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Selectmen Minutes 02-12-2001

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, February 12, 2001
 7:15 p.m.

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

Vote to open Special Town Meeting Warrants

Monday, April 9th and Wednesday, May 2nd 2001

Both Warrants to remain open until the close of business

Friday, February 16, 2001 - 5:00 p.m.

Town Counsel explained the purpose of each meeting. Mr. Lyons moved to open the warrants, he further requested that petitioners be prudent when considering submitting articles, and that the warrants close at the end of business Friday, February 16, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. SO VOTED

Patriot's Day Parade

John Bilafer

Mr. Bilafer updated the Board on planned events for Patriot's Day weekend including the closing celebration of the Millennium Series. He invited the Board to the interfaith breakfast on Monday, April 16th and asked that they submit something for the time capsule that will be buried later that day. The Chair agreed to work with Mr. Bilafer on a contribution from the Board.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointment - New Election Worker

Josephine M. Lee, 98 Stowcroft Rd., Pct. 11, U

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Reappointment - Cyrus E. Dallin Board of Trustees

David Formanek (term to expire 2/2004)

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

Geraldine Tremblay (term to expire 2/2004)

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Mr. McGough presented each candidate. Ms. Tremblay and Mr. Formanek thanked the Board for their reappointment and expressed their enthusiasm for the committee.

For Discussion - Encroachment on Marquis Trailway

Dante Muzzioli

The Chair announced that Mr. Muzzioli was unavailable to be at the meeting and that the matter should be laid upon the table until

further notice.

7:30 p.m.

CDBG Performance Hearing

Alan McClennen, Director of Planning and Community Development. Mr. McClennen briefly reported to the Board on the status of projects from the current fiscal year. He explained that requests for funding for next fiscal year will be accepted on Monday, March 26th.

Request for Endorsement – American Cancer Society

Cancer Awareness Day

Helen Palmer and Tracy Hall were present on behalf of the society, located at 25 Stuart Street, Boston. They informed the Board of upcoming activities including the relay for life on June 8th and 9th of 2001. Ms. Palmer congratulated the Town for being smoke free (in eating establishments) since 1996. Selectman Hurd requested that he and his colleagues form a team for the relay and the Board accepted. Mr. Lyons challenged the School Committee and Finance Committee to compete with the Selectmen's team in the race in June.

License Renewal – Contractor/Drain Layer

Bay State Engineering

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

For Discussion: Regent Theatre - Hours of Operation

Robert Desjarlais & Tracy McGarry, 15 Medford Street were present to complain about the volume of the movies been shown at the neighboring Regent Theater. Mr. Lyons also asked that the hours of the Capitol Theater be checked for consistency. Mr. Lyons moved to refer the matter to the Board Administrator and the Town Counsel to report back at the next meeting.
SO VOTED

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Jonathan Brown of Whittmore Street was present to request permission to park on Massachusetts Avenue for a period of three weeks while he is in the process of selling the vehicle that belonged to his late father. Mr. Lyons moved approval and to inform the Treasurer and the Police Chief.
SO VOTED

Shawn McCadden, 102 Paquawket Path, Groton, President of Custom Contracting of Arlington was present to ask questions about the possible implications of a warrant article regarding a building moratorium that was submitted for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. McCadden invited those present to attend a meeting of area builders on Wednesday morning, Town Counsel indicated that he planned to attend.

Mr. Maher explained his opinion of possible actions and implications that Town Meeting could take under the warrant article and how various parties would be affected. He also explained how he arrived at his assessments.

Mr. Lyons admonished the 10 registered voters who submitted the article and expressed his wish that the proponents had reviewed the language with Town Counsel prior to its submission.

Mrs. Mahon argued that it was not the intent of the voters to upset the construction community and that in her opinion, Town Counsel was taking a very narrow and arbitrary stance on the matter that is inconsistent with past practice. Mr. Maher responded by reviewing and expounding on his legal interpretation.

George Laite, 25 LaFayette Street defended the submission of the article of which he is one of the petitioners and defended the

actions of Mrs. Elsie Fiore whom drafted the warrant articles. Mr. Hurd requested that Mr. Laite present the Board with a redraft of the article clarifying the intent.

Fred Sennott, 10 Brattle Street was present and complained to the Board about the terrible lack of shoveling of snow and ice, particularly in Arlington Center. Mr. Lyons asked the Manager to investigate some possible options to help aid the situation particularly in well traveled areas such as Arlington Center.

For Discussion - Symmes Hospital

Town Counsel gave an overview of a memo he presented to the Board. Mr. Lyons moved to place the following question on the March 31st ballot:

“Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issue in order to acquire the Symmes Hospital site and to renovate same?”

SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons spoke to the merits of acquiring the property.

Steve Andrews of the Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the idea.

Charles Foskett, 101 Brantwood was present and offered his thoughts and concerns about the possible financial impact of the acquisition.

Dr. Michael Foley, 30 Jason Street offered his comments and enthusiasm for the project.

At 9:40 p.m. the Board took a five minute recess. Mr. Greeley exited the meeting.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

Request for 4-Way Stop Signs @ Florence Street/Rhinecliff Avenue

Board request of 12/18/00

The Safety officer recommended the following change to the Traffic Rules and Orders, Schedule IV, Isolated Stop Signs.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Traffic Direction</u>
Rhinecliff Street	For North and South bound traffic at Florence Avenue

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

Traffic Concerns/Magnolia Street

Patricia Bucci, 51 Magnolia Street was present.

Mr. Hurd moved that the concerns of Ms. Bucci be referred to the Manager and the Parking Subcommittee. (4-0) SO VOTED

Traffic Rules & Orders Amendments 2001

Handicapped Parking Spaces

Mrs Dias moved to amend the Traffic Rules and Orders to reflect that the fine for violations in handicapped parking spaces be increased to \$100 from \$50. (4-0) SO VOTED

For Discussion – Transportation Advisory Committee

Report of Selectman Hurd

Mr. Hurd provided the Board with a memo outlining his findings and research on the matter. Mr. Hurd moved to receive the report and to report to the Board further at the next meeting.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons commented that he thought a representative of the Bicycle Committee would be a useful addition.

Paolo Marinilli, 28 Brooks Ave, was present. Mr. Marenilli submitted a warrant article to create a very similar committee. The Chairman requested that Mr. Marenilli speak with Mr. Hurd.

Correspondence Received

Richard Sacco Trustee Damage to property/117 Broadway, Arlington Be Rec'd
350 Mass. Ave. #168

Timothy Murnane Change to packaging of video programming Be Rec'd
AT&T

Ronald Fitzgerald Final Information on Minuteman's FY 2002 Budget Proposal Be Rec'd
Superintendent for and Assessment System
Minuteman School
Committee

Demetri Papoulidis Sale of business Be Rec'd
Sunnyside Diner
1313 Mass. Ave.

Nathaniel Stevens Great Meadows update Be Rec'd
Chair
Conservation Comm.

Nathaniel Stevens Bikeway concerns Be Rec'd
Chair
Conservation Comm.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. (4-0) SO VOTED

New Business

The Board received a request earlier in the day for 3 sidewalk permits for the girl scouts on Thursday, March 1st 4:00-6:00 p.m., Friday, March 2nd 5:00- 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 3rd 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Arlington Heights Area. Mrs. Dias moved approval subject to any town conditions set forth. (4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Hurd informed the Board that the MDC had responded to the Town's request of closing off the Henderson Street Bridge from traffic on Alewife Brook Parkway permanently by saying that they will only close off traffic between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Board requested that Town Counsel investigate the jurisdiction of the matter.

Mr. Lyons reported to the Board on recent meetings of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Mrs. Dias moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator