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## Selectmen's Minutes 08/09/2010

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 9, 2010**  
**7:15 p.m.**

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd and Ms. Row e  
 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: June 21, 2010, July 12, 2010
  - b. Request: India Literacy Program 5K 'Walk for Literacy', September 18, 2010, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 Smitha Rangegow da, Coordinator
  - c. Contractor/Drainlayer License  
 Mathias Corporation, P.O. Box 366343, Boston, MA
  - d. REAPPOINTMENTS
    - Board of Youth Services  
 Donna Dolan  
 (term to expire 6/30/2013)
    - Conservation Commission  
 Nathaniel Stevens  
 (term to expire 6/30/2013)
    - Park & Recreation Commission  
 Jennifer Rothenberg  
 James Robillard  
 (terms to expire 6/30/2013)
  - e. Vote: Request to Waiver Parking Restrictions-Tufts and Foster Streets  
 Deanne Benson, Lesley Ellis School  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

2. Request: Alteration of Premise - All Alcohol  
 Ricardo J.M. Mermet, El Tango, Inc., d/b/a Tango Restaurant, 464-466-468 Mass. Ave.  
 David A. Leone, Esquire  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)
3. Request: Transfer/Issuance of Stock and New Stockholders - Wine & Malt License  
 Yuphin Dexter, Thai Moon Inc., d/b/a Thai Moon Restaurant, 663 Mass. Ave.  
 Mark O'Connor, Esquire  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

## APPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment: Commission on Disabilities  
Heidi Hample  
(term to expire 6/30/2013)  
Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
5. Appointment: Information Technology Advisory Committee  
John Mangiaratti  
(term to expire 8/2013)  
Greg Ruccio  
(term to expire 8/2013)  
Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

## LICENSES &amp; PERMITS

6. Request: Change of Manager, Not Your Average Joe's  
Peter Lowre, New Manager  
Not Your Average Joe's, 645 Massachusetts Avenue  
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
7. Request: Second Hand Dealer License  
Louis L. Gersh, d/b/a Louis L. Gersh Auctions (Ebay auction service), 87 Warren Street  
Bryan Gallagher, Arlington Police Department  
Applicant withdrew application.  
Mr. Hurd moved to deny request. SO VOTED (5-0)

## 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.

Arthur Budnik, 163 Washington Street, Director of Friends of the Council on Aging, and Heather Riley, Treasurer, Chandler Street appeared before the Board regarding the 5K run to benefit the Arlington Council on Aging to be held Sunday, September 12, 2010 - 10:00 a.m., Arlington Town Hall and ending at the Arlington Senior Center. They will have post race awards, prizes, t-shirts, music, entertainment and a silent auction. The Board wished them much success.

Lorraine Barra and Steven Revilak of Sunnyside Avenue appeared before the Board regarding their concerns about the safety of the access road off of Sunnyside Avenue.

They stated a dangerous blind spot on that curve puts pedestrians at risk of being hit by cars. Sunnyside Avenue residents raised safety concerns about using the first alley (between 37 Sunnyside Avenue and Boyle's Auto Body) as an entrance to the Greenway path. The alley is graded in a way that creates a blind spot for vehicles turning in. MassDOT/DCR feels that this alley will be a popular way to enter the Greenway path, and they oppose the idea of constructing a barrier to discourage its use. The residents asked if it would be possible to re-grade the alley entrance, to eliminate or reduce the blind spot. MassDOT believes this issue deserves more research, possibly in conjunction with Arlington Town Engineer Michael Rademacher.

Town Manager Sullivan assured them that he would bring the issue up with the Mass. Dept. of Transportation officials and the Town Engineering Department. Mrs. Mahon stated that she would talk to the Fire and Police Chiefs about their concerns.

Brian Rehrig, 28 Academy Street, Treasurer, Arlington Land Trust, appeared before the Board to report the ALT reached an agreement to purchase Elizabeth Island. The purchase and sale agreement for the island calls for the ALT to purchase the island by December 31, 2010 from its long-time owner, Elaine Sacco. The land will be owned by Arlington Land Trust, and both Mass. Audubon and the Arlington Conservation Commission will hold a conservation restriction on the land, ensuring its permanent protection. All three organizations share the goal of maintaining the island's value as significant habitat for animals and plants and as the visual centerpiece of Spy Pond, while permitting continued low-impact public access for passive recreation. The protection of the island should also ensure the continued programmatic use by the Arlington Boys & Girls Club. The Arlington Land Trust will be commencing a public fundraising campaign for the project. Mr. Rehrig stated the ALT will need the support of friends and neighbors to complete this acquisition.

Ms. Rowe stated that Mrs. Sacco and her family have stewarded the island for over 40 years now to the point that a lot of people in town assume that it's a protected resource.

Mr. Hurd stated that he is excited about the purchase.

Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Rehrig, the Arlington Land Trust and Ms. Rowe for all their efforts in making this acquisition a reality for the Town of Arlington.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

8. Vote: Eminent Domain/Orders of Taking - Dallin Safe Routes to School

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Michael Rademacher, Town Engineer

The Board unanimously approved the Dallin Safe Routes to School construction areas that would be subject to either temporary or permanent easements on this property. This would involve 35 residents. The temporary easements are to allow workers to walk on private property while construction is taking place. The permanent easements are to build sidewalks around existing trees.

Michael Rademacher, Town Engineer, stated that approximately 20 of the landowners waived their rights to an appraisal and donated the easements.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 150 Newport Street

Dorothy M. Downey, Caretaker

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. Request: One Space On Street Overnight Parking @ 82 Park Street

Clare Conway, Resident

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Vote: Letter of Support for Housing Corporation

David Levy, Arlington Housing Corporation

The Board unanimously voted to support the Arlington Housing Corporation's purchase of three apartment buildings on Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Levy stated the Housing Corporation will be applying for a state grant in September to fund the \$9 million project. The complexes include 32 units, most of which are currently one bedroom and studio apartments.

Ms. LaCourt stated she is excited to see this work being done. Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Levy and the Corporation for their spectacular work as always.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Discussion: School Sign Plans

Edward Starr, TAC Co-Chair

Jeff Maxtutis, TAC Co-Chair

Because of the decision to substantially reduce Traffic Supervisor services, maybe completely, the TAC had been asked by both the Board of Selectmen and the Supt. Of Schools to prioritize locations where Traffic Supervisors are most needed based upon objective information. TAC met with the School Committee on August 3, 2010 and delivered a report identifying 15 specific supervisor shifts that were judged most critical. This report was well received by the School Committee and the Superintendent.

Along with the specific request, the TAC reviewed conditions around the public schools, under the authority of the Board of Selectmen as the Traffic Authority for the Town, where signs and paint could increase pedestrian safety.

The Board voted unanimously to support all of the TAC's recommendations for safety improvements in all of the elementary schools and the Otton Middle School. The recommendations include several new signs and crosswalk flags for students to hold for the purpose of being more visible to drivers as they cross the street.

Ms. Rowe thanked the Board for all their work and encouraged parents and children to walk to school.

Mr. Hurd stated that this was a great report and the Board's goal is to restore as many Traffic Supervisors as possible. Mr. Hurd asked the Town Manager if there were any discussions about the Traffic Supervisors and Mr. Sullivan stated there are not enough revenues, but it was still on the table.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Starr if the School Committee voted on their presentation. Mr. Starr stated that TAC made the presentation, but a vote was not taken.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Vote: Stratton School Traffic Circulation

Transportation Advisory Committee

Edward Starr, TAC Co-Chair

Jeff Maxtutis, TAC Co-Chair

The Board also approved recommendations made by TAC to improve the traffic circulation around Stratton School.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Vote: Friends of Arlington's Great Meadow s

David White, Friends of Arlington's Great Meadow s Chair

The Board unanimously approved a restoration plan for Arlington Great Meadow s.

The Board thanked Mr. White and his committee for all their hard w ork. The Committee w ill be asking the Tow n of Lexington for its approval.

Ms. Row e moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Robert Jefferson                      Vacationing Firefighter Vincent and Son                      Be Rec'd  
Fire Chief                      Save Life at York Beach, Maine

Mr. Hurd thanked Fire Chief Jefferson for informing the Board regarding Firefighter Vincent and his son's heroic efforts.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Tow n Manager Sullivan stated the Forest Street project w ould begin in October, but the major construction w ill take place in the Spring of 2011.

Tow n Manager Sullivan reported the Washington Street Project should be completed by the time the children go back to school.

Tow n Manager Sullivan reported that Nathaniel Stevens, Chair, Arlington Conservation Commission, sent an e-mail regarding an update on the Conservation Commission's recent actions concerning the Alew ife Greenw ay Project relative to the unpermitted cutting of vegetation (mostly Japanese Knotw eed) along approximately 300 feet of the bank of Alew ife Brook near Sunnyside Avenue.

Mr. Hurd stated that he w as very disappointed the signs stating "no bicycle riding on sidew alks, etc." have not been erected in Arlington Center as of today. He asked Mr. Sullivan to inquire and report back as to w hen the signs w ill be installed.

Ms. LaCourt stated she had received a call from a w oman thanking the Tow n for her fuel grant assistance this year. Ms. LaCourt stated she w as thrilled to talk to the w oman and feels it is important for people to know the program is w orking.

Mrs. Mahon asked that the Tow n Manager/Selectmen's Office establish a tickler file for comments on items so w e w on't be in a position of filing comments at the last minute.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator