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Selectmen Minutes 03-26-2001

Monday, March 26, 2001

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley - Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon

Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: March 3, 2001, March 12, 2001

Mr. Hurd moved to approve the March 12th minutes and to table the March 3rd minutes.

(3-0) SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointment – Arlington Arts Council

Amy Peters (term to expire 3/04)

Mr. Hurd moved approval. (3-0) SO VOTED

Mrs. Mahon arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Appointment – Arlington Arts Council

Jamie Doyle (term to expire 3/04)

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

Appointment – New Election Worker

Shaun C. Cooney, 898 Mass. Ave. #52, Pct. 2, R

Mrs. Dias moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Reappointments – Council on Aging

Mildred Hurd (term to expire 5/1/04)

Kathleen D. McMahon (term to expire 5/1/04)

Mr. Hurd moved approval of Mrs. Hurd and asked that Ms. McMahon's appointment be tabled (at her request). (4-0) SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS

Wine & Malt Beverages Only License/Pledge of License

Saathi Inc., d/b/a Bombay, Chaitanya Patel, President, 9A-9B Medford St.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all departmental conditions. (4-0) SO VOTED

Common Victualler License

Steven D. Kupelnick & John P. Mercer d/b/a Brigham's, 1328 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to all departmental conditions. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request to Place Sign for Alcohol Screening and Education in Front of Cambridge Savings Bank. 4/5/01

McClellan Hospital

Mrs. Dias moved approval subject to the approval of the Director of Police Services and a removal of the board at a date and time certain. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request for Use of Public Way

3rd Annual Cycle to Break the Cycle of Domestic Violence Bike-a-Thon, 9/29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Request for (1) waiver of resident-only parking (2) hanging banner (3) placement of sandwich board

Arlington Center for the Arts, Heart of the Arts Festival, 4/5/01, 12-6 p.m.

Mrs. Dias moved approval subject to all departmental conditions. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request to Hang Banners above Medford St. and Pleasant St.

Fidelity House, "Fidelity House Appreciation Night-2001...A Ritz Odyssey", 5/6/01

Mrs. Dias moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

The Board requested that the signs be professionally secured.

7:30 p.m.

CDBG Hearing – Requests for 2002

Alan McClennen, Director of Planning and Community Development

Mr. McClennen gave an overview of the process for the use of the CDBG funds. The following groups submitted petitions for funding:

REHABILITATION/HOUSING

Affordable Housing/Fair Housing Program
Arlington Home Improvement Loan Program
Director of Housing
Drake Village Affordable Housing Study

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PUBLIC SERVICES

Adult Day Health Center Scholarships
Arlington Assistance Program
Arlington High School Athletic Scholarships
Arlington Little League
Arlington Youth Consultation Center
Arlington Youth Hockey Scholarships
Boys & Girls Club Scholarships
Community Outreach Program at Thompson School
Dial-A-Ride Transportation Program
Fidelity House Family Assistance Program
Jobs, Jobs, Jobs Program
Meals on Wheels Program
Menotomy Manor Home Work Support Program
Menotomy Manor Outreach Program - Fidelity House
Recreation Program Scholarships
Volunteer Services Coordinator

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PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

ADA Compliance Program
Arlington Town Center Gardens Restoration
Boys & Girls Club Handicapped Accessibility
Crosby School Playground Renovations
Peirce School Playground
Robbins Farm Handicap Accessibility

Spy Pond Shore Design/Construction Program

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PLANNING

Arlington Business Community Study Implementation
Community Development Plan
Planner
Spy Pond Study
Vision 2020

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ADMINISTRATION

Audit Costs
General Administration
Grants Administrator
Legal Services

Don Vitters of the Park and Recreation Commission submitted an amended request to the Board. The Chairman indicated that Mr. Lyons and Mr. Hurd would again be serving as the CDBG subcommittee. Mrs. Mahon requested that the subcommittee closely examine changes in figures for the school building projects. Members of the Spy Pond renovation group were present to request additional funds to improve the shoreline. Joe Roselli, 14 Lake Street was present to request funds to recognize exemplary service of police and firefighters. Lisa Urban of Fidelity house was present to request additional funds for their programs. Mr. Hurd moved to close the hearing at 8:05 p.m. (4-0) 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.

Sandy Caffelle, 107 Thesda Street was present to complain about the lack of preparation by the Town during the last storm event.

Mrs. Mahon inquired to the Town Manager and Town Counsel if there is any way to get Middlesex County declared a disaster area as a result of the storm.

The Board discussed the matter at length. The Board directed the Town Manager to make a plan for future events in conjunction with his department heads.

Chris Warren, 91 Thesda offered to serve as a neighborhood representative in any future discussions about flood preparation.

Ed Tremblay, 76 Wright Street, observed that even the new sewer systems are not large enough in his opinion. He further recommended that the retention ponds at Reed's Brook be made larger.

The Board commented that the Public Works Department crew worked very hard during the storm. The Board requested that this matter appear on the next agenda.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

For Discussion: Commuter Parking/Magnolia St.

Report of Frederick Ryan, Police Director

Mr. Hurd moved to receive the report of the Director of Police Services and requested that the Manager look into whether or not the Town can ticket all day parkers under existing conditions.

(4-0) SO VOTED

The Board continued to discuss the possible need for signs at the peripheries of the Town indicating various parking rules including overnight parking, 2 hour parking and snow emergencies.

The Chairman moved to refer the matter to the Planning Director for a recommendation.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Request for Permanent Memorial at Community Safety Building for Officer Garret Cody

Director Fred Ryan and Lt. Paul Dooley

Mr. Hurd moved to endorse the concept of the memorial and to refer the matter to the Public Memorials Committee.

For Discussion: Use of Complaint Tracking Software

Al Minervini, Comptroller and Director of Data Processing

Mr. Minervini gave an overview to the Board on the system. The Board had many questions. Mrs. Dias asked for a date for when the system would become fully activated. Mr. Minervini responded that the system would go live on April 26, 2001. The Board asked Al to return with a report in one month on the matter.

Request for Exemption of Overnight Parking

64 Cleveland St.

At the recommendation of the Director of Police Services, Mr. Hurd moved that no action be taken on the matter. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request for Exemption of Overnight Parking

1448 Massachusetts Ave.

The proponent asked that this matter be withdrawn.

Arlington Response to Change of Plan Notice for CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow)

Alewife Brook Advisory Committee

David Stoff, 88 Fairmont Street requested that the relevant Boards and Commissions in the Town put their policy on sewer discharge in writing.

Mr. Dias moved that the Board of Health draft their policies and implementation guidelines in writing regarding sewer discharge.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Warrant Article Hearings

Article 40 – Request for Legislation/Delayed Retirement Option Plan

Town Treasurer John Bilafer was present and explained the intent of the article. The Board expressed concern about its implementation. Mrs. Mahon moved no action and further that comment in the Selectmen's report reflect that the Board has requested further information on the matter.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Article 54 – Acceptance of Legislation/Appropriation/Non-Contributory Pop-Up Act (comment only)

Mr. Bilfer explained the intent of the article. Mr. Hurd moved to support favorable action.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Article 2 – (Special Town Meeting) Deed Restriction/Appropriation/Peirce Field

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 48 – Early Retirement

Article 49 – Education Reform

Article 50 - Special Education

Mr. Hurd moved no action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Items Tabled From 3/3

Article 24 – Bylaw Amendment/Adjustments to Town Fees

Mrs. Dias moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 35 – Transportation Committee

Mr. Hurd moved no action. (3-1) SO VOTED Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

Mrs. Mahon cited that the proponent of the article was not present and she did not feel it appropriate to proceed without his input.

Article 27 – Bylaw Amendment/Building Regulations

Mrs. Dias moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 31 – Bylaw Amendment – Mercury Sales Ban

Mr. Hurd moved that the Board will report on this matter at Town Meeting. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 43 – Request for Accidental Retirement Benefit/Albert Spina

Joe Roselli, 14 Lake Street was present as the proponent of the article. Mrs. Dias moved favorable action to file legislation to request that PERAC review Mr. Spina's case.

(4-0) SO VOTED

Items Tabled From 3/12

Article 21 – Disposition/36 Wright Street

Mrs. Dias moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 23 – Open Space Plan

Mrs. Mahon moved adoption and endorsement (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 36 – Acceptance of Legislation – Community Preservation Act

Representatives of the state were present to give the Board a presentation on the matter: Laurie Connors of MAPC, John Hultgren and Kwabena Kyei-Aboagle of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. (4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Hurd moved that a letter go to Secretary Durand complimenting the representatives of the state on their fine presentation. (4-0) SO VOTED

Article 77 – Land Acquisition/Symmes Hospital

Mr. Hurd moved that the Board will report on this matter at Town Meeting. (4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley exited the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Final Votes and Comments From 2/26

Article 4 – Measurers of Wood and Bark

Article 47 – Authority to file for Grants

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (3-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley returned at 10:50 p.m.

Final Votes and Comments From 3/3

Article 16 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment/Affordable Housing (Comment Only)

Article 20 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment/Bylaw Amendment/Open Space for Public Use

Article 22 – Resolution/Housing Affordability

Article 26 – Bylaw Amendment/Overgrowth on Public Ways

Article 28 – Bylaw Amendment/Wetlands Protection

Article 29 – Bylaw Amendment – Commercial Trash Collection Fees

Article 30 – Bylaw Amendment – Special Trash Collection Fees

Article 32 – Bylaw Amendment – Submission of Minutes

Article 33 – Bylaw Amendment – Cooking Odors

Article 34 – Land Conservation Policies

Article 38 – Acceptance of Legislation – Fitness Standards

Article 41 – Request for Legislation – Speed Limits

Article 42 – Request for Legislation – Education Policy/Town Meeting
 Article 44 – Lane Markings and Crosswalks/Massachusetts and Park Avenues
 Article 45 – International Crosswalk Design
 Article 78 – Community Health Center/Symmes Hospital

Mrs. Mahon inquired to Town Counsel about a written report on the implications of implementation of fitness standards. Town Counsel reported that he is still working on the matter. Mr. Hurd moved approval of the final votes and comments with the exception of Article 38, which the Board will discuss further at a later time. (4-0) SO VOTED

Final Votes and Comments From 3/12

Article 25 – Bylaw Amendment/Newsracks
 Article 37 – Enterprise Fund – Life Support Services
 Article 39 – Ryder Street Lease
 Article 51 – Revolving Funds
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Correspondence Received

Austin McKeon Requesting support of H 1365 and S 274 Be Rec'd
 Selectman

Town of Hampden

Peter Torigian Municipal Elections to Boston Metropolitan Planning Org. Be Rec'd
 MBTA Advisory
 Board

Reps. Marzilli & Arlington Notices Be Rec'd
 Paulsen

George Berberian Restaurant concerns Be Rec'd
 209 Broadway

Joan Caterino Trip dates for 2001 for Arlington Sr. Association Be Rec'd
 Day Trip
 Coordinator

Matthew Amorello Highway Emergency Locator Patrol (HELP) Program Be Rec'd
 Mass Highway

Al Salipante Memorializing of the late Patricia Fitzmaurice Be Rec'd
 Public Memorials
 Committee
 Testa Family Cemetery plot concerns Be Rec'd
 18 Dorothy Road

Max Armour Conflict of Interest Law Be Rec'd
 State House Ethics
 Commission

Thea Paneth Letter of thanks for the close of Henderson St. bridge Be Rec'd
 10 Cottage Ave.

Dianne Hamel Letter against closing of Henderson St. bridge Be Rec'd
 24 Henderson St.

John L. Worden III Approval of 2 loans Be Rec'd
President
Arlington Preservation
Fund

Benjamin Meed Request for annual Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Be Rec'd
US Holocaust Holocaust
Memorial Museum

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

New Business:

Mrs. Mahon referred to correspondence about the condition of the bike path and asked if MSFN is at fault. There is a pool of water that has collected under the Route 2 Bridge ever since MSFN worked on the bike path. Mrs. Mahon reiterated her request to look into ways to declare Middlesex County a disaster area.

Mr. Hurd thanked the public works crew who worked so hard during the recent storm.

Mr. Greeley thanked his colleagues for participating in the Selectone's performance on St. Patrick's Day at the Senior Center. He acknowledged the letter from the visitors from our Sister City of Nagaokakyo, Japan. He also urged people to vote yes on the Symmes debt exclusion question.

Mr. Hurd moved adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator