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Minutes 09/26/2011

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2011
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. LaCourt, and Mr. Dunn
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Krepelka
 Absent: Mr. Greeley, Vice Chair

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: September 12, 2011
 - b. Request: One Day Increase of Hours, 10/06/11, Tango Restaurant
Ricardo Mermet, Owner
 - c. Hanging of Banners in Arlington Center for Arlington Reads Together
Maryellen Loud, Library Director

Mr. Dunn moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee
Mahendra Desai
(term to expire 6/30/14)
Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

3. Request: Food Vendor License
Marion Kiakotos d/b/a Loukoumaki, 916 Massachusetts Avenue
Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

4. 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.

No matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

5. Discussion: National Grid Street Opening Permit, #1250-#1381 Massachusetts Avenue

Victor Santana, National Grid
 Michael Rademacher, Public Works Director

Mr. Santana appeared before the Selectmen requesting permission from the Board of Selectmen and the Department of Public Works for a street opening permit on Massachusetts Avenue. The proposed work is necessary to upgrade the Company's facilities in order to maintain safe operation of our infrastructure, and to continue to ensure service reliability. The work will extend from 1250 Mass. Avenue near the intersection with Richardson Avenue, to 1381 Massachusetts Avenue, just past the intersection with Park Avenue. There will be no lateral work and minimal service work. The work is projected to be completed by the November 15th deadline barring unforeseen events. Work will take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mr. Santana will notify all abutters as to when the work will be taking place in front of their property and the businesses along Mass. Avenue.

Mr. Rademacher will have weekly updates on the Website.

Mr. Santana also asked permission to obtain a street opening permit for Academy Street. National Grid will notify all abutters and school officials (International School of Boston) 17 Irving Street and Mr. Rademacher will have weekly updates on the Website. The Board is very concerned about safety conditions at this project and asked that Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Santana and Officer Corey Rateau review this area before work begins. The Board also would like a copy of the letter that will be sent to all abutters.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Approval: New Voting Precincts
 Clarissa Rowe, Chair

Ms. Rowe stated that the Local Election Districts Review Commission informed the Town of Arlington that we meet the requirements of Mass. General Laws Chapter 54, Section 1 and is otherwise consistent with law and has thus been approved by the Commission. The effective date of the new precinct lines is not until December 31, 2011. The voting lines have been changed in 15 Precincts 1-2-4-5-6-7-11-13-15-16-17-18-19-and 20.

No changes in Precinct 3-8-10-12-14 and 21.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Annette Donnelly
 74 Ridge Street

Request to Relocate Crosswalk

Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon moved that Ms. Donnelly's letter be sent to Officer Corey Rateau for review and recommendation.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence received.

SO VOTED (4-0)

New Business

Mr. Sullivan announced that he will be retiring in February 2012. Ms. Rowe praised Mr. Sullivan for his exemplary service to the Town over the past eight years and wishes him all the best in his retirement. Those sentiments were echoed by all Board members. Mr. Sullivan thanked the Board for their support and leadership over the years. He stated that he feels the Board is one of the hardest working boards he has worked with in his 37 year career in municipal government.

Ms. Rowe stated the Selectmen will proceed with a transparent process to identify the best candidates and details on this process will be posted on the Town's website.

Mr. Sullivan stated that we are on track to have the Division of Local Services conduct a financial review in October of the possible consolidation of the town and school financial management operations. The DOR and the Department of Elementary & Secretary Education have extensive experience in municipal and school financial management procedures and structures.

Ms. Rowe stated that MAPC will be holding an election for seats on the board of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) representing the municipalities in our region. The Town of Arlington is running for one of two At-Large Town seats on the MPO Board and she is a candidate for one of those seats. The MPO is responsible for planning and programming financial resources for a multi-modal transportation system for the 101 municipalities in the Boston region.

Mrs. Mahon asked if Officer Rateau would look into installing a stop sign at Memorial Way/Sunnyside Avenue and also she had received a call from a resident regarding the stop sign at Wachusett and Park Avenue. The resident feels that there needs to be better signage at this busy intersection with children walking to Dallin School.

Ms. Rowe stated that on Town Day she had a conversation with Representative Kaufman regarding the Great Meadows Land. Although the Town of Arlington owns it, the Town of Lexington is interested in acquiring interest in the property. She asked Town Counsel to look into the legal status of said land.

Ms. Rowe stated she has not heard anything from Lexington as to the next meeting regarding Busa Farms.

Mr. Dunn stated that he received a copy of an e-mail from the Mass. Dept. of Revenue regarding the Notification of Free Cash Approval for Arlington and it is roughly where he expected it.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next scheduled meeting of BoS October 17, 2011.

"Documents Used" At Board of Selectmen Meeting 9/26/11:

Agenda Item Documents Used

1(a) draft minutes 9/12/11 meeting

1(b) 9/6/11 letter from David Leone, Esq. w/ signed agreement from Tango Restaurant

1(c) 9/22/11 memo from Maryellen Loud re 2011 Community Read

2 9/15/11 memo from Brian Sullivan re appointment to Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee w/ resumé, cover letter

3 License Application Report (Food Vendor) - Marion Kiakotos d/b/a Loukoumaki - 916 Mass Ave

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5 9/20/11 letter from Michael Rademacher re street opening permit request; 9/5/11 letter from Victor Santana, National Grid re same

6 new voting precinct map; new voting precinct map showing changes

misc. (a) 9/12/11 letter from Annette Donnelly re request to relocate crosswalk; (b) 6/24/11 letter from Frederick Kingsley, Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services re financial review and 9/19/11 e-mails between Brian Sullivan and Frederick Kingsley re same; (c) 9/16/11 letter from Town of Needham by Kate Fitzpatrick re Maurice Handel and Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization; (d) Town Day photo of four members of the Board of Selectmen; (e) 9/19/11 e-mail from Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services re 7/1/11 free cash certification