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## Selectmen's Minutes 11-07-2005

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, 11/7/05  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

### FOR APPROVAL

**Minutes of Meeting:** October 24, 2005  
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0-1)  
 Mr. Greeley abstained.

### APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

2. Reappointment: Conservation Commission  
 Tim Sullivan (term to expire 10/21/08)  
 David White (term to expire 12/20/08)  
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
3. Reappointment: John F. Bilafer, Parking Clerk  
 (term to expire 3/31/06)  
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
4. Reappointment: Commission on Disabilities  
 Barbara Cutler  
 (term to expire 11/8/08)  
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

### LICENSES & PERMITS

- Proclamation: Arlington Recycles Week November 14-20, 2006  
 Mr. Hurd read the recycling proclamation.  
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
6. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 11/19/05-1980 Class Reunion  
 Lee-Ann Pepicelli, Director of Development  
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
  7. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 12/14/05

Linda Hanson, Thompson School

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Request: Two One Day Beer & Wine Licenses, 11/11/05, 11/12/05

Tirzah Lea London, Regent Theater

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Request: One Day All Alcohol, 11/19/05, St. Agnes Bazaar Live Auction

Mary Sweeney, Co-Chairperson

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. Request: Common Victualler License and Awning

Brian & Annie LaClair, The LaClair Companies d/b/a The Chilly Cow, 451 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Request: Permit for Veterans' Day Parade, November 11, 2005

Invitation to Participate in Parade

William V. McCarthy, Director of Veterans' Services

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Request: Resident Overnight Parking Sticker

Prudence Bulger, 23 Drake Rd.

Mr. Greeley moved to refer this to the parking sub-committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Recommendations: Hawthorne/Cedar, Fisher/Fayette, Mystic/Winslow

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Hawthorne/Cedar

Mr. Starr reported the recommendations of:

- A new stop sign be installed on Hawthorne Ave. at the eastbound approach to the intersection.
- That DPW and the neighbors work together to consider alternate improved configurations to intersection.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Fisher/Fayette

Mr. Starr reported the recommendation against installing a stop sign.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mystic/Winslow

Mr. Starr reported the recommendation against installing a crosswalk yet recommends "do not block intersection" signs at intersection.

Mr. Greeley moved approval including Chestnut Manor for the "Do Not Block" signage.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Recommendations: Crosswalk at Library Way/Mass. Ave.

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Starr reported the following recommendations:

**Phase I**

1. Massachusetts Avenue: At Crosswalk
  - a. Widen crosswalk markings to current standards (12' wide).
  - b. Trim hedges at library side of crosswalk (east side of library driveway).
  - c. Maintain crosswalk bollard.
  - d. Add crosswalk across Library Way at intersection with Mass. Ave.
  - e. Add sign "No Parking Here To Corner", on Mass. Ave. 20' west of Library Way.
2. Massachusetts Avenue: Westbound

- a. Trim/remove low hedges in traffic island.
- b. Trim low tree limbs in traffic island that impair sightlines.

**Phase II**

1. Massachusetts Avenue: At Crosswalk
  - a. Construct sidewalk bump-outs at either end of crosswalk.
  - b. Add crosswalk identification signs.
2. Massachusetts Avenue: Westbound
  - a. Install advance crosswalk warning signs on either side of westbound approach.
  - b. Install advance yield lines.
3. Massachusetts Avenue: Eastbound
  - a. Install advance crosswalk warning sign on sidewalk side of eastbound approach.
  - b. Install advance yield lines.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of Phase I and referred Phase II to Mr. Sullivan for recommendation to include the Police Department's recommendation. SO VOTED (5-0)

15. Recommendations: Crosswalk at 1395 Mass. Ave.

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Starr reported the following recommendation that a crosswalk be placed across Mass. Ave. at 1395 Mass. Ave. using thermoplastic coating. Details of specific location and installation are to be handled by the Town Engineer in discussion with the Working Group.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

16. Recommendation: Two 3-Way Stop Signs, Wright/Huntington/Berkeley Streets

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Starr reported the following recommendation that the Transportation Advisory Committee defer this request until the conditions have stabilized, Summer St. is completed, and the park reopens.

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to notify the neighbors when there is a neighborhood meeting for input.

17. Recommendation: Andrews Way

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Starr reported that this has no impact to the Town of Arlington.

18. Presentation: TAC Survey

Scott Smith

Mr. Smith, Transportation Advisory Committee member, reported on the results of the parking study and recommended possible next steps for identifying an action that people in the area (primarily precinct #4, east of Lake Street and between Mass. Ave. and the bikeway) can support. Mr. Smith recommended that the Board of Selectmen determine the next steps and that any change in regulations must cover at least one block, and must be supported by:

- 2/3 of respondents on the block, and
- at least ½ of the households on the block.

The study/survey results are available on the T.A.C. website: <http://tac.arlington.ma.us> and a hardcopy is available at the Fox Library.

Mr. Greeley moved to receive

SO VOTED (5-0)

19. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Peter Apostolopoulos, 8 Freeman Street, asked for help with a town tree that's mixed with wires and leaning over his property. Mr. Hurd asked Mr. Maher and Mr. Sullivan to look into this matter and report back to the Board.

Peter Majeski, 26 Baker Rd., asked the Board for consideration of overnight on-street parking. The Selectmen explained the reasoning behind the Town voting against overnight on-street parking.

20. Request: Placement of Signs at Borders of Cambridge & Lexington

Howard B. Winkler, President, Arlington Historical Society

Mr. Greeley moved to refer this matter to Mr. Sullivan and the Planning Director.

SO VOTED (5-0)

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

21. Request: Residential Handicap Parking

Leo Giovanangelo, 17 Daniels St.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

22. Discussion: Quincy Street Safety and Street Signage

Janice Bakey

Mr. Greeley moved to refer to the Transportation Advisory Committee. SO VOTED (5-0)

23. Request: Gate or Speed Bumps/Rumble Strips, Russell St.

Adam and Jennifer Brockman

Mr. Greeley moved to ask Mr. Sullivan with consultation with the Transportation Advisory Committee to initiate placement of speed bumps.

SO VOTED (5-0)

24. Discussion: Consideration of Forming Town Farmers' Market Committee

Request: Fixing Ridges in Mass. Ave. near Quebrada Bakery

Oakes Plimpton

Mr. Greeley moved to have Mr. Plimpton and Mrs. Kraemer to develop the make up and goals of Farmer's Market Committee and report back to the Board.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt referred the fixing of the ridges to Mr. Sullivan to coordinate with Public Works.

SO VOTED (5-0)

25. Signing of Betterment Order on Churchill Ave.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

26. Fuel Assistance Donation from Leftover Campaign Funds

Mrs. Mahon moved to postpone.

SO VOTED (5-0)

27. Request: Filming of TV Show "Trading Spaces"

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer to Mr. Sullivan to coordinate photo locations and parking exemptions.

SO VOTED (5-0)

28. Report: Human Services Director on Summer Recreation Programs

Patsy Kraemer, Director

Mrs. Kraemer reported that the Rec Department bottom line and attendance is better this year than last. After some discussion the Selectmen agreed they wanted some more analysis and figures and they would relay their questions to Mr. Sullivan for clarification.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

29. Discussion: Conflict of Interest Exemption/Karen Dillon

John J. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Greeley moved favorable consideration to exempt Karen Dillon. SO VOTED (5-0)

30. Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

The Selectmen agreed on the following meeting dates:

1/9/06            3/13/06

1/23/06        3/27/06

2/13/06        4/3/06

2/27/06

**Correspondence Received**

Patrice Robertie            Pre-winter cleanup in the Heights    Be Rec'd  
88 Park Ave.

John Kohl                "Grand Opening" event for the park & naming concern    Be Rec'd  
34 James St.

Nelish Patel    Downing Square intersection changes    Be Rec'd  
Peterpan Superette  
2 Park Ave.  
John F. Maher            Chapter 40B Development Be Rec'd  
Town Counsel

Peter Apostolopoulos    Town tree damage to property    Be Rec'd  
8 Freeman St.

Cheryl Perry    Street lights out at Arlington Heights    Be Rec'd  
115 Newland Rd.

John F. Maher            Letter of reasons for Comcast decision of preliminary denial    Be Rec'd  
Town Counsel

Peter Majeski    parking ticket for overnight parking and injury to hand Be Rec'd  
26 Baker Rd.

John L Worden III        Santini 40B, Brattle Street    Be Rec'd  
Town Moderator

Leatrice Crivello        Replacement of street signs    Be Rec'd  
40 Brunswick Rd.

Ruth Lewis    Vacation    Be Rec'd  
Comptroller &  
Coordinator of  
Data Processing

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Dias made a motion that the Board of Selectmen supports a preliminary denial of the Comcast license.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Hurd referred Mr. Patel's letter to the Transportation Advisory Committee to meet with Ed Starr and discuss.

Mr. Hurd referred the Brunswick Road letter to Mr. Sullivan for action.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Maher to check out if in the negotiations the Town could get 5% to use toward the Arlington studio because Comcast was spending 7% of their budget toward the studio.

Mrs. Mahon congratulated the varsity cheerleaders as a competition team at being successful at their GBL competition and they will be heading to the Eastern Massachusetts competition.

Ms. LaCourt reported that the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) would be purchasing a web based customer complaint tracking system. ITAC is in the process of a needs assessment for a technology plan for the Town with all department heads.

Mr. Hurd announced that the flu shot clinic would be at the rink on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:  
Mary Ann Sullivan