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## Selectmen's Minutes 01-07-2008

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, January 7, 2008  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

#### **600 p.m.**

#### **Joint Meeting with the Arlington Redevelopment Board**

Present ARB Members: Mr. West, ARB Chair, Mr. Tsoi, Mr. Chaput, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Loreti, and Mr. O'Brien.  
 Also present: Ms. Wiener, Ms. Glushko, Mr. Starr, and Ms. Alan-Jones.

There was a discussion regarding the Smart Growth Plan in regards to:

- Public space improvement: bring in landscape designer for Mass. Ave. to lead in the Center development
- Storefront improvement plan: focus for this commercial revitalization would be in certain areas first such as East Arlington, Mass. Ave. corridor, and the Center. The Selectmen and Redevelopment Board members agreed this should be publicized in the Advocate and involvement from the Chamber of Commerce in getting the information out.
- Signage: increase control of signage by Planning & ARB via a warrant article for sign off control
- Parking: the ARB wants a warrant article to help use resources to effect parking during the commercial revitalization. TAC asked to be involved with the parking issues.
- Green building: encouragement for all buildings to go green similar to the Town buildings that are required to be green
- Economic development consultant usage

Mr. West explained that the Redevelopment Board would begin the revitalization with signage changes and enforcement along with revitalizations beginning with restaurants fronts.

Issues the Selectmen would like the Redevelopment Board to look at:

- meet regularly
- design changes/redevelopment to build tourism in Town
- encourage green building ideas
- include Summer St., Broadway, and Warren St. in revitalization plans
- incorporate parking friendly ideas for tourism i.e. Jefferson Cutter House
- updates on Symmes Redevelopment including state issues
- public meeting/citizen input on development in Town
- during the Mass. Ave. development re-look at the front of the Cyrus Dallin and the overgrowth of trees that hide the museum
- possible redevelopment control on number of banks allowed in Arlington
- formulate a process/tracking mechanism to keep checks on all past agreements i.e. Sunrise Asst. Living
- status report from the meeting on 1/8/07 on the Symmes traffic also on the Summer St. resident promises; sidewalk Hospital Rd. to Oakhill Drive and traffic light timing at Hospital Rd. TAC would like to be involved and offer input on these items.
- TAC input on all warrant articles that effect traffic, parking, and signage.

Mrs. Mahon asked for a moment of silence to honor former Fire Chief Warren French.

7:15 p.m.

**FOR APPROVAL**1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)a. Minutes of Meeting: December 17, 2007a. APPOINTMENT

New Election Worker

Mary Aumueller, 12 Iroquois Rd., Pct. 10, D

REAPPOINTMENTSb. Reappointment: Constable

Richard Boyle

(term to expire 1/2/11)

Reappointment: Board of Library Trustees

Joyce Radochia

(term to expire 12/5/10)

Reappointment: Park & Recreation Commission

Don Vitters

(term to expire 12/14/10)

Reappointment: Redevelopment Board

Ed Tsoi

(term to expire 9/14/10)

Reappointment: Commission on Disabilities

Susan James

(term to expire 1/10/11)

Reappointment: Redevelopment Board

Roland Chaput

(term to expire 9/14/2010)

c. Request: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Road Race, 6/1/08

Joseph Connelly for Arlington Recreation and Rotary Club

Mrs. Mahon moved approval with exception of the minutes of December 17, 2007.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Appointment: Arlington Historic District Commissions

Jonathan Hindmarsh

(term to expire 12/10)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Appointment: Council on Aging Board

Elizabeth Ferrarini

(term to expire 1/7/11)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Appointment: Commission on Disabilities

Janice Dallas

(term to expire 1/7/11)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Judith Lorei, The Winter Access Initiative, thanked the Selectmen for snow clearing of the bike path.

Paolo Marinelli, The Winter Access Initiative, also thanked the Selectmen for the bike path clearing and reported that there are 50 walkers to every cyclist using the bike path.

Gordon Jamieson, Vision 2020 Fiscal Resource Group, passed out a packet including budget model, state aid charts, Mass. Dept. of Revenue Cherry Sheet, and Municipal Receipts Chart. Mr. Jamieson reported that the Town is receiving still less state aid than FY02 and with the current rate of growth it will take to FY12 to get state aid back to the prior level. Mr. Jamieson suggested that the Town go collectively with the other communities with lower state aid and meet with the Governor, along with requesting State Aid Task Force participation.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report and to refer the report to the School Committee and State Aid Task Force  
SO VOTED (5-0)

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

6. **Request: Residential Handicap Parking**

David Pollins, 45 Sutherland Rd.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. **Discussion: Green Line Extension**

Ed Starr and Laura Weiner, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved to request of the Executive Office of Transportation & Public Works to have a seat on the Green Line Extension Advisory Group and a public meeting in Arlington this winter, jointly sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and EOTPW.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. **Presentation: Library Munistat Project**

Maryellen Loud, Director

Ms. Loud presented the Library's Munistat project that involved an analysis of the demand for and funding for collection materials with a focus on the audiovisual collection.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. **Discussion: Summit III Priority Lists**

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt reminded the Selectmen to forward all comments and questions to Mr. Sullivan before the BRTF Meeting on January 28, 2008.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Department Heads would be prioritizing the Summit ideas.

Mr. Hurd asked that a group of Town employees be solicited for their ideas on the Summit issues.

### **Correspondence Received**

Melissa Cryan Open Space and Recreation Plan Be Rec'd  
EEA

Toni Coyne Hall Local Action Units Approval-Arlington 360, aka Symmes Be Rec'd

DHCD Hospital Redevelopment

John Bean Requested Update on Status of Certain Projects Be Rec'd  
DPW

Kevin Feeley Letter of recognition Be Rec'd

Richard Saltzberg Letter of recognition Be Rec'd  
17 Egerton Rd.

Symmes  
Neighborhood  
Advisory Com.. Progress notes Be Rec'd

Ms. Rowe moved receipt of correspondence received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### NEW BUSINESS

The Selectmen expressed many thanks and much happiness to Jean Devereaux on her upcoming retirement from the office of the Board of Selectmen after 14 years of service.

Mr. Maher announced that the warrant article open period is closing Friday, January 11, 2008 at 12:00/Noon.

Mr. Sullivan announced that the Town came in second place for outstanding Annual town Report.

Mr. Sullivan announced that the Vision 2020 survey is being sent out this week requesting resident input on fiscal issues/services.

Mr. Sullivan requested that his unused 18 vacation days be carried over to next year in addition to the days he is authorized to carry over on his contract.

Mrs. Mahon moved to approve the vacation carry over.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon requested that Mr. Sullivan:

- Provide a snow & ice report-highlighting monies spent so far
- Include in next packet Town Designee/Community info on the Symmes project
- Within 8 weeks a) re: the 2 culvert issues to get an appropriate timetable for this spring and send to OSHA and b) check to see if there are any other culverts that need to be inspected
- Provide Chief Ryan's plan on the traffic supervisor schedule/replacements
- For the 1/28/08 meeting schedule the Arlington Fuel Asst Program to come and speak on the program and ask for donations

Mr. Greeley asked Mr. Sullivan to arrange a tour of the new Dispatch center.

Ms. Rowe reported that the Tri Community representatives are analyzing the new FEMA maps and data.

Ms. Rowe also reported that the Green Dog meetings are continuing with positive responses for a Town wide program and the next public meeting will be sometime in March.

Mr. Hurd requested that trash enforcement occur in the Center particularly in the Broadway Plaza area. He thought the idea of the Town offering sidewalk cleaning for businesses for a fee should be explored.

Mr. Hurd stated that the Affordable Housing Task Force may not be ready with a warrant article to create a trust fund mechanism for excess funds earmarked in an account for future affordable housing and may ask the Selectmen to sponsor this article.

Mr. Hurd requested that all parking permit holders be notified of their responsibility to remove cars from lots etc. during snow emergencies subject to towing and/or revocation of permit.

Ms. LaCourt asked Mr. Sullivan to author a memo on how to report a problem for No Place For Hate.

Mr. Maher, 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.

Mrs. Mahon moved to convene into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. for the above purpose.

Roll Call:

Ms. Rowe: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Ms. LaCourt: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Greeley: yes

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn executive session at 10:25 p.m. and reconvene to the Selectmen meeting.

Roll Call:

Ms. Rowe: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Ms. LaCourt: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Greeley: yes

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:25 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

A true record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

**Next meeting of BOS January 28, 2008**