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Selectmen's Minutes 06-16-2008

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Meeting
 Monday, June 16, 2008
 7:15 p.m.

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

Also Present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Juliana Rice, Mrs. Krepelka

Absent: Kevin Greeley

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Minutes of Meetings: May 28, 2008, June 2, 2008

b. Contractor/Drain Layer Renewal

Kelley Paving & Excavating, P.O. Box 353, 13 Winter Street, Billerica, MA

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

2. Keyspan Energy Delivery Petition/ Oldham Road

Harold R. Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dussi, 42 Oldham Road, appeared before the Board and wanted to know where the gas line was being installed and how long the street opening would be there. Mr. Cooper assured the Dussi's that the opening was going in front of #38-42 Oldham Road only.

Mrs. Mahon asked that the Engineering Department be involved in approving the final patching of the roadway.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

3. Request: Food Vendor License

Vilani L. Carneiro d/b/a Arlington Café, 475 Summer Street

Ms. LaCourt moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Discussion: Farmers' Market/ Crafts Market

Oakes Plimpton

Ms. Rowe and Mrs. Mahon both asked Mr. Plimpton to keep the Board of Selectmen informed as to what crafts would be involved and advised him that any food items would have to be sold in connection with the Farmers' Market and that includes jams, jellies, etc.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Request: Patriots' Day Parade, Sunday, 4/19/09

Brian Greeley

Mr. Greeley informed the Board as to what the Patriots' Day Parade Committee was planning for next year's festivities. The Committee felt that by setting the date early they could avoid some of the past mistakes of scheduling the parade on religious holidays. Unfortunately, April 19, 2009 is Greek Easter.

The Board asked Mr. Greeley to talk to Father Nick, Pastor, St. Athanasius The Greek Church and report back.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

6. Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

7. Discussion: Pedestrian Light at Keefe Funeral Home

Brian Greeley

Mr. Greeley stated that at the Arlington Housing Authority May meeting which was held at the Chestnut Manor Senior Center, the residents of Chestnut Manor asked the Commissioners to present their request for a pedestrian light on the crosswalk between Keefe's Funeral Home and St. Agnes Church. Mr. Greeley stated that the seniors have a very difficult time making it across the crosswalk due to the speed from cars traveling east and west on Route 60. Even though there is a traffic light at Medford and Warren Streets this does not allow them to cross over to St. Agnes Church and in fact means they have to cross Medford Street twice to get to the church. The Arlington Housing authority unanimously endorsed this request and Mr. Greeley presented sign petitions from the residents of Chestnut Manor, the abutters to the crosswalk and from St. Agnes parishioners.

Mr. Hurd moved approval to refer said request to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Discussion: Parking Rules Re: Patients and Visiting Medical Students

Dr. Wayne Altman, 11 Water Street

Dr. Altman stated that his medical practice hosts medical students from all 4 medical schools in the state (Harvard, BU, Tufts, and UMASS) and these students come for 4 weeks, 6 weeks or sometimes one day per week for 9 months. He stated that he usually has about three students at any given time and they help provide excellent care for his patients. Parking options for them are limited.

Ms. LaCourt suggested utilizing our existing policy on moveable stickers.

Mr. Hurd and Ms. Rowe stated that the Town could not provide assigned spots as requested.

Mr. Hurd suggested that they go to the Treasurers Office and purchase parking stickers that would have the student's registration number, name and address on a rotating basis.

Ms. Rowe told Dr. Altman to keep the dialogue going with the Board if this arrangement continues to be a problem.

Dr. Altman thanked the Board for taking the time to meet with him.

9. Discussion: Budget Priorities for State Budget

Board of Selectmen

Mr. Sullivan stated he would draft a letter to Senator Steven C. Panagiotakos and Representative Robert A. DeLeo stating the importance of the budget items that were included in either the Senator House Budgets that will be discussed by the Conference Committee. Mr. Sullivan stated Senator President Therese Murray would also assist us.

Mr. Hurd expressed his appreciation for the legislature delegation meeting with us on June 12th and suggested maybe we should do this more often – perhaps quarterly.

All Board members agreed it was a very successful meeting and certainly showed a united Board.

Ms. Rowe stated that it was wonderful to have everyone sit around the table and have an open discussion on all legislative matters.

Mrs. Mahon made a motion to have the Board of Selectmen send a letter to Senator Panagiotakos and Representative DeLeo.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Timothy J. Tuttle Heavy Commercial Traffic on Jason Street Be Rec'd

168 Jason Street

Ms. Rowe asked that Mr. Tuttle's letter be referred to Transportation Advisory Committee.

Thomas K. Steele RCN Rate Increase Date Change Be Rec'd

Vice-President, RCN

Ronald Dallas Issues With Verizon Be Rec'd

63 Everett Street

Mrs. Mahon asked Mrs. Krepelka to ask a representative of Verizon to appear before the Board at their next meeting on July 14th to answer questions regarding Mr. Dallas' concerns.

Dennis M. Corbett Requested Proposal for "Corbett Square" Be Rec'd

19 Winter Street

Mr. Hurd asked that the Board refer Mr. Corbett's request to the Public Memorial Committee.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4 -0)

New Business

Mr. Sullivan reported that he had asked a representative from NSTAR to be at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting on July 14th to discuss all the recent outages that the Town has been having and what actions are being taken to correct the problems. Also to report on the status of the system upgrade.

Ms. Rowe asked Mrs. Krepelka to send a note to Mr. Charles Poulos thanking him for his donation of the new Circulation Desk at the Robbins Library.

Mr. Hurd thanked Mr. Sullivan for his memo regarding "Keeping Arlington's Business Districts Vibrant" and asked what the latest date is to start work on the Mass Avenue Corridor Project.

Mr. Sullivan stated, hopefully, they would hear something by the end of the summer.

Mrs. Rowe asked Mr. Sullivan to keep pressing for it.

Mr. Hurd asked Mr. Sullivan if he would ask the Police Chief and report back to the Board regarding the graffiti problem in the Town. Mr. Hurd feels that graffiti has increased and is interested in knowing how our new enforcement regulations are working out and how many incidents and cases we have been able to solve.

Mr. Hurd thanked the Police & Public Works Departments for all their efforts in making the Feast of the East a success. He also

thanked the Trinity Baptist Church for the use of their facilities.

Mr. Hurd stated that the Friends of the Fox Library hosted a party on June 11th to thank the PTO Thrift Shop Volunteers. He wanted to especially thank Sara Billingsley, Judy Hoer, Mary Ellen DeNatale and all the volunteers who have run the PTO Thrift Shop for over four years. The Friends of the Fox also welcomed Susan Dorson and Amy Weitzman who will be running The Little Fox, a children's resale shop in a new location upstairs in the Fox Library.

Mr. Hurd suggested that maybe another committee should be formed to address public safety issues on the Minuteman Trail. Also, he and Ms. LaCourt are working on soliciting volunteers for plowing the Trail and are considering a meeting with the Arlington Bicycle Committee and Arlington's Walking Committee.

Mrs. Mahon asked the Town Manager to provide for the Selectmen's packet an update on Lexington's plowing of the Minuteman Trail. Mrs. Mahon stated Joey Glushko has been going to meetings and perhaps she could report as to what has taken place at said meeting.

Also, she had spoken to the Police Chief regarding a quick fix for the graffiti problem. She stated Ottoson Middle School cleaned the graffiti on Friday and it was back over the weekend.

Mrs. Mahon suggested if we have the manpower could we do an outreach program through the schools.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next meeting of BOS July 14, 2008

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator