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Selectmen's Minutes 02-11-2008

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 Meeting Minutes
 Monday, February 11, 2008
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. LaCourt, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd and Ms. Rowe
 Not Present: Mr. Greeley
 Mr. Hurd left meeting at 7:45 p.m.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher and Mrs. Krepelka

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meeting: January 28, 2008
 - b. Appointments
 New Election Workers
 Joan Banks, 65 Brattle St., Pct. 10, D
 Marilyn Davanage, 1 Watermill Place, Pct. 6, U
 Betty Grimes, 1 Watermill Place, Pct. 6, U
 Michael Healy, 1 Hodge Rd., Pct. 13, D
 Josephine Marcantonio, 55 College Ave., Pct. 7, D
 Marilyn Moran, 15 Janet Rd., Pct. 17, D
 - c. Contractor/Drain Layer Renewal
 John DeNapoli Trucking and Excavating, 543 Reservoir Road, Lunenburg, MA
 - d. Contractor/Drain Layer Renewal
 Pandolfo Company, Inc., 3 Meadowcroft Road, Burlington, MA
 - e. Contractor/Drain Layer License
 C.J. Mabardy, Inc., 50 Mooney Street, Cambridge, MA
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. (SO VOTED 4-0)
2. For Approval: MWRA Borrowing
 Stephen Gilligan, Treasurer
 Vote on Acceptance and Authorization of MWRA Grant
Voted:
 The Board of Selectmen hereby approves, accepts, and authorizes MWRA 2008 Financial Assistance and Loan Agreement for Phase 6 I/I Project No. WRA-P6-01-1-640 for the Town of Arlington Gould Road & Forest Street Sanitary Sewer Investigation Project; with a total assistance amount of \$21,400 from the remaining Town's Phase 5 allotment, of which \$9,360 (45% of total award amount) shall be in the form of a grant, and \$11,770 (55% of the total award amount) represented by the Loan Agreement. Said Loan Agreement to be executed by the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer. The Town Treasurer shall borrow said loan monies as appropriate and in keeping with prior similar borrowings with the MWRA
 Ms. Rowe moved approval. (SO VOTED 4-0)
3. Vote: Middle Income Affordable Units at Symmes
 Laura Wiener, Director of Housing
 The Board voted to approve the Rental Regulatory Agreements for the Middle Income Affordable Housing at the former Symmes Hospital site.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. (SO VOTED 3-0-1)

Ms. Rowe abstained.

Juliet Collins, 40 Brattle Street, Unit 6, Arlington, MA 02476 appeared before the Board to thank the Town for the opportunity to own a house in Arlington under the Town's Affordable Housing Lottery, which would not have been possible otherwise.

APPOINTMENTS

4. **Appointment: Historical Commission**

Dianne Schaefer

(term to expire 2/11/2011)

Ms. Rowe moved approval

(SO VOTED 3-0)

5. **Appointment: Environmental Task Group Representative to Vision 2020 Standing Committee**

Elizabeth Karpati

(term to expire 2/11/2011)

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

(SO VOTED 3-0)

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing

6. **CDBG Status Update**

Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development

Mr. O'Brien presented the Board with an update of program accomplishments for CDBG activities currently underway.

Applications requesting CDBG funds for Program Year 34 are due to the Board of Selectmen at it's meeting on March 10th.

Mr. O'Brien asked the Board to appoint a subcommittee to review CDBG funding requests and has scheduled a meeting the week of March 17th. Mrs. Mahon stated that she and Mr. Hurd have been the Selectmen's representatives and she was willing to continue if it was the desire of the Board. Ms. LaCourt asked that said reappointments be on the Agenda for February 25th.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

(SO VOTED 3-0)

7. **Discussion: Fuel Assistance**

Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services

Director Connolly stated that the Board of Youth Services and Council on Aging are gathering resources to begin a campaign to raise funds for the Arlington Fuel Assistance Fund. In January, all Arlington related fuel assistance program staff from various Arlington agencies, including the administrator for the federal program, Menotomy Weatherization Program, Council on Aging, Youth Services, Health and Human Services and Veterans Services met to discuss the current state of home heating emergencies in Arlington and from the meeting, developed a comprehensive list of resources to refer residents to. The Arlington fund currently allows families that qualify to request either \$200 for electricity or \$400 for fuel. In order to address the needs of the community, they hope that by collecting donations for the fund, that they may be able to raise the allotments given to families to address the rising costs.

Mrs. Mahon suggested that they put their request for assistance on the Web site.

Ms. Rowe stated that she thought it was a wonderful idea and thanked them for doing this work.

Mr. Maher stated that any donation that is made is tax deductible.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report and support of their efforts to fund raise.

(SO VOTED 3-0)

8. **Presentation of FY2009 Budget**

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

The Town Manager presented his FY2009 budget proposal to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Sullivan stated that caps on the school and municipal department budget increases and caps on town and school operating budgets have kept the revenue and expenditures balance in line for Fiscal 2009, as well as Fiscal 2010 and 2011.

Mrs. LaCourt stated she was concerned over granting money for overtime rather than increasing public safety staff. She feels Police Officers are overworked and overstressed and doesn't want someone to arrive and help on his 60th hour of work.

Ms. Rowe thanked Mr. Sullivan for a wonderful presentation and also thanked Nancy Galkowski for her input.

Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt also thanked the Manager for an excellent presentation.

Mrs. Mahon asked the Town Manager if he could have some information regarding the School Budget at their next meeting on February 25th.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report. (SO VOTED 3-0)

9. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

This matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Constantino Livolsi, 29 Hathaway Circle, appeared before the Selectmen regarding an article that appeared in the Advocate the week of January 31st relative to the Budget and Revenue Task Force Meeting. He stated that the Selectmen three years ago promised that they would not do another Override for at least five years, and he now feels that the Board is getting ready to ask for another Override.

Ms. Rowe, Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt assured him that the Board is not going to ask for another Override during the five-year plan. Mr. Livolsi thanked the Manager for his presentation of the Budget and stated that had he known what was going to be presented tonight, he would not be asking the Board for said explanation.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

10. Request: On Street Overnight Parking

Jane Kennedy and John Spencer, 18 Elmore Street
(tabled from 11/5/07 and 11/26/07 meetings)

Ms. Rowe moved approval for one car to be parked in front of garage.
(SO VOTED 3-0)

11. Request: On Street Overnight Parking

Alexandra Garczynski, 49 Oakland Ave.
(tabled from 1/28/08 meeting)

The Selectmen voted to approve this request under unusual circumstances for one car and if and when individual moved said approval ends and does not go with property. Parking is for one car to be parked in front of residence.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. (SO VOTED 4-0)

12. Request: On Street Overnight Parking

Stanley and Claudia Edwards, 1063-1065 Massachusetts Ave.
(tabled from 1/28/08 meeting)

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until 2/25/08. (SO VOTED 3-0)

13. Discussion: Parking Sub-Committee Recommendations

John W. Hurd, Selectman

Ms. Rowe moved approval. (SO VOTED 3-0)

Increase Parking Fees:

Increase Parking Fees to take place immediately.

• **Parking Permit Fees**

○ Monthly Municipal Parking Permit

▪ From \$40.00 / month To \$50.00 / month (\$1.67 per day) **Voted**

▪ **Establish "new" 6-month Parking Permit**

• **\$270.00 / 6-months (Equals \$45 per month times 6-months).** **Voted**

○ On-street Overnight Parking Permit / Waiver of Overnight Parking Ban

• From \$100.00 per Year To \$200.00 per Year: **Voted**

○ Municipal Lot Overnight Parking Permit

▪ From \$365.00 / Yr – Retain **Voted**

1. Increase Parking Fines & Penalty Fees:

• First (1st) Notice – “Notice to Appear for Parking Violation”:

○ Increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 **Voted.**

• Second (2nd) Notice – “Impending Non-Renewal of Registration - Demand Notice”

○ Increase from \$0.00 to \$15.00 **Voted**

• Third (3rd) Notice:

○ Maintain **Voted**

2. Application for Waiver of Parking Violation

• Implement Request-for-Waiver Filing Fee: (**payable unless ticket was “issued in error”**).

○ \$5.00 fee at time of application.

○ Refund only if citation was issued “in error”. **Voted**

• Policy: Deny **all** waiver applications involving fire hydrant violation unless: **Voted**

○ a) “Ticket Issued In Error”, or

○ b) Medical Emergency and/or extraordinary circumstances.

3. Parking Limit(s) Recommendation:

- Municipal Lots – from 2-hours to 3-hours: Voted
- Mass. Ave. / Broadway
- Standardize as 2 hour limit: Voted

4. Parking sign placement:

- Time Limit Signs: Place restriction signs along Mass. Ave. & Broadway, co-located on state route signs (such as “Rt-3/Rt-2A”, etc) to eliminate driver perceived lack of signage (Selectmen avoidance of sign pollution). Phase over 2 years. Voted

5. Restricted Parking:

- Paint curbing “yellow” at Fire hydrants with “hash-marks”.
(coordinate with annual hydrant repainting and/or volunteer projects) Voted

14. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 3: Measurer of Wood and Bark

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (SO VOTED 3-0)

Article 4: Election of Assistant Town Moderator

Ms. Rowe moved approval. (SO VOTED 3-0)

Article 5: Opening and Closing of Warrant (SO VOTED 3-0)

Ms. Rowe moved to table to 2/25/08.

Article 6: Bylaw Amendment on Expansion of Town Moderator Authority

Ms. Rowe moved approval. (SO VOTED 2-1)

Ms.LaCourt voted in the negative.

Article 9: Revise Membership of Permanent Town Building Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved to table to 2/25/08. (SO VOTED 3-0)

Article 33: Authority to File for Grants

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (SO VOTED 3-0)

Correspondence Received

Jane Lyman Form 500 for 2007 Be Rec'd
Comcast

Michele Meagher Arlington Storefront Improvement Be Rec'd
Chamber of Commerce Program Kick-Off

Maryellen Loud Donation for Circulation Desk Be Rec'd
Library Director

Ms. Rowe asked the Board Administrator to write a thank you to Mr. Poulos for his generous donation.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence (SO VOTED 3-0)

New Business

John Maher stated he would be having a seminar in a few weeks on the following subjects:

- (1) Open Meeting Law conducted by District Attorney's Office.
- (2) Discussion on Public Records conducted by the Secretary of State.

(3) Discussion on State Ethic Rules conducted by the State Ethics Commission.

Mr. Maher will invite all Boards, Commissions, Committees and Department Heads to attend.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he would be arranging a meeting with residents of Summer Street and all interested parties the week of April 12th. Mr. Sullivan is going to set up a meeting with Mass. Highway Contractors and Engineers to discuss everyone's concerns. Mr. Sullivan will invite out State Senator and State Representatives. He hopes to have a meeting similar to the meeting Mrs. Mahon and George Laite arranged last May at the Peirce School.

Ms. LaCourt stated she would like a staff member from the Department of Public Works to serve as a liaison and as the person residents can contact. Ms. LaCourt suggested the meeting should be held once again at the Peirce School.

Ms. LaCourt stated that she had asked the Senior Volunteers at the Council of Aging to appear before the Board on February 25th to discuss their many hours of volunteerism.

Ms. Rowe feels Ms. Mahon should continue in her role as the Ombudsman for the Selectmen. Ms. Rowe stated John Bean, Director of Public Works, has done a great job, and she is looking forward to the public meeting. Ms. Rowe feels these Summer Street residents have put up with a lot for a longtime.

Mrs. Mahon feels Director John Bean should also be available before the final sign off.

Ms. Rowe stated that on February 21st there is a meeting of the School Facilities Committee.

Ms. Rowe stated Senator Marzilli needs projects to include in the transportation bond bill.

Mrs. Mahon stated we also need Legislation to include the Alewife areas traffic study.

Ms. Rowe stated the plans to dredge the sandbar at Spy Pond would be included in the transportation bond bill requests.

Mrs. Mahon stated Director of Public Works, John Bean, was going to work with the Lexington bike trail group.

Mrs. Mahon thanked Director Bean for doing a great job with the recent snow and ice storms.

Mrs. Mahon reminded everyone that the Home Rule Legislation/Maintenance of Town Water Bodies Bill would be coming before the Legislature on Wednesday, February 20th

Ms. Rowe stated she would be attending said hearing.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Maher to prepare necessary language for an Article to be inserted in this year's Warrant regarding additional All Alcohol Licenses.

Ms. Rowe moved approval of 5 more licenses. (SO VOTED 3-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. (SO VOTED 3-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka

Board Administrator