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Selectmen's Minutes 11-02-2009

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 2, 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. 1st Annual Memorial Bike Ride/Walk, 5/1/2010, 1:00 p.m.
 Kerry Roberts
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
2. Approval: Arlington Recycles Week, 11/8/09 through 11/14/09
Proclamation
 Gordon Jamieson
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
3. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Gilligan, Town Treasurer, spoke to the Selectmen about Symmes borrowing options and converting the bond anticipation notes. After some discussion it was decided to schedule this as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Mr. Peter Howard, Fiscal Task Group, suggested to the Selectmen a more effective way to present the State of the Town Address. He feels the speech should be an opportunity to think about what the Town is doing and should be doing; to set priorities. Mr. Howard mentioned that the Fiscal Task Group has had difficulty in coordinating the event, has required considerable volunteer effort and cost, and has been indifferently supported by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Moderator. He suggests inserting an article in the warrant between the election & reports of committees. The Selectmen, after some discussion about their earlier ideas, decided to discuss among them first and then at a future meeting.

Mr. Stephen Revilak, 111 Sunnyside Ave., talked about the ongoing problems of light and noise pollution from Dilboy Field. He asked the Selectmen to give guidance and appeal to the DEP for enhancement. After some discussion, the

Selectmen agreed the Town needs to research and get some hard data, through measurements, on the issues.

Ms. Rowe moved that the Selectmen look at all options and seek relief for residents utilizing the Town Manager and legislators to restore the buffers for noise and lights along with redirecting both.

SO VOTED

(5-0)

Mrs. Mahon also suggested that a meeting with the Mayor of Somerville be included in the options.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

4. Request: No Parking Signs on Overlook Road

Officer Corey P. Rateau

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Report: Friends of Fox Library

John W. Hurd, Selectmen

Mr. Hurd and Ms. Hillary Rappaport reported on the fundraising that the Fox Library had and will continue to do. They pledged earnings of \$25,000. for this year ; \$15,000 to go to operating expenses and \$10,000. for updates at the library.

6. For Approval: DCR Draft Letter on Alewife Greenway Project

Clarissa Rowe, Selectmen

Ms. Rowe reported that she is in process of writing a letter in which she wants to put issues raised into four categories: Town issues, DCR must do as soon as possible, DCR must do during construction, and DCR maintenance issues.

Mr. Hurd moved to approve a draft letter to include the above four categories.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Selectmen also discussed that Mr. Bean, Public Work Director, research the history of the rusty pipes involved in the area of construction.

7. Discussion: Future BoS Meetings

The following dates were unanimously voted on for future meetings:

January 4, 2010

January 11, 2010

February 1, 2010

February 22, 2010

March 8, 2010

March 22, 2010

April 12, 2010

April 26, 2010 (6:00 PM)

Correspondence Received

Peter Howard Proposed Revised State of the Town Address Production Be Rec'd
Fiscal Resources Task
Group of Vision 2020

Peter Szerlag Response to Medical Emergencies Be Rec'd
4 Winslow Street

Ronald Pizzano 11 Jeffrey Road	Concern Re: Rail Road Lot Parking Meter	Be Rec'd
Ann Le Royer, Chair Open Space Committee	Lexington Purchase of Busa Farm Land Arlington's Role in its Future	Be Rec'd
Janice Bakey, Chair MLK, Jr., Birthday Observance Committee	Annual MLK Birthday Observance	Be Rec'd
Patsy Kraemer Farmers' Market Manager	2009 Successful Season of Farmers' Market	Be Rec'd
Lynne Hamjian, Acting Director EPA Glenn Haas, Director DEP	Authorization to Discharge	Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon requested that Mr. Pizzano's letter be referred to the Treasurer for recommendation.

Ms. Rowe wants an official letter from the Town to be written to the Lexington Board of Selectmen, she'll write the letter.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon requested that the Town remain persistent on the closing of the CSO flap-gates. She asked Town Counsel to figure out a public forum time. Then Mrs. Mahon will email the request to Mrs. Krepelka.

Mr. Hurd stated that there was an earlier vote on the placing of 2-hour parking signs on Acton St., he wanted to clarify the confusion and asked the Town Manager to have the signs installed.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan reported that he has been negotiating with the unions regarding GIC health benefits.

Ms. Rowe commended Mr. McGaffrey on his positive attitude during the negotiations. Mrs. Mahon stated that the retirees were very concerned with the proposed benefits from GIC that affects their benefits.

Mrs. Mahon thanked Brian Sullivan, Joe Connolly, and Ruth Yannetti for implementing the program for special needs hiring. Mrs. Mahon reported that the AHS Cheerleaders placed second in the Dual County League.

Mr. Hurd thanked Ed Starr for his great solving problem recommendations on TAC. He also asked the Selectmen's Office to advertise for a general associate member and he would take care of the Chamber of Commerce associate member.

Ms. Rice, Town Counsel, requested that the Board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy in respect to collective bargaining where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position.

Executive Session

Mrs. Mahon moved to convene into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. for the above purpose.

Roll Call:

Ms. LaCourt: yes
Mr. Hurd: yes
Mr. Greeley: yes
Mrs. Mahon: yes
Ms. Rowe: yes

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn executive session at 9:34 p.m. and reconvene to the Selectmen meeting.

Roll Call:

Ms. LaCourt: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Greeley: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Ms. Rowe: yes

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:35p.m.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35p.m.

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office

Next Meeting of BOS November 16, 2009.