

Precinct 2 Town Meeting Member

7 for 3 years

Question for Town Meeting Member candidates:

The Town Meeting Members Association (TMMA) holds three information session nights prior to the beginning of Town Meeting. Attendance at these TMMA information sessions is fairly low. What do you think could be done to encourage more Town Meeting Members to attend information sessions?

Incumbents

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Community Activities

Resident	1962-1976, 1985-present
Planning Board	2005-present Chair 2007-2009, 2013-2015
Community Preservation Committee	2016-present
League of Women Voters	Treasurer 2016-present
Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC)	2018-present
School Master Plan Advisory Committee	2018-present
2020 Vision Committee	2006
Capital Expenditures Committee	1997-2003 (Chair 1998-2000)
Town Meeting Members Association	Treasurer 2002-2004 Vice-chair/Chair 2004-2005
Town Meeting Member, Precinct 8	1990-1993, 1995-2019

Question:

Getting people to come to TMMA information sessions means giving them high-quality useful information that they cannot get from other sources. Among many possible changes, my suggestion is to spend more time on complex articles that need a lot of explanation (even if noncontroversial), skipping over straightforward ones for which online information is adequate (even if controversial).

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Community Activities: Resident 1985- present; Town Meeting Member, Precinct 8 2000-2019; TMMA Clerk 2003-2004; Electric Utility ad hoc Committee 2002-2006; ad hoc Article 40 Committee re: Stationary Engine Run-up 2004-2007; League of Women Voters Board member 2017-present; Lexington Refugee Assistance Program LexRAP Board member 2017-present

Question

1. Offer a prize to the precincts with the most members showing up. (GOLD STARS, SILVER STARS) Silly suggestion.
2. Encourage people to arrive early and bring their supper. Provide hot and cold drinks, and provide fruit. Eat/socialize in a space where it is permitted, of course.
3. Give information in advance, explaining exactly who will present information about each article.
Invite people to email questions in advance.
4. Encourage people to invite/bring their older children, so the next generation will learn more about how town government works.
5. Allow live streaming, and encourage people to call in questions in live time. Not everyone will be able to attend live, in person.

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Community Activities: I volunteer my time in the community to help build a sustainable local economy. As you can see from this [article](#) I regard this volunteer work as supporting the community, in the same spirit as promoting sustainable local energy and sustainable local agriculture.

Question:

Since I've only attended one of those meetings, and it was intended for prospective town meeting members, I'm not really sure what the information sessions are like. From my perspective, I

want the opportunity to pose detailed questions to the sponsors of the various town meeting warrants we will be considering, in the same way that the elected town boards and committees do at their meetings, as opposed to standing at the microphone for three minutes and giving comments.

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Community Activities

- Lexington 20/20 Vision Committee Member, co-chairing subcommittee on improving Town communication
- Member of Property Committee at LexFarm, nominated for LexFarm Board starting Mar. 2020
- Numerous past activities @ Bowman Elementary including Site Council, Managed 5th Grade Luau 2019-2020, Big Backyard volunteer
- Ran online auction for Clarke Night Out 2018 and again this year in 2020

Question:

This is a shot in the dark as this is my first time running for TM and therefore I have never been to any of the info sessions. I would think that if they included a briefing on each of the items on the warrant that should be enough of a draw to encourage turnout.

Nathan Shnidman