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## Board of Selectmen minutes, 09/23/2002

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, September 23, 2002

7:30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Dias, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Lyons, Mrs. Mahon  
 Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Mrs. Krepelka

#### LICENSES & PERMITS

1. Keyspan Petition - MN #144-8502  
 To install and maintain approximately 160', more or less of 8 & 12" gas main in Park Ave. (all abutters have been notified)  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED
  
2. Request for One-Day Beer & Wine License  
 Jeanne Kelly, Bishop School, 11/2/02, Town Hall  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED
  
3. Class II Auto Dealer License  
 Malcolm Keljikian d/b/a Mal's Service Center, 1540 Mass. Ave.  
 (from 7/8/02 meeting)  
 Mrs. Dias thanked Mr. Keljikian for addressing the two issues along the Minutemen Bike Path where waste lacquer thinner and a hazardous waste were used as a herbicide. Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Greeley had no objections to the issuing of a Class II Auto Dealer License. Mr. Hurd thanked Mr. Keljikian for his efforts in maintaining the Bike Path behind his business and assured him the town's people appreciated him beautifying the Area.  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED
  
4. Request for Awning  
 Artwear, 189 Mass. Ave.  
 Mr. Hurd welcomed Jan Whitted and told the Board that she was the owner of another business in East Arlington(Artbeat). She is very active in the Feast of the East and the Holiday Lightning Ceremony. The Board wished her well in her second business endeavor.  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED
  
5. Amendment to Common Victualler License  
 Thai Moon Inc. d/b/a Thai Moon, Paul R. Dexter, Pres., 663 Mass. Ave.  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

#### CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Mr. Greeley welcomed Peg Spengler, Arlington's 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman and stated that it is always a pleasure to see her.

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**6. Parking Issues – Chestnut Street at Chestnut Terrace

Paul Schlichtman

Chestnut Street at Chestnut Terrace should be posted “No Parking Here to Corner”. This will allow for better sight lines exiting Chestnut Terrace.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED

7. Request for Change – Timed Parking

Leon Halperin, et als

Mass. Avenue from Court Street to Central Street for the purpose of changing the timed parking from two hours to one hour parking.

Mr. Hurd and Mr. Lyons asked the Police Department to review the parking time limits along Massachusetts Avenue to be sure we are being consistent.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED

8. For Discussion: Municipal/Residential Parking Stickers

The ad hoc group exploring this matter agreed upon the suggested \$100.00 annual residential overnight parking fee as a reasonable percentage of the Monday-

Friday \$300.00 annual (\$25.00 monthly) fee presently being charged for daytime permit parking in the Municipal and Railroad Avenue lots.

Furthermore, the recommended \$100.00 residential overnight parking fee was deemed reasonable by the Committee when it was determined that the Town of Belmont prohibits overnight parking on its public streets at any time, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

Similarly, the towns of Lexington and Winchester prohibit all-night parking on their residential streets, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, from October through April.

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED

9. For Discussion: Intersection Jason and Spring Streets

Ed Starr, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

The Traffic Advisory Committee Chairman Ed Starr presented the following recommendations:

**Install a crosswalk** across Spring Street, near school bus stop, with appropriate pedestrian warning signs.

2. **Place center yellow line** at the south end (bottom) of both Jason St. and Pleasant View Road proceeding only about 60 ft up from the intersection

3. **Place center yellow line** on Spring between Jason and the Concord Turnpike entrance.

**Install Stop signs and lines** at the south end (bottom) of both Jason and Pleasant View. The changes will increase safety for students at a nearby school bus stop. Mr. Starr stated the Committee first considers safety issues and secondly considers things that increase the resistance to the flow of traffic – that slow things down but retain mobility. They first try things that are inexpensive and easy to change back if they aren't helpful. For example, paint, signs and inexpensive modifications.

Mr. Starr stated that the Committee is also considering physical changes to the intersection of Jason St. and Hillsdale Road. The Committee, with the Dept. of Public Works, is considering several alternatives to the Y intersection at Jason St. and Hillsdale Rd., with the goal of further impeding the flow of traffic and increasing safety.

The Committee is planning a public meeting in the future to get public input on alternatives.

Mr. Robert McKersie, 197 Jason Street, reported that the neighbors in Jason Heights are pleased to see changes made in the area, but would like to look at more solutions to reduce speed and traffic levels on Jason Street. Mr. McKersie said existing restrictions on other areas might be increasing volume on Jason Street.

Mrs. Mahon stated that perhaps the TAC could look into using thermoplastic in this area. Mr. Hurd thanked Mr. Starr and his Committee for a great report.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED

10. For Discussion: Curb Cuts, Mass. Ave.-Jason St. to Daniels St.

Alan McClennen, Jr., Dir., Planning and Community Development

Mr. McClennen stated that we have about 100 curb cuts to do and we will have 20 done by end of year.

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED

11. Request for Reset of Marker @ 269 Lowell St.

Howard Winkler, President, The Arlington Historical Society

Mrs. Dias asked the Board Administrator to inform the Town of Lexington of our intention to have the marker reset at ground level.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED

Correspondence Received

Nathaniel Stevens    Catholic Protection Ground Bed Be Rec'd  
Conservation  
Commission

Patrick Dignan Letter of resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals    Be Rec'd  
39 Gale Rd.  
Belmont

The Chairman asked the Board Administrator to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Dignan for his years of service.

Corinna Beckwith    Land steward volunteers program Be Rec'd  
for Nathaniel Stevens

Frederick Laskey    Debt Service Assistance account etc. Be Rec'd  
MWRA

Edmund Cuoco    Pleasant St. traffic concerns Be Rec'd  
164 Pleasant St.

The Chairman asked the Board Administrator to refer to TAC.

John F. Maher    Veteran Provision of Early Retirement Bill    Be Rec'd  
Town Counsel

The Board asked Town Counsel to submit a Warrant Article at the next annual town meeting.

James Ballin    Traffic and parking concerns Be Rec'd  
30 Swan Place

The Chairman asked the Board Administrator to refer to TAC.

Joseph Murphy    Complaint Re: Long Distance and International Charges for    Be Rec'd  
& Adele Olivier incomplete calls  
50 Webcowet Rd.

The Chairman asked John Maher to send letter regarding said complaint and how RCN can rectify the problem.

Mrs. Dias moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hurd will host an open discussion on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room. The meeting is designed to give residents and businesses the opportunity to discuss town issues in an informal setting.

John Maher, Town Counsel, commented on the Superior Court Decision on the Mugar Property Flood Plan issue.

He congratulated the excellent work of outside counsel, Nancy Kaplan and Cheryl Blaine, and the Conservation Committee for all their hard work.

Mrs. Dias, asked the Board Administrator to send letter to co-chairmen Renee Tsoukalas and Sandy Chamberlain, all committee members, and major sponsors for their time and efforts in making Town Day a success.

In regards to letter sent to Town Manager Farrington from Arlington High School Dept. of Fine Arts, the Board asked the Town Manager to meet with Mr. Pasquale Tassone (Fine Arts Director) and discuss the placement of pictures throughout the Town Hall. Mr. Lyons agreed as long as they were tastefully placed.

Mr. Greeley stated that the Selectmen will host their annual sing-a-long one night, either December 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. More information to come.

Mrs. Mahon also welcomed Mrs. Spengler to tonight's meeting. Mrs. Mahon complimented Town Counsel on the good news about the Mugar Property Flood Plan.

Mrs. Mahon stated that this year's Town Day was the best and worst of all times. She asked Town Manager Farrington to speak with John Jalbert regarding the scheduling of varsity games on the same field the same day as the fireworks and Town Day activities are being held. She is concerned about next year and would like to eliminate the same confusion as was experienced this year.

Mrs. Mahon asked Town Manager to speak to the Park Department regarding soccer lines at Magnolia Field and Robbins Farm. They are just about gone before games start on weekends.

Mr. Lyons stated that tonight was a great night for the Town of Arlington. It was the first time in history that the Town conducted a lottery to pick buyers for the affordable units at Russell Place and the single-family house at 36 Wright Street. The six condos at Russell Place were made affordable as a result of the Affordable Housing provision of the Zoning Bylaw, adopted by Town Meeting in the spring of 2001. These are the first units to be affected by the Bylaw. There were a total of 97 applicants for the 7 units-77 from Arlington and 22 from outside of Arlington.

Mr. Lyons stated the Budget and Revenue Task Force met tonight to discuss budget deficits. He stated that at a recent meeting he attended Acting Governor Jane Swift might have to enact \$200 million in discretionary program cuts to offset a decrease in state revenue. The reductions will have to come from a small percentage of the budget so the cuts would be deeper into programs than before. Mr. Lyons stated that he feels the upcoming Special Town Meeting will be difficult because of the need to meet the reductions resulting from the decreases in state funding.

Mr. Lyons, also, stated at a recent meeting of the National League of Cities and Towns he attended in Indiana that about 47 other states are in fiscal decline. The Town of Arlington has to cut \$375,000. from the current budget, and it should be a top priority for town officials because to do any less would create a credibility gap with voters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Executive Session

A true record.

Attest:

Marie Krepelka  
Board Administrator