Attendees:  Precinct

Andy Friedlich  5
Ben Moroze  7 TMMA Vice-Chair
Joel Adler  1
Scott Bokum  9
Anoop Garg  4
Anil Ahuja  5
Normen Cohen  4
Wendy Reasenberg  8
Vicki Blier  9 TMMA Email List Moderator
Jeanne Canale  9 TMMA Chair
Jonathan Suber  2
Gang Chen  8 TMMA Treasurer
Margaret Storch  3
Rita Pandey  5

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM as the presence of the quorum was confirmed.

Chairperson Canale welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In the absence of the TMMA clerk, Wendy Reasenberg agreed to take the minutes.

1. Presentation of the Lexington Comprehensive Plan Project - Richard Canale, Chairman of the Planning Board and Aaron Henry, Director of Planning gave a presentation about the Lexington Comprehensive Plan. Town meeting had approved the funds at the fall 2017 meeting. They are seeking a broad based advisory committee and plan to reach out to the community to make a 2-3 year commitment for 1-2 meetings a month to look at the future of Lexington. This will involve as a core, the Planning Board, the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. They were looking for volunteers from the TMMA Executive committee.
Additional suggestions from the meeting were to also approach the Council on Aging, the Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Committee and financially astute business people. The comprehensive plan will include plans for implementation.

Vicki Blier suggested that a sample outline of the project might help stimulate interest.

2. Chairman’s Report - Jeanne distributed the preliminary list of articles for the fall special town meeting and some preliminary dates. The special town meeting will probably be October 16 and 18, 2017. The debt exclusion vote is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27; however, Wendy mentioned that at the June 8 summit, a member of the school committee requested that it be moved forward by one week to Dec. 4, 2017. The reason given were that because Nov. 27 was the Monday after Thanksgiving, there was no time for campaigning for the approval of the override.

By-Laws - Jeanne Canale discussed the By-Laws. The Executive Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month except when town meeting is in session. There are no July or August meetings. We are not part of the municipality so there are no public meetings or notices required. We reserve the use of town rooms for meetings through the town manager's office. There are nine precincts with three officers each plus the TMMA elected officers. Nine members from five precincts is a quorum.

3. E-list Moderator - Vicki reminded us all that we can sign up for the packets of information at the town e-mail service. She subsequently posted the link on the TMMA list serve. She noted that use of the TMMA list is improving.

4. The Minutes of May 10, 2017 were approved with the following corrections. Kate Coburn was added as a guest attendee. Vicki noted some corrections to the wording of her motion about the Mock Town Meeting. The corrected motion reads as follows: To sponsor the activities of the MTM Committee by participating in fundraising, to receiving and disbursing funds and encouraging participation by TMMA.

5. Treasurer’s Report - Gang Chen presented the treasurer’s report. The balance February 8, 2017 was $1,246.12 and the balance May 10, 2017 was $1,359.52. The balance as of June 14, 2017 was $1,569.52 reflecting the final collections of the TMM dues. Gang noted that this balance is lower than in prior years. The main reason is that the Wales Copy bill is larger reflecting more material needed to be printed and higher printing costs.

There was a discussion about the need to convert to digital distributions only if a dues increase is to be avoided and a current survey about that is underway. Andy moved and Vicki seconded the approval of the treasurer’s reports. Gang noted that since we are not an official organization, the bank account is under his ID. The chair and treasurer can sign.


7. Pelham property update - Wendy Reasenberg gave a summary of recent presentations by the architects of various options on the Pelham site, including the June 8 summit called to choose a direction. Based on the summit meeting, she reported that the selectmen and various committees agreed that all the options for renovations were much costlier than anticipated. The consensus was that a new Children’s Place is the best direction. They also wanted a master plan created for the combined Pelham/Community Center site. While they wanted to see costs for a new Community Center Gym/Cafeteria, that project is on hold until the master plan sites the Children’s Place. The entire existing building at Pelham may be razed.
8. Warrant Information Book Sub-Committee — A committee is being formed to do the TMMA Warrant Information Book for the Spring 2018 town meeting which will consist of the precinct chairs: Joel Adler, Jonathan Suber, Margaret Storch, Anoop Garg, Andy Friedlich, Fred Johnson, Taylor Singh, Bob Avallone and Scott Bokun.

9. A survey will go out to town meeting members after the special town meeting about the warrant information report and the concept of moving to on-line information.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting September 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reasenberg,
Clerk Precinct 8