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## Selectmen's Minutes 11-10-2008

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
 Meeting Agenda  
 Monday, November 10, 2008  
**7:15 p.m.**

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Mahon

### FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meeting: October 20, 2008  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (2-0-2)  
 Mr. Greeley and Ms. LaCourt abstained.
  - b. Appointments  
 New Election Worker  
 Mary M. Diggins, 56 Beacon St., Pct. 5, D  
 Jo Guthrie, 260 Mass. Ave., Pct. 4, D  
 David Robinson, 95 Valentine Rd., Pct. 6, U  
 Marilyn McCarthy, 37 Drake Rd. # 216, Pct. 19, U  
 Mary Furey, 9 Perkins St., Pct. 12, D
  - c. Request: One Day Wine & Malt License. 11/28/08  
 Jenny Barbato, Regent Theater Benefit for Jennifer and Kerry Trainor  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

### APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Arlington Preservation Fund  
 Albert L. Stevens  
 (term to expire 11/10/11)  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

### CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board:

Mr. Gordon Jamieson, Co-Chair of the Recycling Committee, reported to the Selectmen that on Saturday, November 15 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) at the DPW Yard, 51 Grove St. residents could bring a variety of recyclable materials not regularly picked up curbside. New this year scrap metal items collection: pipes, metal shelves, desks, file cabinets (no white goods, large

appliances). You can also drop off air conditioners, TVs, and Computer Monitors for \$10 per item. You can read the flyer for a full list of items online at [arlingtonma.gov/recycle](http://arlingtonma.gov/recycle).

Mr. Charles Hayes, Volunteer at the Arlington Seniors Association, spoke against a recent memo of understanding sent out from the Redevelopment Board and Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Director of Planning. Mr. Hurd and Mr. Sullivan responded that there was confusion on the memo that was sent out and apologized for the anxiety it caused the Senior Association. Mr. Sullivan will look into a follow up letter clarifying the memo of understanding. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Hayes and the Arlington Senior Association for all their good work.

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

4. Discussion: Shop Arlington First Lights

Michèle Meagher, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Meagher reported the plans for the Shop Arlington First Lights, Saturday, December 6, 2008.

Ms. Meagher requested the following:

- Proclamation of December 6 as Shop Arlington First Day
  - Turning on the lights in the Jefferson Cutter House Park for the first time in the holiday season at 5:30pm on December 1 at a lighting ceremony in front of the Chamber that will include an hour of holiday caroling with the Liberty Belle Chorus along with a new event, "caroling karaoke."
  - Illuminating the Jefferson Cutter House lawn during the lighting ceremony
  - Getting your permission to provide free parking along the Avenue and in the metered parking space on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend and the three Saturdays in December (6, 13, and 20) to encourage people to park and shop locally
- Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 13 Rawson Road

Emilio & Mary Mignanelli

Postponed until the 11/24/08 meeting.

6. Request: Handicapped Parking Spaces @ Menotomy Rocks Park, Greeley Playground, Locke School Playground and Waldo Park

Leslie Mayer, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission

Ms. LaCourt moved approval with TAC's recommendation SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Request: Handicap Parking @ 23B Drake Road

Prudence Bulger

Mr. Hurd moved approval for two or more handicap spots at Hurd Field, as close to Drake as possible, with the installation of signage. SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Discussion: Future BoS Meetings

The following dates were decided upon by the Selectmen:

January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>

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

9. Signature and Approval: Refreshed Statement of Interest for the Thompson

Elementary School (submission deadline 11/15/08)

The Arlington Board of Selectmen moved unanimous approval for the following resolve:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on **November 10, 2008**, the **Arlington Board of Selectmen of The Town of Arlington, MA**, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the **Statement of Interest dated November 15, 2008** for the **Thompson Elementary School located at 60 North Union, Arlington, MA** which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Arlington may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building

Authority in the future: **Priority 1: Major systems deficiencies; roof, heating, fire detection. Priority 5: Aged and inefficient building. Priority 7: Antiquated facility and programmatically substandard;** and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Discussion: Conservation Commission Meeting on the Alewife Greenway Project

Clarissa, Rowe

Ms. Rowe reported at the ConCom meeting the Conservation Commission graciously continued the hearing until December 18th so that we could write them a letter that lists our concerns about the project and suggests proposed changes to the project to make it viable for Arlingtonians. She stated some unexpected good news that because of the possible Federal infrastructure package, Massachusetts stands to get 400 million for projects like this one.~ If the group can craft a project that is acceptable to the neighbors, this project could get built in the next year. There will be a meeting with the neighbors on Sunday night, and anyone interested is invited to attend.~ After that meeting, the group will draft a letter to DCR and get the process moving.~ There will be a public meeting to solicit more public input on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., in the Selectmen's Chambers; abutters will be notified by mail and the DCR will be sent a copy of the hearing.

Mr. Greeley moved approval to hold a public meeting and to report all concerns to the DCR.

SO

VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

M. MacPhail, S. Bernhard, Future Meeting: Off-Leash Dog Compromise Be Rec'd  
N. Rhoads, C. Levine,  
M. ZefTel & A. Takats

Jane M. Lyman Price Adjustments Be Rec'd  
Comcast

John D. Leone Memorial Plaque Be Rec'd  
51 Irving Street

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Greeley moved approval of Mr. Leone's memorial plaque request and to send it to the Memorial Committee.

SO VOTED (4-0)

New Business

Mr. Sullivan announced that on December 3, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, Congressman Markey is holding a meeting with district local officials to discuss ongoing and upcoming appropriation discussions in Congress. Mr. Greeley announced and reminded everyone that the "Selectones" will be singing December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. for the Arlington Catholic Woman's Club at the Senior Center.

Ms. LaCourt stated that 2009 is the Japanese Sister City Anniversary and the delegates will be visiting the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Town Meeting. The visit will include a speech to Town Meeting by the Mayor of the Sister City and a formal dinner; Ms. LaCourt encourages all Selectmen to be part of the events. Ms. LaCourt also mentioned that the Sister City would be hosting an Arlington delegation this month.

Ms. LaCourt requested that Mr. Sullivan prepare a report on the status of where the Town is in regards to 40B land ratio and affordable housing.

Mr. Hurd stated that the recent joint meeting discussion with the School Committee should have taken place at the Budget Revenue Task Force Meetings-so that all the right people were in attendance.

Mr. Hurd commended Ms. Burns for her effort to run things smoothly and believes that all need to move forward for the children's

education.

Mr. Hurd congratulated Senator Elect Donnelly on his campaign win and to all the winners of the Election.

Mr. Hurd would like to move forward on regionalization discussions. He would like to take a look at the composition of districts that best fit Arlington and possibly by different topics-Arlington needs meaningful and appropriate districts.

Mr. Hurd congratulated Mr. David Good as the new Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for the Town of Arlington.

Ms. Rowe congratulated Arlington voters for the 85% voting record in the State Election. Ms. Rowe thanked the Clerk's and Selectmen's Office staff for a great job.

Ms. Rowe announced there would be two more Green Dog Meetings. The draft locations and plans will be put on the web site and then brought to the Selectmen for a vote. Green Dog will initiate a warrant article for this upcoming Town Meeting. She believes it will solve some problems, but will not make everyone happy.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

**Next meeting of BOS November 24, 2008**