

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 8, 2014  
7:15 p.m.

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

1. Presentation: Arlington High School Parking Proposal

AHS Generation Citizen Project

The AHS students proposed a new parking system for students by permit/stickers (a survey showed 40 would be needed) for surrounding residential streets in the high school neighborhood.

The Selectmen thanked the students for their work and suggested they present their proposal to the School Committee and Superintendent.

Mrs. Mahon suggested:

- rear parking lot redesign (check with Michael Rademacher)
- if there is no other solution follow up on getting 20 spaces from teachers and admins for students
- utilize the side road from Grove St. to the high school for some spaces
- utilize Russell St. parking for permit/sticker parking area
- request the Superintendent consider abutting land be taken by eminent domain

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Discussion and Vote: Property Tax Classification - Tax Rate

Paul Tierney, Assessor

Mr. Tierney presented the tax classification information with a recommendation of \$13.55 as the tax rate per thousand for FY2015 (subject to DOR certification).

Mr. Jamieson, Co-chair of the Fiscal Resource Task Group, passed out an Arlington Property Tax Revenues sheet and questioned the correctness of the commercial properties values. Mr. Jamieson reported that public information requests to the Assessors for land values of commercial properties have still not been furnished from the spring this year.

Mr. Byrne responded that this is a Property Tax Classification hearing and the public information request complaint should be taken to a Board of Assessors Meeting to be addressed.

Mr. Feeley, Chairman of the Board of Assessors responded that the Town and the State are in agreement that the properties values are correct in the Tax Classification Documents.

Mr. Loreti, resident of 56 Adams St., questioned the commercial properties values and does not agree that they are at full value. He asked the Selectmen to consider in future years the current undervaluation of commercial properties.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of adopting a residential factor of 1 for the single tax rate.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**APPOINTMENTS**

3. Introduction: Newly Appointed Tree Committee Member

Emily Snyder (term to expire 11/2017)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture

Jonathan Hyde (term to expire 1/31/2018)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Arlington Cultural Council

Renee Cameron (term to expire 12/2017)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee

Sara Elizabeth Hirshon (term to expire 1/31/2016)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to an introduction at a future meeting.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**LICENSES & PERMITS**

7. Request: Tango Restaurant Late Night Event, 12/31/14

Alissa Mermet, Tango Restaurant, 464 Massachusetts Avenue

Mrs. Mahon moved approval

SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Request: Common Victualler License

Jimmy's Pizzeria, 1508 Massachusetts Ave., Weder Marra

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (4-0)

9. Request: Public Entertainment License

Acitron Cocina Mexicana, 473 Massachusetts Avenue, Gotu Hule

The Selectmen requested that Mr. Hule work with the B.O.H. regarding amplification.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**CITIZENS OPEN FORUM - SIGN IN PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF OPEN FORUM**

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS**

10. Vote: Special Municipal Employees/Conservation Commission

Nathaniel Stevens, Chair, Conservation Commission

Mrs. Mahon moved approval that the members of the Town of Arlington Conservation Commission be and hereby are designated as Special Municipal Employees in accordance with G.L.c.268A, § 1(n).

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Curro requested that Mr. Heim include information on special municipal employee status to boards, commissions and committees when he sends out the annual state ethics law (conflict of interest) reminders.

11. Request: One Space, On Street Overnight Parking @ 57 Milton Street

Dave and Ellen Setser

Mrs. Mahon moved no action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

12. For Approval: Fund Balance Policy for Symmes Property Fund

Andrew P. Flanagan, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. Flanagan explained the policy will maintain a fund balance in the Symmes Property Fund in an amount equal to the annual debt service costs associated with the purchase of the property plus a legal reserve that does not exceed \$5,000. The fund balance will be derived directly from property taxes associated with the fully developed site. This will be the policy through FY2022 when the debt is retired.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

13. Discussion and Adopt: Draft Selectmen's Handbook, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8

Mr. Curro requested a spread sheet listing license type, fee amount, and number available.

Mr. Greeley will look into a document containing this information.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

ACMI Annual Audit

John D. Leone, President, ACMI - Be Rec'd

Request TAC Input, Spy Pond Tennis Courts Renovation

Joseph Connelly, Director of Recreation; Park and Recreation Commission - Be Rec'd

Mr. Greeley moved to refer this correspondence to TAC.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Request to Memorialize Robert MacMurray

Dan Dunn, Selectman

Mr. Greeley moved to refer this correspondence to the Memorial Committee with a recommendation for approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Heim reported that in order to change a speed limit the Town would have to contact the local Department of Transportation, have an engineering study completed and the Board votes a speed limit change in order to amend the Registry of Motor Vehicles and Mass Department of Transportation law.

Mr. Flanagan announced the birth of Pearl Chapdelaine, Mr. Chapdelaine's newborn daughter.

Mr. Greeley stated that the Selectones schedule this year is:

-Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Cusack Towers

-Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Drake Village at 7:00 p.m.

-Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Bright View at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon requested that the Hackney/Taxi renewal with insurance guidelines be an agenda item the last meeting of January or in February.

Mr. Curro reported that the Chamber of Commerce's First Lights tree lighting on Broadway plaza and the trolley rides were a great success this past weekend. He thanked all town employees and volunteers that helped to make it happen.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan  
Selectmen's Office

**Next scheduled meeting of BoS – December 22, 2014.**

12/8/14

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	AHS General Citizen Project
2	Legal Ad
3	Synder meeting notice, Appointment approval from 11.24.14 meeting
4	Town Manager recommendation Hyde resume Meeting notice
5	Cultural Council Recommendation Cameron resume Meeting notice
6	Town Manager recommendation Hirshon resume Meeting notice
7	Tango Request and Agreement
8	Application packet
9	Application packet
10	Town Counsel Memo 1.18.13; State Ethics Law, Chapter 28A Conservation Commission Request
11	Inspections Summary Report, Police memo, Fire memo, Sester request, meeting notice
12	Fund Balance Policy Memo
13	Chapter 7 & 8 drafts
Corr. Rec'd	Leone Cover Letter, Auditors' Report and Financial Statements Recreation Department request to TAC Google Earth Spy Pond Tennis Spy Pond Tennis Overall Field Spy Pond Tennis Spy Pond ADA Correspondence from D. Dunn