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Selectmen's Minutes 09-25-2008

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 25, 2008

7:15 p.m.

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

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Krepelka.

State Representative Sean Garballey appeared before the Board to report Governor Duval Patrick signed four bills dealing with Arlington:

1. (H) 4871 "An Act Authorizing Certain Persons to Take the Civil Service Examination for Appointment as Firefighters in the Town of Arlington Notwithstanding the Maximum Age Requirement." Chapter 337 Acts of 2008 – Signed 09/23/08
2. (H) 4872 "An Act Authorizing Certain Persons to Take the Civil Service Examination for Appointment as Police Officers in the Town of Arlington Notwithstanding the Maximum Age Requirement." Chapter 338 Acts of 2008 – Signed 09/23/08
3. (H) 4876 "An Act Authorizing the Town of Arlington to Issue Pension Obligation Bonds or Notes." – Chapter 339 Acts of 2008 – Signed 09/23/08
4. (H) 4936 "An Act Providing for a Ballot Question in the Town of Arlington Relative to the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages in Certain Restaurants." Chapter 340 Acts of 2008 – Signed 09/23/08

The Board thanked Representative Garballey for informing them about the bills and Ms. Rowe asked him to continue lobbying for the Home Rule Legislation/Subdivision Control Law.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meeting: September 8, 2008
 - b. APPOINTMENTS
 - New Election Workers
 - Theresa Bishop, 140 Wright Street, Pct.21, D
 - Mary O'Halloran, 7 Eliot Road, Pct. 7, D
 - c. REAPPOINTMENTS
 - Reappointment: Open Space Committee
 - Jo-Martha Glushko
 - (term to expire 9/30/2011)
 - Reappointment: Trust Fund Committee
 - Timothy Lordan
 - (term to expire 10/1/2011)
 - Reappointment: Personnel Board
 - Cynthia Gallagher
 - (term to expire 10/15/2011)
 - Reappointment: Board of Library Trustees
 - Kathleen Fennelly
 - (term to expire 10/21/2011)
 - d. Approval: Eye Mobile on Street @ 730 Mass. Ave., 10/31/08

Ben Warren, Arlington Lions Club

e. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 10/6/08

Cesidia Baugniet, Scutra Restaurant

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Human Rights Commission

Stacy Davison

(term to expire 9/25/2011)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7:30 p.m.

3. Board of Survey

Dothan Street

(all abutters notified)

Attorney Robert J. Annese appeared before the Board regarding the construction of a single family home on Lot B. In order for Lot B to contain a single family structure, Board of Survey approval as shown on the Rober Survey Plan needs to be obtained from the Board of Selectmen, sitting as a Board of Survey. Dothan Street is being partially constructed and is not being constructed beyond the limit of the frontage needed for Lot B with respect to the construction plan for Lot B. The 60 feet of frontage is being provided for Lot B in order to comply with the Zoning Bylaw frontage requirement for construction of a single family residence. The Board thanked Attorney Annese for a very thorough presentation. The Town Manager stated as a reminder to the petitioner that the Town would not plow and the trash would have to be brought up to the street.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

There were no items presented for consideration of the Board.

LICENSES & PERMITS

5. Request: Hanging of Banner in Arlington Center

Teresa Reis, Chair, Saint Agnes School Family Association Christmas Bazaar

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Requests: Arlington Center for the Arts

(a) Arts Center to be open on Sunday, 10/19/08, from 12N – 5 p.m.

(b) Waiver of parking on Tufts and Foster Streets for Saturday 10/18 and Sunday 10/19.

(c) Placement of sandwich board @ intersection of Mass. Ave. & Rt. 60 and/or Town Hall Plaza from 10/10/08 – 10/19/08. Pamela Shanley, Arlington Center for the Arts

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: Temporary Waiver Parking Restrictions on Tufts and Foster Streets

Deanne Benson, Lesley Ellis School

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

8. Request: On Street Overnight Parking

Taylor Mitchell, 5 Trowbridge Street

The Board felt that Mr. Mitchell's request did not meet any of the requirements to grant an on street overnight parking waiver. Mrs. Mahon stated that she would work with Mr. Mitchell in his endeavor to find overnight parking, and she

would contact The Trinity Baptist Church to see if they could help in this situation.

Mr. Greeley suggested that because of the many requests we receive regarding overnight parking that perhaps we have a subcommittee look into alternate side of street for overnight parking in the future.

Mr. Hurd moved to deny said request. SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Request: Placement of 'Slow Children' Sign on Valentine Road

Tracy Swift via Request/Answer Center

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

10. Request: Support of September as "Youth Soccer Month" Through a Proclamation

Mike Luneau, President, Arlington Soccer Club

Ms. Lisa Reale appeared before the Board and reported that Mr. Luneau could not attend the meeting, therefore, she would accept the Proclamation from the Board.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Discussion: Arlington Recycling Committee FY08 Progress Report. Arlington Recycles Week

Gordon Jamieson

Mr. Jamieson asked the Selectmen to designate Arlington Recycle Week November 9 –November 15th On November 15, 2008 Community Collection Day will be held between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works Town Yard. The following items will be collected:

DPW Yard at 51 Grove Street

Clean used clothing,
old sneakers and working toys.

Books!

big/small, old/new, fiction/non-fiction, even textbooks!

VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs and Albums.

Recycle old papers, junk mail, catalogs,
cardboard, newspapers and magazines.

Bring confidential papers for shredding.
(Residents only please)

Donate your adult bicycle to Bikes Not Bombs.

Bikes are repaired and shipped overseas.

\$10 contribution requested to offset shipping costs.

(Note: Badly rusted bikes will not be accepted)

Returnable cans and bottles to be collected by AHS SAVE Club

Drop off TVs and CRTs (\$10.00/item)
Drop off propane tanks (Free up to 20 lbs)

New this fall: Scrap metal, pipes, desks,
metal shelves, file cabinets (no large appliances)

Mr. Jamieson spoke about the Arlington Sustainability Action Plan. He also submitted a recycling/trash progress report and a sustainability plan/solid waste initiative. Mr. Jamieson stated that by the end of this year, one third of Arlington's waste will avoid a trip to the incinerator, and by 2014 he hopes half of the town's waste will avoid the incinerator.

The Board thanked Mr. Jamieson for a wonderful report and all his hard work.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Discussion: Vision 2020 Fiscal Resources Task Group FY08 Progress Report,

FY09 Anticipated Plan

Gordon Jamieson

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

William F. McCarthy
 Director, Veterans Services

Napolitano Family Memorial

Be Rec'd

The Board asked that Mr. McCarthy's request be forwarded to the Public Memorial Committee.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Judy Napolitano-Taddeo
 39 Arnold Street

Napolitano Family Memorial Be Rec'd

Timothy G. Murnane
 Comcast

Courtesy Service Be Rec'd

Susan Bernhard
 30 Eustis Street

Leash Law Enforcement Actions at Robbins Farm Park Be Rec'd

David White
 55 Bow Street

Appropriateness of Military Helicopter at Town Day Be Rec'd

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Ms. Rowe stated that she was disappointed that the Black Hawk helicopter did not appear for Town Day. She does not feel that it was supporting the war or recruiting for the military. She feels that the Black Hawk helicopters have many other uses such as rescue, etc. and it is her understanding that the Black Hawk will be here for Veterans Day.

As Co-Chair of Town Day, Mrs. Krepelka requested the Board to consider approving Town Day for next year on September 26, 2009 with a rain date of October 3, 2009.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. Rice reported that she had drawn up an Amendment to Terms of License for the Arlington Elks and the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington ("Licensing Board") agreement to amend the terms of the Elks license. She further stated that whenever, in the opinion of the commission, any holder of a license or permit originally issued by it fails to maintain compliance with the requirements of this chapter, or any other reasonable requirements which it may from time to time make with respect to any such license or permit or to the conduct of business by any such licensee or permittee it may, after hearing or opportunity therefore, modify, suspend, revoke or cancel such license of permit. The Arlington Lodge of Elks will appear before the Board at a future date.

Brian Sullivan stated that health care savings negotiations with the unions are going well. The unions have hired a consultant, Boston Benefits Partners, to evaluate the potential benefits of joining the GIC. At some point we will likely form a Public Employee Committee (PEC) under coalition bargaining to evaluate the benefits of joining the GIC and if it makes sense, then the PEC will negotiate an agreement. Under the legislation, retirees have a representative on the PEC.

Ms. LaCourt asked that we send out notices to retirees as to how we will give them a seat at the table

Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Sullivan will put a report together in the near future on the status of these efforts.

Mr. Greeley thanked everyone for their thoughtful prayers and get well wishes during his brother Brian's recent illness.

Mrs. Mahon requested the Town Manager to perhaps talk to the Capital Planning Committee regarding major repairs to the Chapel at the Cemetery. Mr. George Berberian spoke to Mrs. Mahon regarding the terrible conditions of the Chapel. Mrs. Mahon thought maybe we could do some short-term repairs, but take a good look at the overall picture.

Also Mrs. Mahon stated that the Civil War Monument needs cleaning and repairs to the bottom of the monument.

Mrs. Mahon stated that there would be a joint meeting of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen on October 28th to be held at the School Committee meeting room.

Mrs. Mahon asked Town Manager Sullivan for an update on the IT Department.

Mr. Hurd thanked everyone involved in his campaign for their hard work and wished Ken Donnelly well. He stated that it is nice to be back doing the job he loves.

Ms. LaCourt reported that the Energy Smackdown held its second event, the Locavore Banquet, with teams from Arlington, Cambridge and Medford. They served a delicious banquet of local food. The teams also competed for prizes with Arlington winning the carbon footprint. A Boston Globe Food Critic was there and Jamey Lionette, a judge and Boston grocer, helped develop the scoring system. Ms. LaCourt inquired as to how many residents are doing something to reduce energy.

Ms. LaCourt mentioned that the Housing Corporation of Arlington will be having an evening with the "The Duke", former Governor Michael Dukakis on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Arlington Town Hall Auditorium.

Ms. Rowe stated that she had a tour of the Germaine Lawrence School recently and that the school wants to be more active with the Town. Germaine Lawrence is helping the School Department with the Special Ed Program and they are very impressed with the operation. They are willing to reach out to the Town and help in any way they can.

Ms. Rowe stated that she met with Kathleen Bodie and discussed the idea of the Transportation Advisory Committee reviewing school crossing guard locations. Also, stated the Finance Committee would be willing to assist with any issues

Ms. Rowe stated that she attended a meeting today at the State House with Commissioner Richard Sullivan, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, regarding the status of DCR issues.

The issues are as follows: T

The plan is partially implemented in the area of the ADL Parking Lot, but waiting for Cambridge CSO work in the area across Little River from the lot.~The Uplands acquisition was vetoed by the Governor and in the absence of the vetoed funds DCR does not feel it has the financial ability to acquire the property.~ Legislators and local officials continue to look for ways to save both the Silver Maple Forest and the Mugar property.~ Implementation of the plan in the area towards Little Pond will occur as a later phase.

Regarding the proposed bike path segment in the Sunnyside area, DCR is planning to organize conversations with Arlington officials this fall to resolve differences about the location of the bike path.

~Amelia Earhart

DCR feels that the 08 and 09 budget earmarks for study of the dam suffice to move an appropriate study forward to address (a) the feasibility and cost~of installing a fourth pump; (b) the feasibility and advisability of changing pumping protocols at the Amelia Earhart to control flooding~ DCR expects to have an RFP out on this next month and will send it to legislators for review before issuing it.

Mystic Lakes Dam

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DCR is well along in designing a repair and reconstruction of the Mystic Lakes Dam.~ This project is necessary for safety reasons -- the dam is weak.~ It will also create a fish ladder and allow remote active management of the upper lake for flood storage purposes.~ They hope to put out an ENF before the end of the year.~ One inevitable negative to the reconstruction will be the removal of trees on the dam.~ The trees on the dam are all volunteers and~their roots~create faults in the dam which diminish its strength.~ It is expected that construction will start in Fall 2009 and take approximately two years.

~Dredging and~Debris Removal~in the Little River and Alewife

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The ongoing concern about maintaining a free flowing channel is very well recognized both by the storm water group (Robert Lowell) and by the Urban Parks group (Samantha Overton).~ Currently, they are testing the materials in the channel bottom to identify possible hazardous materials (including sharps from the homeless population) and to define the process to be used in debris clearance and/or dredging.~ They do not feel that they can order large crews of people to work standing in the channel, even for branch removal,~before assessing risks.~ They expect to make findings over the next few weeks and to define a course of action from there.

~Blair Pond sedimentation project (dredging and control structure)

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They are currently doing depth mapping to design their approach to dredging the pond. It may or may not be possible to simply move materials within the pond as opposed to trucking materials off site.~ This will affect permitting issues and the timeline.~ No deadlines were set, but the work appears to be moving forward.

~McCrehan Pool

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It was agreed that DCR would review the possibility of allocating staff resources to participate in visioning conversation about the pool -- to inventory short term to do's as well as longer term possible goals.

Bike path Right of Way Issues

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The transfers and easements to create the right of way for the Belmont to Alewife bike path are all approved by the grantors.~ The actual documentation received has to be approved by both EoEEA and DCAM.~ The General Counsel of DCR is attending to the movement of the documents through these approvals.

Mrs. Mahon thanked Ms. Rowe for her excellence as a Tri Community Representative.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to give the Board a follow-up memo on the last meeting with FEMA. Mrs. Mahon would like to see a statement from the Assessors on the effect of the FEMA Maps regarding property assessments.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

A True Record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

