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Minutes 02/10/2014

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10, 2014
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro
Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim and Mrs. Sullivan

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Minutes of Meetings: January 27, 2014

Mr. Greeley moved approval with correction. SO VOTED (5-0)

b. Reappointment: Board of Youth Services

Joan Lehrich

(term to expire 1/31/2017)

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Discussion: Minuteman School Regional Agreement

Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Charles Foskett

Mr. Foskett spoke requesting support of the revised agreement from the Selectmen prior to taking it forward to the public. Mr. Foskett gave a brief history of the current agreement then explained the five key area changes in the recently drafted agreement amendment: 1) weighted voting, 2) admitting new membership, 3) capital cost allocation, 4) exiting from the agreement, and 5) incurring debt.

After much discussion the Selectmen thanked Mr. Foskett for all of his work and unanimously showed support for the amendment. For more information refer to this website: <http://minuteman.org/superintendent/regional-agreement-ratf-raas/regional-agreement-amendment-subcommittee-raas>

Mr. Greeley moved support of the regional draft agreement going forward.

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment: Vision 2020 Standing Committee - Education Task Force

Michael Stern

(term to expire 1/31/2017)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

5. Request: Two Spaces On Street Overnight Parking @ 24 Nourse Street

Tami and Gary Kalajian

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Request: Stop Sign @ Longfellow Road and Highland Avenue
Officer Corey Rateau, Traffic and Parking Unit
Mr. Byrne moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: Mystic Street Crosswalk
David von Schack, resident of 10 Cheviot Road
Mr. Dunn reported that this request was researched and reviewed by T.A.C. and the Safety Officer in the past and was recommended no action due to safety concerns.
Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

8. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 11 Bylaw Amendment/Town Meeting Electronic Voting
Mr. Auster and Mr. Leone explained the technical aspects of the recording of close votes. Mr. Auster further explained the need to detect and deter error and fraud and to provide a high level of confidence in the integrity of the vote.
Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 13 Bylaw Amendment/Poet Laureate
Mr. Curro read a poem written by a resident, spoke on the reasons and process of this article and asked for Selectmen support. After some discussion it was agreed upon to change the duties presented in the Proposed Vote by deleting reference to the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Report. Ms. Liza Haley, Grafton Street resident and Thompson School Librarian, spoke in support of the Poet Laureate and the transformative power of poetry.
Mr. Curro moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 14 Bylaw Amendment/Public Music
Mr. Curro explained that this amendment is crafted to refine the current bylaw as it applies to music and performance and that it is meant to be a more non-restrictive bylaw. After some discussion it was agreed that the Model Regulations or process would be a future agenda item discussion after approval of Town Meeting. Mrs. Mahon wanted that discussion to include enforcement, solicitation of money, disability compliance issues and guidelines for lights and sounds. Mr. Roly Chaput voiced concerns that the new bylaw would create problems with current events held at Robbins Farm Park. It was agreed upon at this time that the Proposed Vote language be corrected to "Public ways" not "Public areas". Mr. Heim will clarify the language for the Final Votes and Comments to be voted at a future meeting. Mr. Sharpe, Town Meeting Member, and Ms. Marlin-Curiel, Arlington Cultural Commission, both spoke in support of the bylaw changes and the benefits of it to the residents and to the public arts to which there is no current process.
Mr. Curro moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)
Mr. Greeley requested an agenda item to approve a public music license to Mr. Sharpe at the next meeting.

Article 15 Bylaw Amendment/Cultural Commission
Ms. Marlin-Curiel explained the need to change the name because of the confusion between the Arlington Cultural Commission and the Arlington Cultural Council. The commission has not picked a new name so asked to be tabled until the March 10, 2014 meeting.
Mr. Byrne moved to table until the 3/10/14 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 19 Bylaw Amendment/Enforcement (Junk Cars)
Ms. Bongiorno, Director of Health & Human Services, explained that by adding the B.O.H. to the list of enforcing departments, it will allow them to cite property owners for violations of junk cars while they are at the property for other various code and regulation violations.
Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 25 Revolving Funds
Town Manager Chapdelaine requested this article be tabled.
Mrs. Mahon moved to table until the 3/10/14 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 54 Resolution/Town Meeting Electronic Voting
Mr. Leone explained that this resolution (language to be drafted with the help of Mr. Heim) allows Town Meeting members to express their views on the first use of an electronic voting system used during Town Meeting.
Mr. Greeley moved will report at Town Meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Sheri Baron 10 Raleigh Street	Bates Road and Mass. Ave. Traffic Light	Be Rec'd
Janice Anzlaone Bakey 15 Fountain Road	Keep Public Meeting Space Free	Be Rec'd
Phil McCarthy 156 Crosby Street	Opposed to Fee Charged for Public Meeting Room Use	Be Rec'd
Catrice C. Williams Department of Telecommunications & Cable	License Expiration Notice	Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon requested information on the process of renewing cable licenses from Mr. Chapdelaine regarding the expiration notice. Mr. Chapdelaine will report back with a plan.

Mr. Dunn requested that Ms. Baron's letter be referred to the Planning Department. Mr. Greeley also stated he may respond to the Ms. Baron's letter.

Mr. Chapdelaine responded to Ms. Bakey's and Mr. McCarthy's letters explaining it is a complicated issue and the original intent has changed over 37 years. The fees instated to manage the property had unintended consequences, thus a decision has been made to freeze all fees for community and stewardship groups until more research is done.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sullivan notified the Selectmen that:

- 1) those interested in participating in the Meals on Wheels Program needed to contact the office,
- 2) the Town Manager reviews are due

Mrs. Sullivan reported there is a request for the Selectmen to consider offering more all alcohol restaurant licenses by placing an article in the Special Town Meeting Warrant to increase the number allowed in Town. After some discussion the Selectmen unanimously agreed and asked Mr. Heim to draft the warrant for submittal.

Mr. Chapdelaine asked the Selectmen to look at the Waste Disposal Contract and respond with feedback regarding the proposed contract extension.

Mr. Greeley asked the Selectmen for support on moving forward with the letter to the Public Memorials Committee. The Selectmen agreed in supporting the request to the committee.

Mr. Curro reminded the Selectmen of the Master Plan Public Meeting on February 13, 2014 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

Mr. Byrne congratulated Richard Turcotte, TAC volunteer member, on the e-publishing of his first book the Tretiak Agenda.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence received. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office

Next scheduled meeting of BoS February 24, 2014.

1(a) Meeting minutes draft 1/27/14
1(b) Reappointment memorandum-Joan Lehrich
2 Proposed Amendments to The Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Agreement
3 Appointment Memorandum-Michael SternArlington Vision 2020 Letter with resume
4 N/A
5 24 Nourse St. Parking Request24 Nourse Inspections Reports-Fire and Traffic and Parking Unit
6 Longfellow Rd. Stop Sign Installation RequestTraffic and Parking Unit Report
7 Mystic St. Cross walk RequestD. Dunn/R. Turcotte emailsTraffic and Parking Unit ReportTAC Report - 2008
W.A. 11 Warrant Article and Town Counsel Heim Comments
W.A. 13 Warrant Article and Town Counsel Heim CommentsProposed Vote, NY Times Article, and West Tisbury
Article - Selectmen J. Curro, Jr.Robbins Library Memo - Director Livergood
W.A. 14 Warrant Article and Town Counsel Heim CommentsProposed Vote, Model Regulations - Selectmen J. Curro,
Jr.
W.A. 15 Warrant Article and Town Counsel Heim Comments
W.A. 19 Warrant Article and Town Counsel Heim CommentsBoard of Health Memo - Director Bongiorno
W.A. 25 Warrant Article and Town Counsel Heim Comments
W.A. 54 Warrant Article and Town Counsel Heim CommentsResolution/Town Meeting Electronic Voting -TM electronic
Voting Committee
Corr. Recv'd S. Baron letterJ. Bakey EmailP. McCarthy Arlington Advocate ArticleC. Williams/Comm. of Mass.
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