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## Selectmen's Minutes 10-26-2009

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2009

7:15 p.m.

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

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

#### FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: October 5, 2009
  - b. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 10/27/09, HCA 2009 Annual Meeting @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall  
 Joanna A. Ain, Program Manager, Housing Corporation of Arlington
  - c. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 11/28/09, AHS Class of 1969 Reunion @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall Auditorium  
 MaryAnn Chorlton
  - d. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 11/29/09, for 'An Evening with Comedian Lenny Clarke and Friends' @ The Regent Theatre  
 Leland Stein

Mrs. Mahon moved approval except to table the approval of the 10/5/09 minutes until next week. SO VOTED  
 (5-0)

#### LICENSES & PERMITS

2. Vote: RCN Cable License  
 Juliana Rice, Town Counsel  
 Phil McCarthy explained the RCN Cable License Amendment and recommended the Selectmen move favorable action.  
 Mrs. Mahon requested that there be clarification regarding the I-net system before the final vote at the December meeting.  
 Mr. McCarthy announced his resignation and asked the Selectmen's Office to advertise for two new Cable Advisory Committee members (one member resigned earlier in the year).

#### CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Robert Radochia, 45 Columbia Rd., requesting the town take action on the violations committed by many bicyclists

relative to the rules and laws of operating on public ways. He passed out a packet of pictures and a letter requesting four actions to be enforced. Ms. Rowe was sent an email from the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee with suggestions on better bike safety. Mrs. Mahon would like to see educational plans such as flyers, website info educating cyclists, and possibly bike license plates for recourse for property damage. Mr. Hurd pointed out that Cambridge gives out tickets for bicycle violations.

Mrs. Mahon referred this matter to Mr. Sullivan, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee to draft a bicycle safety program to be approved at a future meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### **TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

4. **Presentation: HCA Forest-Peirce Preservation Project**

David Levy, Executive Director, Housing Corporation of Arlington

Mr. Levy presented some of the projects that the Housing Corporation was working on and how the corporation is looking for new multi dwelling properties. Shortly the corporation will be initiating an outreach program for the Homelessness Program.

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Levy and the Housing Corporation for all their great work.

5. **Discussion: Transportation Advisory Committee**

Jeff Maxtutis, Vice Chair

a) **Curve at Westminster Avenue**

Jeff Maxtutis

Elisabeth Carr-Jones

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

b) **Thorndike Field, Phase 2**

Howard Muise

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

c) **Spy Pond Park/Pond Lane**

Howard Muise

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Selectmen unanimously referred all of the above to the Town Manager

6. **Discussion: Busa Farm, Addition of Arlington Reps to the Advisory Committee**

Annie LaCourt, Selectmen

Ms. LaCourt stated that the Mt. Gilboa residents have expressed interest in what will be happening to Busa Farm and asked if the Selectmen would support requesting a member on the Lexington planning committee.

Laurel Kayne, 79 Westmoreland Avenue, spoke asking the Selectmen to encourage Lexington Selectmen to allow Arlington a seat on the planning committee in order to express Arlington's interest in the farmland.

Janet Kern, 72 Lowell Street of Lexington, spoke to the Selectmen encouraging them to work with Lexington to ensure a seat on the planning committee.

The Selectmen agreed to reach out and request to be part of the planning committee.

Mr. Hurd made a motion to designate Ms. Rowe to approach and write a letter of request to Lexington allowing Arlington to have a committee member that votes.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. **Appointment: Municipal Liaison to State Ethics Commission**

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. **Discussion: Alewife Greenway Project**

Clarissa Rowe, Selectmen

Ms. Rowe reported that everyone needs to review the 100% plan and that she would write a letter highlighting everyone's comments into one of two categories:

- 1) design issues, and
- 2) maintenance issues

Mrs. Mahon motioned that Ms. Rowe will draft a letter in response to the 100% plan.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Request: Permit for Veterans' Day Parade, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
 William F. McCarthy, Director of Veterans' Services  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

### Correspondence Received

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| Dr. Joseph Maniscalco<br>19 Chestnut Street                                    | Fundraiser for Dana Farber Cancer Institute            | Be Rec'd |
| Taylor Mitchell<br>5 Trowbridge Street   | Hit by Bicyclist on Massachusetts Avenue               | Be Rec'd |
| June Sahagian<br>17 Mill Street  | Suggestions for New Restaurants in Arlington           | Be Rec'd |
| Sylvia Rozwadowska<br>via e-mail   | Host Families for International Students               | Be Rec'd |
| Katherine H. Dunphy<br>Chair, MWRA Advisory Board                              | Proposed Rate Revenue Increase for FY11                | Be Rec'd |
| Mary Pichetti<br>Director, Capital Planning<br>Mass. School Building Authority | Project Manager Approval<br>Thompson Elementary School | Be Rec'd |
| Police Report<br>Robert Bongiorno<br>Acting Police Captain                     | Vehicle vs. Bicycle Crash                              | Be Rec'd |

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (4-0)  
 Mrs. Mahon stepped out at this time to help a resident.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Rowe asked that the office to advertise for three members to join the Scenic Byway/Tourism/Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Rowe stated that Elsie Fiore requested that the town through the Planning Department write a letter of concern about the Discovery Park plans, especially the impact to Arlington due to flooding and traffic. Ms. Rowe asked Mr. Sullivan to work with Planning and write a letter.

Mr. Hurd remarked that he would hope the School Committee would confer with Town Counsel regarding current litigation. Mr. Hurd stated that Ms. Kowalski, Director of Planning, says that improvements to Downing Square are eligible for CDBG funds.

Ms. LaCourt stated that the recycle brochure includes much information and that recycling is much simpler now.

Mr. Greeley reported that the alcohol seminar held this past Sunday "*Best Practices for the Safe Sales of Alcoholic Beverages*" was well attended and very informative.

Mrs. Mahon asked Ms. Rice to explore the possibility of requiring all licensees to be professionally trained to serve alcohol by a TIPS like training program.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan  
Selectmen's Office

**Next meeting of BOS November 2, 2009.**