

SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Monday, September 15, 2025  
\*Conducted by Remote Participation  
6:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve: Battle Green Use Request
  - Wedding Photographs: Saturday, October 4, 2025
2. Approve: Proclamation Request
  - Temple Isaiah's 65th Anniversary Commemoration

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

1. Special Town Meeting 2025 6:35pm
  - Call for Special Town Meeting 2025-2
  - Review and Approve Town Moderator Letter
  - Review Special Town Meeting 2025-2 DRAFT Article List

**ADJOURN**

1. Anticipated Adjournment 6:45pm

Meeting Packet: <https://lexington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/>

\*Members of the public can attend the meeting from their computer or tablet by clicking on the following link at the time of the meeting:  
<https://lexingtonma.zoom.us/j/82013535294?pwd=mGvKYC9PHOT8ByUHHa0a18jNRhRXpf.1>

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Meeting ID: 820 1353 5294

Passcode: 848540

An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency

Accommodations: <https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 6:30pm via hybrid person participation.

*Hearing Assistance Devices Available on Request*

*All agenda time and the order of items are approximate and subject to change.*



## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

### **LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

#### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:**

Approve: Battle Green Use Request

#### **PRESENTER:**

Jill Hai, Select Board Chair

#### **ITEM NUMBER:**

C.1

#### **SUMMARY:**

##### **Category: Decision-making**

Lexington resident, Henry Lui, has requested permission to use the Battle Green for wedding photographs on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The wedding party will include approximately 15-20 participants, with up to 50 spectators expected. Equipment to be used includes cameras (still and video), tripods, and light reflectors.

The Police Department and Grounds Department have no objections to this request.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Move to approve the Battle Green Use Request for **wedding photographs** on **Saturday, October 4, 2025**, from **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**, for a party of approximately 15–20 participants and up to 50 spectators, including the use of cameras, tripods, and light reflectors.

Move to approve the consent.

#### **FOLLOW-UP:**

Select Board Office.

#### **DATE AND APPROXIMATE TIME ON AGENDA:**

9/15/2025

# **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

## **LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:**

Approve: Proclamation Request

### **PRESENTER:**

Jill Hai, Select Board Chair

### **ITEM NUMBER:**

C.2

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Category: Decision-Making**

The Select Board is asked to approve a **Proclamation** recognizing the **65th Anniversary of Temple Isaiah**, which was established in June 1959 and has been part of the Lexington community for more than six decades. The proclamation notes the milestone anniversary and acknowledges Temple Isaiah's role as a longstanding community institution

### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Move to approve the Proclamation recognizing the 65th Anniversary of Temple Isaiah.

Move to approve the consent.

### **FOLLOW-UP:**

Select Board Office.

### **DATE AND APPROXIMATE TIME ON AGENDA:**

9/15/2025

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

| Description                                                                                                             | Type            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|  09152025 Temple Isaiah Proclamation | Backup Material |



# Town of Lexington, Massachusetts

SELECT BOARD OFFICE

## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:** Temple Isaiah, founded in the Town of Lexington in June of 1959, has concluded a yearlong celebration of 65 years of vibrant Reform Jewish life in our town; and
- Whereas:** Temple Isaiah has grown from its founding membership of 71 families to now serving more than 750 families in 2025; and
- Whereas:** Temple Isaiah continues to enrich to the diverse faith and social fabric of the Town as an active member of the Lexington Interfaith Community Association (LICA); and
- Whereas:** Over the decades, Temple Isaiah's members have contributed to public service in Lexington and beyond, serving on the School Committee, Town Meeting, the Select Board, and in statewide government; and
- Whereas:** Temple Isaiah's members have also played a vital role in founding and supporting local Lexington social service organizations; and
- Whereas:** Temple Isaiah reflects on the last 65 years, it looks forward to another Jewish New Year continuing its mission to be a diverse and welcoming community, dedicated to building connection, lifelong learning, personal growth, and action inspired by Judaism.

*NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE SELECT BOARD* of the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim our recognition and appreciation of Temple Isaiah on the occasion of its 65th Anniversary celebration, honoring its enduring contributions to the spiritual, cultural, and civic life of our community, and extend our best wishes for its continued growth, leadership, and service in the years ahead.

### *Temple Isaiah 65th Anniversary*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Lexington to be affixed herewith on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

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JILL I. HAI, CHAIR

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JOSEPH N. PATO

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DOUGLAS M. LUCENTE

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MARK D. SANDEEN

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VINEETA A. KUMAR

# **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

## **LEXINGTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:**

Special Town Meeting 2025

### **PRESENTER:**

Kelly Axtell, Deputy Town Manager

### **ITEM NUMBER:**

I.1

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Category: Decision-making/ Informational**

The Board will call for the Special Town Meeting 2025-2, review and accept the Town Moderator request for a hybrid Special Town Meeting to be included in the Special Town Meeting 2025-2 Warrant.

Information related to the submission of Citizen Petition articles for inclusion in Special Town Meeting 2025-2 Warrant:

- Petition Form is available in the Town Clerk's Office
- Citizen Petitions are due, no later than 12:00pm on September 25, 2025, to the Select Board office along with a draft motion as a separate document. Final motion is due at this time for any Citizen proposed zoning articles in order for the Planning board to conduct the required hearing for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting 2025-2
- 100 Certified signatures are required to be inserted in the warrant for Special Town Meeting 2025-2

#### **Timeline:**

**9/15/2025** Select Board calls the Special Town Meeting 2025-2.

**9/25/2025** – Citizen petitions, with a 100 or more signatures of certified registered voters, are due no later than 12:00pm on Thursday, September 25, 2025. Citizen petitions related to zoning amendments are required to have a full motion completed by 9/25 to be handed in with the article language.

**09/29/2025**- Draft warrant shared at Select Board meeting.

**10/06/2025**- Final warrant to be signed by Select Board. Certified Citizen petitions will be included in final warrant.

**11/3/2025**- Special Town Meeting 2025-2 to begin at 7:30 p.m. in Battin Hall of the Cary Memorial Building.

### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Move to call for a Special Town Meeting 2025-2 to begin on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in Battin

Hall of the Cary Memorial Building.

Move to accept the Moderator Request Letter dated, August 26, 2025 and include in the warrant.

**FOLLOW-UP:**

**DATE AND APPROXIMATE TIME ON AGENDA:**

9/15/2025                      6:35pm

**ATTACHMENTS:**

| Description |                               | Type            |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| ☐           | 2025-2 Moderator Letter       | Backup Material |
| ☐           | STM 2025-2 Draft Article List | Backup Material |



***Town of Lexington***  
**MODERATOR**  
**DEBORAH BROWN**

August 26, 2025

DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Dear Select Board Members,

Pursuant to Massachusetts Section 26 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, as amended by Section 47 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, I request approval to conduct Special Town Meeting 2025-2 as a hybrid meeting. I propose to use a combination of: (1) the Zoom videoconferencing platform, (2) the online voting tool developed by Select Board member Joe Pato, and (3) an online queuing function developed by Select Board member Joe Pato to facilitate the process of debate.

I certify that all components of the system described above have been fully tested and utilized successfully for prior Town Meetings, and I am satisfied that this system enables our meetings to be conducted in substantially the same manner whether a member is participating in person or remotely. I certify that the system for those opting for remote participation (i) allows the moderator, town meeting members, town officials and any other interested members of the public to identify and hear the moderator and each town meeting member who attends and participates in the remote meeting, as well as any other individuals who participate in the meeting; (ii) provides the ability to determine whether a quorum is present; (iii) allows participants to request recognition by the moderator and makes such requests visible to the meeting participants and the public; (iv) allows the moderator to determine when a town meeting member wishes to be recognized to speak, make a motion, or raise a point of order or personal privilege; (v) enables the moderator to recognize a town meeting member, town official or other individual and enable that person to speak; (vi) provides the ability to conduct a roll call or electronically recorded vote; (vii) allows any interested members of the public to access the meeting remotely through LexMedia for purposes of witnessing the deliberations and actions taken at the town meeting; (viii) allows members of the public to participate in debate in-person or through the submission of statements for or against a motion; and (ix) provides for the town meeting to be recorded and available for future viewing. I further confirm that I have consulted with Lexington's Commission on Disability regarding system accessibility.

Sincerely,

Deborah Brown  
Town Moderator  
617-512-7901

Special Town Meeting November 3, 2025

1. Town Reports
2. Appropriate for Prior year unpaid bills
3. Establish/Dissolve/Appropriate To/From Stabilization
4. Amend FY26 Operating, Enterprise, CPA budgets
  - a. Police
5. Authorized Capital improvements
6. Establish, Amend and Continue Departmental Revolving Funds
  - a. Tree revolving fund- increase \$60,000. This request is to provide adequate funding for the Urban Forest Management Plan. The plan will include a number of key aspects relating to the urban forest in Lexington and will include recommendations on tree canopy cover and tree planting.
  - b. Compost Revolving Fund increase \$50,000. This request is to provide adequate funding to install a security system (gate and cameras) at the Hartwell Avenue Compost Facility.
7. HERO Act
8. Establish Qualification for Senior tax work off (increase from \$1755 to \$2000)
9. Debt exclusion
10. Article 97
11. Housekeeping-Town bylaw change- remove reference from newspapers to electronic media including websites
12. Housekeeping-Lexhab- clarification language for IRS