussed. Hongbin Luo agreed to record the session. Vicki mentioned that a topic for the next TMMA Connect! could be about how to better engage with constituents. Andy spoke with Peet's who will provide coffee for the event, and Betty is organizing the rest of the food and beverages.
- For future potential topics for the next TMMA Connect!, Bridger McGaw suggested TMMA could focus on how to encourage more pre-Town Meeting discussion of article topics for TM members who cannot attend all the summit meetings, information sessions, Planning Board meetings, Select Board meetings, etc. There was discussion about this question/problem of how to get people more actively involved in the facts and planning stages of Town projects.
- VIII. Other Business—Andy Friedlich announced that Mock Town Meeting was extremely fun, and he praised the students and how well-prepared they were. Betty Gau mentioned that Precinct 7, 8, and 9 members cannot see the citizen balcony in Battin Hall; she wondered if there was ever consideration to snake the precinct seating or rearrange in another manner to ensure everyone gets a chance to sit in all locations of Battin Hall. Vicki Blier mentioned that if seats are rearranged, TMMA should get numbers to put on every row (as opposed to just the first and last row) for each precinct because it may be confusing. Bridger McGaw wondered if there was a legal reason that TM members must sit with their precincts; it was mentioned that there is no rule or law, but there are advantages, including preventing potential voter fraud. Historically, precincts sat together so Precinct Clerks could properly count standing votes. Bridger mentioned that since there is no law/rule, there is no need to change the current system and instead TMMA could inform people that they may sit wherever they want if they have a problem with their current seat assignment.
- IX. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next Meeting will be on February 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the Estabrook Room at Cary Memorial Building.

TMMA Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes for January 8, 2020
Estabrook Room, Cary Memorial Building

TMMA			
Treasurer's report			
12/31/2019**			
Cash Balance - beginning (3/8/2019)			\$1,546.30
Income			
Dues		\$2,705.00	
Mock Town Meeting Collections - 2019*		\$120.00	
Total Income			\$2,825.00
Expenses			
Annual Town Meeting			
Printing		\$673.40	
Special Town Meeting			
Printing		\$240.00	
Mock Town Meeting-2019			
pencils		\$217.00	
Administrative			
framed picture and plaque		\$43.00	
TMMA Connect-facility rental		\$50.00	
Website		\$202.72	
Total Expenses			\$1,426.12
Income less expenses			\$1,398.88
Cash Balance - ending (11/30/2019)			\$2,945.18
*please note that total MTM collections/expenses for 2019 are recorded in 2 separate years. Total collections were \$329.00 and total expenses were \$268.10			
**There was no activity during the month of December			