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## Selectmen's Minutes 11-26-2007

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, November 26, 2007

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

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Greeley

**7:15 p.m.**

### Joint Meeting with School Committee

Issues of mutual interest

In attendance: Ms. Lovelace, Chair, Mr. Thielman, Mr. Curran, Mr. Spangler, and Superintendent Levenson.

After discussion from the School Committee and Board of Selectmen it was decided to highlight intersecting goals along with setting common goals for the next goal-setting period. Susan Lovelace, Chair of the School Committee, and Annie LaCourt, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, would work together to implement these goal initiatives.

### FOR APPROVAL

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

##### a. Appointments – New Election Workers

Mary Harmer, 18 Cedar Ave., Pct. 12, U  
 Ann Smith, 38 Washington St., Pct. 17, D  
 Jeannette LeBlanc, 4 Old Colony Lane #1, Pct. 17, U  
 Robert Tosi, 14 Inverness Rd., Pct. 20, D  
 Francis X. Callahan, 78 Hamlet St., Pct. 9, D  
 Judith Fox, 1 Watermill Place #417, Pct. 17, D  
 Marcie Rhys, 625 Summer St., Pct. 19, U  
 Martin Thrope, 348 Gray St., Pct. 12, D  
 Penelope Haskell, 78 Summer St., Pct. 9, U  
 Janet Blodgett, 16 Hopkins Rd., Pct. 8, D  
 Mary Albon, 11 Pine Court, Pct. 14, U  
 Prudence Murray, 17 Mill St., Pct. 9, D  
 Susan MacGowan, 630 Summer St., Pct. 21, D  
 Angela B. McIsaac, 11 Morris St., Pct. 21, D  
 Helen Johnson, 17 Mill St., Pct. 9, D

Helen Carey, 1 Wyman St., Pct. 7, U

b. Reappointments – Arlington Historic District Commissions

Madelon Hope Berkowitz

(term to expire 11/2010)

Martha Penzenik

(term to expire 11/2010)

Margaret Potter

(term to expire 11/2010)

Michael Logan

(term to expire 11/2010)

Stephen Makowka

(term to expire 11/2010)

Yvonne Logan

(term to expire 11/2010)

Beth Cohen

(term to expire 11/2010)

John L. Worden

(term to expire 11/2010)

c. License Request – One Day All Alcohol License. 3/29/08. Gibbs Gym

Laura McAnena, Lesley Ellis School

d. MWRA Sewer Loan

Stephen J. Gilligan, Treasurer

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**APPOINTMENTS**

2. Appointment: Arlington Historic District Commissions

L. Margaret Kramer

(term to expire 11/2010)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Recommendations: Parking/Transportation Advisory Committee

Edward Starr, Chair

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the first recommendation: methods to address commuter parking near the Herbert Road/Thorndike Street intersection and the third recommendation: conduct a review of parking management and enforcement practices with a report back to the Selectmen. SO VOTED (4-0)

It was discussed by the Selectmen and TAC members for the second recommendation regarding one-side parking on selected streets that the Selectmen should begin the process of initiating the parking change.

4. Appointments: Transportation Advisory Committee

Sue Doctrow

(term to expire 11/2010)

Jean Clark

(term to expire 11/2010)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

This matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. William Burke, 2 Old Colony Lane, came with a complaint and a question for the Board concerning property owner rights, contractor and State obligations during blasting projects in the Town. Mr. Maher reported that the Law in Massachusetts enforces strict liability if damage occurs during a blasting construction project. Mr. Maher recommended that all abutters to such blasting projects should do an audit of personal property prior to a project beginning.

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**6. Discussion: Overnight Parking Issue

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Request: Overnight Parking

Jane Kennedy &amp; John Spencer, 18 Elmore St.

(tabled from 11/5/07 meeting)

Mr. Hurd moved to table.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon and Ms. Rowe want to view the street to research options.

8. Request: Overnight Parking

Zachary Leber, 45 Oakland Ave.

(tabled from 11/5/07 meeting)

Mrs. Mahon moved no action.

SO VOTED (3-1)

Ms. Rowe voted in the negative.

9. Presentation: Police Munistat Project

Fred Ryan, Police Chief

Chief Ryan reported on a powerpoint presentation on a Munistat Project. This project looked at the issue of current deployment of patrol officers and gathered data to see if the current deployment is optimal. Chief Ryan stated that Arlington continues to be a safe community, but acknowledges that the Department is seriously understaffed as compared to comparable communities and is essentially resourced to react. Chief Ryan praised the police workforce and while it is the least resourced in the region it is also the most efficient police department in the region given the overall low crime rate.

Mr. Sullivan concurred with Chief Ryan that the police force does a great job with limited resources available and that gathering and analyzing data, determining trends, and seeking strategies on how best to deploy resources will continue in order to keep Arlington a safe and desirable place to live.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Sullivan announced that Fire Chief McEwen is retiring and replacement options will be looked at in the near future.

Mrs. Mahon requested that the CDBG budget be looked at for a source of home heating assistance.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Maher that when he calls an Executive Session regarding pending litigation if he would include a discussion on pending CSO litigation.

Mr. Hurd announced and invited everyone to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honor Awards Ceremony, November 29, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the town Hall auditorium.

Ms. Rowe reported that the Cemetery Expansion Group along with the Conservation Committee is researching a memorial garden for cremations at Cook's Hollow.

Ms. Rowe also reported that the Tri-Community Committee has coordinated with outside consultants to review the new flood data.

Ms. LaCourt requested that Mr. Sullivan present his goal recommendations at a December meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 11:10 PM.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

**Next meeting of BOS Monday, December 3, 2007.**