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## Selectmen's Minutes 12-15-2008

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, December 15, 2008  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Ms. Rowe, Chair

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

### FOR APPROVAL

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

a. Minutes of Meeting: December 8, 2008

b. Reappointment: Arlington Cultural Council

Tom Formicola

(term to expire 05/2011)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

### APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment: Board of Library Trustees

Heather Calvin

(term to expire 12/08/2009)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Brigid Kennedy-Pfister

(term to expire 12/08/2011)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Appointment: Conservation Commission

Ezra Benjamin

(term to expire 10/21/2011)

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Appointment: Police as Agents of the Board (for Alcohol)  
 Clarissa Rowe, Chair  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

### LICENSES & PERMITS

5. License Renewals  
 Contractor/Drain Layer  
 Wine & Malt Beverages Only Restaurant  
 All Alcohol Restaurant  
 All Alcohol Club  
 Wine & Malt Package Store  
 Common Victualler  
 Food Vendor  
 Hackney Carriage & Public Automobile  
 Class I  
 Class II and Non-Premise Wholesale  
 Lodging Houses  
 Public Entertainment  
 Automatic Amusement  
 Second Hand Dealer

Mrs. Mahon asked what is the current status of local licensure of message therapy.

Town Counsel stated that she would forward to the Board information regarding a letter sent to all cities and towns by the new state regulatory board concerning preemption of local regulation of massage therapy. Ms. Rice stated the Chief of Police, Director of Health and Human Services and herself are concerned that the dissolution of the Town's regulatory authority will lead to a surge in criminal and sanitary violations that will not be effectively addressed, negatively affecting quality of life in our town.

Mr. Greeley feels that we should look at our present rules and regulations regarding what constitutes a meal if you are sitting at a bar.

Mrs. Krepelka informed the Board that the Board of Health would be conducting a meeting with the Board of Selectmen, members of the Police Dept., and Selectmen staff on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Whittemore Robbins House to discuss training regarding alcohol policies, practices and enforcement; license application and violation processes. James B. Staples, of J.B.S., Professional Services, LLC would be the main speaker.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

### TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. For Approval: Zipcar Proposal  
 Annie LaCourt, Selectman  
 (tabled from 12/8/08 meeting)  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval to table until the January 12, 2009 meeting.  
 SO VOTED (4-0)

Representative Sean Garballey appeared before the Board to give an update of the latest news release from the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation regarding the dramatic drop in revenues in Fiscal 2009 and 2010. The global economic conflagration will drive a \$2.3 billion decline in Massachusetts tax revenues from Fiscal 2008 to 2010, according to a forecast released today by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. The MTF estimates that fiscal 2009 tax revenues will

total \$19.4 billion, \$900 million below the administration's revised forecast released in October and \$1.5 billion less than the \$20.9 billion collected in 2008. MFT projects an additional decline of \$800 million in fiscal 2010 to \$18.6 billion. MTF President Michael J. Widmer presented the Foundation's economic and revenue forecast to members of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees and the Secretary of Administration and Finance at their annual consensus revenue hearings at the State House today.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the short fall might grow to as much as \$3.5 million and things are just deteriorating faster and faster. This is a financial crisis like we have never seen.

Mr. Hurd commented about the article that was published in the Boston Globe on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, regarding the Veterans' Memorial Sports Center. The Article was entitled "Ice Time for All". Mr. Hurd stated that Director Joseph Connelly, David Cunningham and his staff should be congratulated for all their hard work in maintaining the rink.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator