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Selectmen's Minutes 09/20/2010

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, September 20, 2010

7:15 p.m.

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

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: September 13, 2010
 - b. New Election Worker
 Kenneth Miller, 2 Chapman Street, Pct. 18
 Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Conservation Commission
 Curtis Connors
 (term to expire 6/30/2013)
 Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

3. Request: Common Victualler License
 Adam Perez d/b/a Little Mary's Bagels, Little Mary's Bagels LLC, 882B Mass. Ave.
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)
4. Request: Common Victualler License
 Deana Martin d/b/a Cakes Bakery/Café, Cakes Retail, Inc., 795 Mass. Ave.
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. Discussion: Crosswalk @ Massachusetts Avenue and Water Street

Maryellen Loud, Library Director

Ms. Loud reported that an employee had been hit in the crosswalk on Mass. Ave. at the entrance to the Library. The Board of Trustees and Robbins Library staff requested that this location be reviewed to improve pedestrian safety.

Mr. Hurd moved to refer this to TAC with the highest priority. SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 74 Varnum Street

Joseph Marshall

The requestor withdrew this agenda item.

8. Vote: Approval of Submission of Statement of Interest to MSBA's Green Repair

Grant Program - Stratton School

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Hurd moved to approve the following vote:

Voted: Having convened in an open meeting on September 20, 2010, the Board of Selectmen of Arlington, MA, in accordance with its charter, and by-laws, hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated September 22, 2010, for the Stratton School located at 180 Mountain Avenue, Arlington, MA, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which Arlington may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: windows, roofs, boiler; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that, by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant, or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits Arlington to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

SO VOTED (4-0)

9. Discussion: Budget & Revenue Task Force Meeting, 10/04/10

Diane M. Mahon, Chair

It was unanimously decided to have a BRTF meeting on October 4, 2010.

Correspondence Received

Patty Miranda Harlow 7 Greeley Circle	Signage @ Wheeler Lane and Dickson Avenue	Be Rec'd
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Laura Selfors Kevin Madden 137 Sunset Road	Sunset Road Annual Block Party	Be Rec'd
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Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon requested the Town Manager to research Ms. Harlow's correspondence.

Ms. LaCourt moved to refer with high priority to TAC the request from Ms. Lawcewicz re: Intersection of Oakland Ave. & Gray St. middle school crossing. SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Selectmen it was time to coordinate a goal-setting meeting for both Selectmen and Town Manager. This will be coordinated over the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Sullivan requested the Selectmen vote to approve a letter to Verizon regarding a commitment to the schedule set with progress on double pole eliminations or else appear before the Selectmen at a future meeting before year-end.

Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Sullivan asked that all Selectmen forward to him this week any more ideas on scope of services/audit for the school district.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the free prescription discount card is being used at a good rate among Arlington residents and feels the

communication being sent out to the residents has been an important part of the high usage.

Ms. LaCourt expressed her concern over health issues at the Ottoson Middle School regarding mold on carpets and walls on the lower level. She asked if the Board of Health inspects and cares for school property. After some discussion it was decided a better system for flagging and maintenance response was needed. The Selectmen asked Mr. Sullivan to work with Ms. Bodie on a more responsive system.

Mr. Hurd commented on concerns from business owners with the center MWRA project, especially with inappropriate responses by the project workers. Mr. Sullivan will contact them regarding this work and make changes if necessary. The project could take a couple of months more than originally planned.

Ms. LaCourt requested that the quarterly reports furnished by the Comptroller, Ms. Lewis, become future agenda items. The reports are to be sent out in board info first, then scheduled as an agenda item within the next two weeks.

Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Sullivan reported that the 5-year plan is difficult to project due to:

- revenue shortage by \$1.5-\$2.5 million
- inflation factors for budget planning
- special education inflation factor increase
- healthcare inflation increase
- pension law change that could force an increase of 4% to 6%

The Deputy Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine, is working on a healthcare analysis and a special education analysis, for trends to better control budget information.

Ms. Rowe and Ms. LaCourt will work together to resolve crewing issues on Spy Pond.

Ms. Rowe announced there are two future public forums on Busa Farm development. Ms. Rowe, Mrs. Mahon, and Mr. Sullivan will contact the Lexington Selectmen to set up a time to go over some ideas.

Mrs. Mahon reported on attending the Town Government Reorganization Committee meeting and commented that it is unfair to blame the school district's \$1.5 million shortage on special education costs when it was due to the accounting practices used for salaries and legal costs.

After discussion by the Selectmen, it was agreed no one program should be blamed/named, separate costs centers would be helpful, and that everyone should wait for the audit results.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office

Next meeting of BoS Monday, October 4, 2010.