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Selectmen's Minutes 09-08-2008

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, September 8, 2008
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt.
 Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Greeley arrived at 7:30 p.m. and 7:35 p.m. respectively.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

ACMI video: Selectmen at desks welcoming the community to Town Day 2008.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meeting: August 11, 2008
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)
 August 22, 2008 Minutes
 Mr. Greeley moved approval SO VOTED (3-0)
 - b. Request: Change of Hours@ Tryst, Open Saturdays for Breakfast
 Paul Turano, Manager
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointments: Arlington Cultural Council
 Suzanne McLeod
 David Fechter
 (terms to expire 7/2011)
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING

3. New All Alcohol License
 Ricardo J.M. Mermet, Owner, El Tango Inc. d/b/a Tango Restaurant, 464-466
 Mass. Ave.
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

4. New All Alcohol License

Jason Zhen Ye, Owner, Y Plus Y Inc. d/b/a Mifune Restaurant, 303A-305 Broadway
Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

5. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

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.

No matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. **Discussion: Transportation Advisory Committee**

Edward Starr, Chair

- a) Phase 1a Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Bishop School
- b) Speeding/Stop Control on Columbia Road

Transportation Advisory Committee members (Mike Rademacher, Ed Starr, Lt. Paul Conroy) participated with Principal Steve Carme and parents in a working group reviewing student access to the Bishop School. Phase 1a recommendations are below. The recommendations below were voted unanimously by the TAC on 13 August 2008.

Around the School

- 1) Place two-way stop control on Columbia Road at Crosby Street.
- 2) Place necessary signs and markings for School Zones on Crosby St, on Columbia Rd, and at entrance to Stowcroft Rd from Ridge St.
- 3) Designate Three Drop Off Areas:
 - a) Columbia Road on school side
 - i) Post "Drop Off Only – No Parking," on school side of Columbia Road from Stowcroft Road to Crosby Street.
 - ii) Post "Drop Off Only – No Parking" on school side of Crosby Street from Columbia Road to 80' from corner.
 - b) In parking lot
 - i) Indicate "One Way" to the right at entrance with sign properly placed.
 - ii) Place pavement markings indicating one-way travel counter-clockwise on the parking lot.
 - iii) Place "Drop Off Only – No Parking" at location of bus drop off.
- 4) Add crosswalks at Stowcroft Rd and Columbia Rd – place crosswalks on the remaining two sides of intersection (two currently have crosswalks)

On Primary Walking Routes

- 1) Place standard crosswalk signs for three crosswalks at the Oakhill/Cutter Hill/Ridge rotary.
- 2) Place standard crosswalk signs at crosswalk on Crosby St at College Ave.
- 3) Add crosswalks on side streets on Mass Avenue that do not now have them: Bartlett Ave, Newman Way, and Churchill Ave.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to ask John Bean for a list of crosswalks which will be done this year with thermoplastic.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. **Request: On Street Overnight Parking**

Jean Perrin, 141 Pleasant Street

The Board denied Ms. Perrin's request for overnight parking and suggested that she contact her neighbors to see if anyone has a space available. Ms. LaCourt suggested that she contact Another Place to Grow almost across the street from Ms. Perrin and ask if they would be willing to rent a space during the evening hours. Mrs. Mahon suggested that she contact Lt. Conroy and maybe he can suggest some solutions to her problem. Mr. Hurd and Mr. Greeley both stated that they were also concerned about her safety and suggested she ask permission to park at one of the schools in the area and any evening she felt unsafe walking to her apartment to call the Police Department for assistance.

8. Vote: Cost of Living Increase

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to amend the Town Manager's contract to provide for the following:

1. 0.5% salary increase deferred from FY2008 to be effective July 1, 2008 said increase granted to all employees and related to the increase health care co-payments.
2. 2.5% cost of living increase granted for all employees effective July 1, 2008.
3. Authorize that the Town Manager be eligible for longevity payments as is the case for all other employees, said payments to be in accordance with the M Schedule longevity and further, in accordance with the bylaws that he be eligible for longevity in FY2009, his fifth year of employment.

Mr. Greeley moved approval,

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Vote: Approval of Comments for FEMA Flood Maps

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Ms. Rowe reported that the Town Engineer in our review of the maps and model was assisted by Robert Sonnichsen, a professional engineer with expertise in hydrologic and hydraulic modeling. Mr. Sonnichsen in his report stated that his overall conclusion is that the preliminary Middlesex County Flood Insurance Study was prepared using the best technology that is currently available in a manner that is consistent with the current Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Insurance Studies that have been published and adopted by FEMA for use nationwide.

Ms. Rowe stated that another notice would be sent to all homeowners regarding the next meeting.

Mr. Hurd suggested that notices should be sent to all areas that have experienced flooding problems.

Ms. Lacourt suggested that Mr. Sullivan write another column in the Arlington Advocate to let people know when the next meeting will be.

Mrs. Mahon asked that they restudy the flood hazards along the Mill Brook. The differences in flood flows between the restudy and the 1982 FIS in the upstream sections of Mill Brook are not as significant as they are along the other watercourses in Arlington but the reduction in flood flow discharges are still significant.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Richard Golob Requesting Proclamation for United Nations Day 2008 Be Rec'd
President, United Nations Association of Greater Boston

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Paul A. West Crosswalk at Lahey Clinic, Broadway Be Rec'd
4 Winslow Street

Mr. Greeley asked that Mr. West request be forwarded to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Oakes Plympton appeared before the Board to say the Farmers Market on Wednesday is very successful but the Crafters were not having very much success on the Lawn at Jefferson Cutter, and he was wondering if the Selectmen would approve the Crafters to have a Craft Fair on Saturdays, similar to Town Day.

Ms. Rowe suggested that the Selectmen would look at the Crafters on Town Day and suggested that Mr. Plympton submit a formal request for our September 25th meeting.

Mr. Sullivan announced that the Arlington Police Department will hold an Open House at Police Headquarters from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during Town Day, September 20th. During the Open House, the public will be invited to tour the E9-1-1 Dispatch Center and the Training/Emergency Operating Center (EOC). The E9-1-1 Center is a combined dispatch from which both Police and Fire calls are answered.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that he will be attending the ICMA conference from Sept. 19th thru Sept. 24th. Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Director of Planning, will be Acting Town Manager.

Mrs. Mahon stated the Lexington Board of Selectmen were meeting tonight to discuss the Minuteman Trail Plowing in Lexington. Mrs. Mahon stated that she was working with Paul Cahill, Director of Pop Warner, and Mrs. Krepelka to finalize plans about the Blackhawk helicopter coming Town Day at Arlington High School Field.

Mrs. Mahon stated that the Knights of Columbus were having a breakfast for Arlington High School and Arlington Catholic on Thanksgiving Day, and she would have more information when final plans are made.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she would like to have a joint meeting with the School Committee in late October or November.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to let the Board know where we are in the process of hiring a new IT Director.

Mr. Hurd asked that a new letter be sent that would include his name and Mr. Greeley's to Norman Cohen, Chair and Jeanne Krieger, Lexington Board of Selectmen regarding the recommendation on Minuteman Trail Plowing in Lexington. Ms. Rowe stated she would send a revised letter on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hurd stated he was pleased to see the Mass. Avenue corridor Project (Phase 1) (Pond Lane to Cambridge Line) was moving forward and the 1st public meeting will be Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Arlington Senior Center, 37 Maple Street.

Mr. Hurd asked Mr. Sullivan to ask the Redevelopment Board what is going on with the Hodgden Noyes property on Mass. Avenue. Mr. Hurd asked if we have received any formal requests from CVS and if anyone has shown an interest in partnering with CVS.

Ms. LaCourt stated that the Attorney General's Office will hold four Regional Energy Roundtables which will include participation by a cross section of individuals and organizations representing municipalities, community organizations, business organizations and community leaders. The purpose of the Roundtables is to enable these individuals and organizations to share ideas and discuss the financial, public safety and public health implications of rising energy costs, as well as opportunities and best practice to help consumers manage the upcoming heating season. The Roundtable meeting will be held on Friday, October 3rd, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Old Town Hall, Salem, MA. Ms. LaCourt said that Christine Connolly Sharkey, Director of Human Services, would be attending.

Ms. LaCourt asked Mr. Sullivan where we stand with the Minuteman Village Chapter 40 land acquisition situation.

Ms. LaCourt thanked Mr. Gary Olsen for his recent card sent to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Rowe reminded everyone to come to Town Day and support all the vendors and organizations.

Also, Ms. Rowe stated that she reconsidered her earlier suggestion to consider allowing graffiti on the bike path underpass near Alewife Station since Mass Highway had recently cleaned it up.

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ADDENDUM

1. Appointments: Arlington Council on Aging

Joanne Morel, 5 Lennon Road
(term to expire 8/08/11)

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

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator