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Minutes 06/27/2011

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 27, 2011
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Dunn and Ms. LaCourt

Absent: Ms. Rowe

Also: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

1. Police Department Accreditation
 Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Chief Frederick Ryan and Police Officer Rebecca Gallagher appeared before the Board to discuss the recertification of the Arlington Police Department.

On May 4, 2011, the Arlington Police Department was recertified by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. Certification is a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain national standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession. These carefully selected standards reflect critical areas of police management, operations, and technical support activities. They cover areas such as policy development, emergency response planning, training, communications, property and evidence handling, use of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner transportation and holding facilities. The program not only sets standards for the law enforcement profession, but also for the delivery of police services to the citizens of the commonwealth. Achieving Certification from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is considered a very significant accomplishment and is a recognition that is highly regarded by the law enforcement community.

Under the leadership of Chief Frederick Ryan, the Arlington Police Department was assessed in March 2011 by a team of Commission-appointed assessors. The Assessment Team found the Department to be in compliance with all applicable standards for Certification. According to Donna Taylor Mooers, the Commission's Executive Director, going through the process initially requires intense self-scrutiny, and ultimately provides a quality assurance review of the agency.

To conduct this self-assessment and prepare for the on-site review of the 155 standards by the Commission, in 2011, Chief Ryan appointed Captain Robert Bongiorno to serve as the Department's Accreditation Manager along with Officer Rebecca Gallagher. Certification has been granted for a period of three years. Participation in the program is strictly voluntary. Massachusetts is one of twenty-four states that offer an accreditation process for its police departments.

The Board congratulated Chief Ryan and his department for achieving this accomplishment.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

FOR APPROVAL

2. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: May 23, 2011, June 8, 2011, June 13, 2011
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
 Ms. LaCourt abstained from voting on the May 23, 2011 minutes.
 SO VOTED (3-0)
 - b. APPOINTMENT
 New Election Worker

Elizabeth E. Yorke, 23 Drake Road, D, Pct. 20

- c. Request: Child Rights and You Boston Walk/Run Fundraiser, August 28, 2011

Bharath Sundararaman, Leader

- d. Year End Transfers FY 2011

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Forest Street Update

Michael Rademacher, DPW Director

Mr. Rademacher informed the Board that the Forest Street reconstruction has been delayed because of a pipe deemed too shallow by the MWRA and the Town must now find different, smaller equipment to get the work done. The design will remain the same as planned and hopefully, the water main work would be completed this summer. If the work is done on time, the contractor will resurface the pavement in the fall and the rest of the work would have to wait until next spring. As soon as he has approval from the MWRA, he will notify all residents as to when construction will be done, etc.

4. For Approval: Safe Routes to School, Dallin School Tree Removal for Construction Purposes

Wayne A. Chouinard, Town Engineer

The Town Engineer requested that ten (10) trees need to be removed in order to comply with the state Safe Routes to School project for the Dallin School. The trees are located on town-owned property. Four of the trees to be removed are in good condition and the other six trees are unhealthy.

Motion made by Mrs. Mahon to have the Town Engineer and Town Manager's Office notify affected residents on George Street and Renfrew Street regarding tree removal in accordance with the Mass. DOT construction plan. A letter will be mailed to residents indicating what tree is to be removed. If residents need any more information, please contact the Town Manager. The Board further instructed the Town Manager to hold any public hearing if he and the Town Engineer deem it to be necessary. The Board asked that residents be notified on both sides of the home where trees are being removed. The Board's approval becomes effective July 5th.

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Mark Kaepplein, 11 Palmer Street, appeared before the Board regarding June 13, 2011 letter to Mass. DOT on the Mass. Avenue project.

Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Kaepplein for coming before the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. Vote: Support Letter, Bedford's Minuteman Extension

Joey Glushko, Planner

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Patient Parking @ #5 & #11 Water Street

Wayne Altman, MD, Family Practice Group

Matthew Schofield, MD, Arlington Pediatric Associates

Dr. Altman and Dr. Schofield appeared before the Board concerning parking problems voiced by patients and doctors at Water Street medical practices, Sagov Center for Family Medicine and Arlington Pediatric Associates.

They requested the Selectmen designate twenty parking spaces for the doctors' office use only, to be paid for by the practices. The Board rejected their request stating that all businesses have difficulty with parking and that all the other businesses would want the same request. The Board agreed to have additional handicap spaces added at the entrance of Water Street. The following patients spoke regarding the difficulty they had this past winter and spring with parking meters:

Sharon Prizant, 17 Tanager Street

Danny Gromfin, 49 School Street
 Jennifer Goebel, 89 Sunset Road
 Donna Harrison, 53 Upland Road West
 Rishiyur Nikhil, 53 Upland Road West

The Board agreed that there is definitely a problem with the meters and that they would look into an alternative system.

Ms. LaCourt made a motion to have Town Manager Sullivan look into a new parking system as part of the town's capital improvement plan and report back to the Board in September. Mr. Dunn requested the Parking Clerk to provide information about the down-time and up-time of parking meters.

SO VOTED (4-0) 8. Presentation: Uncle Sam

Wilson Plaza

Laurence McKinney, Chair, Uncle Sam Committee

The Board thanked Mr. McKinney, Chairman, Uncle Sam Committee for undertaking this project. They also asked Mr. McKinney to work with the Town Manager and report back to the Selectmen when their plans are finalized.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

9. Discussion: Alcohol Compliance Report, Midami Asian Cuisine

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved that a public hearing will take place on July 18, 2011.

SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Discussion: ABCC Compliance, Menotomy Beer and Wine Hours

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved that a public hearing will take place on July 18, 2011.

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Discussion: Future BoS Meetings

The Board voted the following meeting:

September 12, 2011

September 26, 2011

October 17, 2011

October 24, 2011

November 7, 2011

November 21, 2011

December 5, 2011

December 19, 2011

Correspondence Received

Katherine Craven
 Executive Director, MSBA

Thompson Elementary School

Be Rec'd

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 Executive Director, MSBA

M. Norcross Stratton Elementary School

Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

New Business

Mr. Sullivan reported he had received a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue regarding the Town's request that the Division of Local Services conduct a financial review of the possible consolidation of the Arlington town and school financial management operations - Warrant Article 51 of the Annual Town Meeting.

Ms. LaCourt reported that the IT Committee met last Thursday and the committee is in the process of revamping a strategy plan for three years because technology is changing so quickly.

Ms. LaCourt also thanked the Deputy Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine, and Town Treasurer Stephen Gilligan for putting together the Public Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

Mr. Greeley stated that he would like to see how other town's put their Agenda's together - he feels the amount of paper work he receives is unbelievable - and maybe it is time for individual computers at their desk.

Mr. Dunn stated that he feels that there are all kinds of opportunities for the IT Committee to be looking at. Mr. Dunn also wanted to thank the Finance Committee for all their hard work they do.

Mrs. Mahon asked the Town Manager if he would ask the Comptroller if the School has met this year's end of the year budget figures. With last year's 1.5 million dollar school deficit, she would like to know if it has been addressed to insure it will not happen again.

Mr. Greeley thanked the Board for participating in alternative transportation for tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next scheduled meeting of BoS July 18, 2011.

REFERENCE LIST OF DOCUMENTS:|

1. Board of Selectmen/Arlington Housing Authority Appointing Authority Meeting Minutes May 23, 2011.
2. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes May 23, 2011
3. Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 8, 2011
4. Joint Meeting of BOS and the Arlington Redevelopment Board Minutes, June 13, 2011
5. Election Worker's Master Record - Elizabeth E. Yorke
6. Letter from Bharath regarding Walk/Run Fundraiser for Child Rights & You, August 28, 2011
7. Letter from Adam Chapdelaine, Deputy Town Manager, regarding year end transfers FY 2011
8. Letter from Town Engineer Wayne Chounard and James Dodge, Tree Warden regarding request to Remove Trees for Construction Purposes - Dallin School Safe Routes to School project.
9. Letter of Support regarding Minuteman Extension from Joey Glushko, Planning Dept.
10. Letter from Dr. Wayne Altman and Dr. Matthew Scholfield regarding parking problems at the Water Street parking lot.
11. Letter from Lawrence McKinney, Chairman, Uncle Sam Committee
12. Letter from Town Counsel Juliana Rice regarding Alcohol Compliance checks - Midami Asian Cuisine
13. Letter from Town Counsel Juliana Rice regarding Holiday Liquor Sales - Menotomy Beer and Wine
14. Calander - Future BOS Meetings
15. Letter from Mass. School Building Authority - Thompson School
16. Letter from Mass. School Building Authority - Stratton School
17. Letter from Mark Kaepplein, 11 Palmer Street, Mass. Ave. Project

