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## Selectmen's Minutes 06-07-2010

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, June 7, 2010  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd and Ms. Rowe

Absent: Mr. Greeley

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

#### FOR APPROVAL

1. **Consent Agenda** (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: April 12, 2010, April 28, 2010, May 17, 2010, May 24, 2010
  - b. Contractor/Drainlayer License  
 Lovett Plumbing & Heating Services, Inc., 177 Silvia Street, Arlington, MA
  - c. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 6/25/10 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall Auditorium for ACMI Awards Dinner  
 Norman J. McLeod, ACMI Executive Director
  - d. Reappointment: Board of Library Trustees  
 Francis Murphy  
 (term to expire 1/31/2013)
  - e. Reappointment: Commission on Disabilities  
 Maureen St. Hilaire  
 (term to expire 1/31/2013)
  - f. Reappointment: Historical Commission  
 Eric Stange  
 (term to expire 1/31/2013)
  - g. Reappointment: Open Space Committee  
 Jane Auger  
 (term to expire 1/31/2013)  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

#### 2. **Re-naming Veterans Memorial Skating Rink**

John W. Hurd, Selectman

Mr. Hurd stated that the Public Memorials Committee supported a request to rename the Veterans Memorial Rink as the Edward Burns Arena.

Ms. Rowe asked the Town Manager if we had to write to the DCR to have the name changed to the Edward Burns Arena. Mr. Sullivan stated he would contact DCR. Mr. Hurd stated that he would have at a future date all members of the Committee come before the Board of Selectmen and answer any and all questions. At that time, the Committee will discuss the naming of the ice rink and locker rooms. Mrs. Mahon expressed concern about renaming a field which already memorializes someone. Mr. Hurd assured her if a part of the facility is already memorialized it will not be renamed.

Mr. Hurd moved to have the adjacent two ball fields and the rink named as the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. **Discussion: East Arlington Commercial Area Satellite Parking**

Richard Fraiman, Capitol Theatre  
(postponed from 5/3/10 meeting)

Laura Wiener, Planner, Sr. Planning and Redevelopment Dept., has been working with Richard Fraiman, owner of the Capitol Theatre regarding parking. Mr. Fraiman is asking the Board to consider making the parking lots at Hardy and Crosby Schools available for customer parking on Friday evenings and Saturdays. The lots could be used by both employees and customers on Friday night and Saturdays when parking is tightest. This could benefit both the businesses and the residents of East Arlington. They will publicize the availability of the spaces and monitor their use.

As a pilot program Mr. Fraiman is proposing that the Capitol Theatre would pay for approximately 10 spaces at the Hardy School for Friday and Saturday evenings for approximately 6 months. They would pay the Town \$520 in revenue for the six months.

Ms. Rowe stated she thought it was a wonderful use of town land. The Board ratified Mr. Fraiman's proposal on a preliminary basis pending his presence at the next meeting. Mrs. Mahon agreed with the idea and suggested Town Counsel prepare a contract agreement and have Mr. Fraiman come back at the next meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Rowe moved to accept the pilot program for six months.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**LICENSES & PERMITS**

4. **Request: Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee Bike Safety and T-Shirt Fundraiser on Minuteman Trail,**  
6/12/10

Michael Beck, ABAC

Michael Beck and Chad Gibson, members of the ABAC, appeared before the Board stating they would like to hold a free 1-day bicycle safety and mechanic stop on the Minuteman Trail on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The rain date would be June 19<sup>th</sup>. They will be providing free bicycle maintenance, distribute bicycle safety pamphlets and intersection guidelines. They also will be selling T-shirts as their fundraiser to offset costs of important events and projects that promote bicycling in our local community.

Ms. Rowe told Mr. Beck and Mr. Gibson that they were doing a great community service.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

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.

Joel Higginson, 433 Summer Street, who has lived across the street from the Veterans Memorial Sports Center for more than 25 years stated he is concerned about the 0.1 percent of users who violate the lighted field policy, leaving the lights on after 10:00 p.m. and the disciplinary action process. He stated that it baffles him why the Recreation Commission has chosen to implement a four strike discipline policy, by the time you go through the discipline process, the season is over. He asked the Board to support his suggestion to the Recreation Commission to revisit the policy. Mrs. Mahon said she would like to be notified if someone gets a strike and suggested that Mr. Higginson call the non-emergency police line to report if lights are used past 10:00 p.m. Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to have Joe Connelly notify the Board if there is a strike.

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

6. **Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 28 Cornell Street**

Maria M. Sousa

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. **Vote: Updated Special (One-Day) Liquor License Policy**

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Mr. Hurd thanked Ms. Rice for a great job with the updated Special One Day Liquor License Policy. Mrs. Mahon asked that under Item 3 unless otherwise voted by the Board of Selectmen, outside consumption is prohibited. If

allowed by the Board vote, outdoor sale and consumption may occur only in a defined outside area away from public ways. Mrs. Mahon also asked that Item 7 state that the Board reserves the right to decline to consider any application filed later than 21 days before the proposed event. Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**8. Discussion: Feast of the East, 6/19/10**

John W. Hurd, Selectman

Mr. Hurd stated the Feast of the East is a community celebration that highlights the unique character of East Arlington and its many restaurants, specialty shops and other businesses. Mr. Hurd invites all residents to this free event to be held on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Doug Reardon Request No Parking on Appleton Street  
80 Browning Road

Be Rec'd

Mr. Hurd moved to send a copy of Mr. Reardon's letter to the Police Dept.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

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**Addendum**

**1. Up-date: Sunday's Storm**

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan reported that as of 1:00 p.m. today the bike path is open. Also that all streets are open and all trees are removed from houses and wires. We lost 31 trees during the storm. Nstar should have electric service on at all locations by early evening. The Dept. of Public Works will be picking up and chipping branches into next week. The Dept. of Public Works is asking that residents place all tree waste on the curb in front these homes. Anyone that has any questions regarding tree waste can call the DPW at 781-316-3300.

**2. Presentation: Board of Youth Services AYCC FY 2011 Plans**

Christine Connelly, Director of Health & Human Services

Lynn Horgan, Chair

Lynn Horgan, Chairman of the Board of Youth Services, presented the Arlington Youth Consultation Center's fiscal year 2011 plans and asked for the Selectmen's continued support. Ms. Horgan outlined a plan for AYCC to become more financially self-sustaining and projected a \$200,000 increase in revenue by fiscal year 2016. The Board thanked the AYCC for an excellent presentation.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report.

(SO VOTED (4-0))

## New Business

Mr. Sullivan – Forest Update

Ms. Rowe stated that she is working with the Planning Dept. to identify areas for bus shelters along Massachusetts Avenue and stated that there will be a public hearing in July about where the shelters should be built.

Ms. Rowe stated that the Farmer's Market has new hours this year. They will be at the Russell Common Lot every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Rowe stated that a Public Meeting will be held at Town Hall on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to update the community on the current status of the Mass. Avenue Corridor Project.

Ms. LaCourt congratulated Marie Meteer, Chairman of the Arlington Bridge the Gap, for all their work. The Committee set the initial goal at \$1 Million. As of today the Committee has raised approximately \$550,000 and will most likely keep climbing with company matching programs yet to be sent in.

Mrs. Mahon thanked the Bridge The Gap Committee and Mrs. Krepelka for the wonderful program last night at Town Hall.

Mrs. Mahon stated that FEMA has extended the final filing date for residents to submit an application for disaster assistance from the March storms to July 12<sup>th</sup> and asked the Town Manager if he knew when the deadline is for applying for Flood Insurance since the new FEMA Maps have been finalized.

Mrs. Mahon recommended that Ms. LaCourt work with the 5-Year Plan Committee as the Selectmen's designee. The Committee will be presenting a final plan in the Fall.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon stated that she will have a meeting at a future date with Town Counsel Rice, Moderator John Leone, Board Administrator Marie Krepelka, and Town Manager Sullivan regarding "a wrap up" of Town Meeting procedures.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she would hold a joint meeting with the School Committee at the School Committee Room in the Fall.

Mrs. Mahon stated that the Health Insurance Committee has been in contact with the Unions and may be at our meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> they will put something before us.

Mrs. Mahon stated that the Arlington High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad was chosen to participate in the 2011 Gator Bowl Parade on New Year's Day. Mrs. Mahon feels the Arlington Squad was chosen because of its premier program and dedication to it.

Ms. Mahon stated that she has been working with Supt. Bodie to reinstate the program she had started years ago with Supt. Donovan and former Captain John Serson to have the lights at the high school stay on until 11:00 – 11:30 p.m. at the basketball courts, away from any residences. The Sector 5 car will be stationed there until that officer receives a call. Also, the Community Liaison and/or motorcycle patrol officer will be there until that officer gets called.

Mr. Hurd thanked Mr. Sullivan for meeting with the Bike Committee and looks forward to the location of the bike signs in Arlington Center including signs prohibiting riding bikes on the sidewalk at our next meeting.

Ms. Rowe moved to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator