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Selectmen Minutes 06-04-2001

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, June 4, 2001
 7:15 p.m.

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

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: May 21, 2001

Mrs. Dias moved approval. 4-0-1 SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley abstained.

AT & T Broadband Petition

Assisted Living Center, 1403 Mass. Ave.

Conduit will begin at pole #84/155 and continue down Mass. Ave. into private property at above address.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

New Election Worker

Patricia L. O'Reardon, 78 Rhinecliff St., Pct. 4, U

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Appointment

Symmes Advisory Committee

(One Town Meeting member with financial or land development background to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen)

Mrs. Dias moved to appoint Mr. Harry McCabe of Madison Avenue. SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS

Automatic Amusement Device License Transfer

VFW #1775, , 600R Massachusetts Avenue, Jan Kimborowicz, Manager

Pinball Machine/The Shadow, Midway Mfg.

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Automatic Amusement Device License

VFW #1775, 600R Massachusetts Avenue, Jan Kimborowicz, Manager

Megatouch Video Machine, Merit Industries, Inc.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Annual Flag Burning Ceremony, 6/14/01, 7:00 p.m.

Arlington Lodge of Elks

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Request to Hang Banner on Town Hall for 10 Days &
Event Information Displayed on Message Board

Threshold Sports for BMC Software Grand Prix, 7/8/01

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Sidewalk Permit

Request to Hang Banner on 6/6/01 across Mass. Ave. in Front of Flora Restaurant

Feast of the East, 6/16/01

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Handicap Parking Space

Barbara Biondo-Bozzi, 107 Varnum St.

Request for Handicap Parking Space

Charles Biondo, 105 Varnum St.

Mr. Hurd moved approval of both requests subject to the condition that there be no overnight parking between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Request for Handicap Parking Space

Ronald O'Keefe, 64 Wyman St.

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

For Approval: Notice of Project Change Comments

Cambridge CSO Project

Mrs. Dias moved to approve the draft comments as presented. Mrs. Dias complimented the work of Weston and Sampson Engineering on their work on behalf of the Town.

Mrs. Mahon expressed her firm belief that the comments from the Town should be much more forceful and further that she would like to see an extension on the comment period for the project. She explained in detail why. She expressed particular concern about the long-term commitment to the elimination of CSOs. She also requested that the Conservation Commission be asked to hold a determination of applicability hearing on the matter.

The Board discussed the issue of whether or not to move forward with the comments. Don Golluci, Project Manager for Weston and Sampson explained that the City of Cambridge is eligible for 0% loans on this project but strict timelines need to be met.

David Stoff, Chairman of the Alewife Brook Advisory Committee complimented the Town on its efforts on this matter. He requested that the Board ask for an extension in the comment period. Mr. Stoff stated that the document received did not have distribution list (a distribution list is a requirement under CSO policy). He also expressed his concern that the Department of Public Health was not involved and his concern that the proposed berm only addresses part of the brook and lastly requested that the Somerville CSO project notifications be included in the Town's comments.

Mrs. Dias amended her motion to recommend approval of the draft comments as presented if the document was distributed as set out in CSO policy, if not, there should be an extension requested; she further moved that the comments from the Somerville NPDES permit be included with the comments should the consultant agree they are relevant, and lastly to inquire in the Town's comments about the long term commitment to the elimination of CSOs. SO VOTED

Mrs. Mahon moved to request that the Conservation Commission do a determination of applicability hearing on the Cambridge CSO Project. SO VOTED

For Approval: New Town Hall Hours

Town Manager

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the new hours to be effective June 25, 2001 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Fridays. SO VOTED

Report on Conditions of Parks & Fields

Town Manager

The Board complimented the memo from Richard Bento, Director of Public Works. The Board also requested that the information in the memo be placed on the Town's website. The Board requested that the Arlington Youth Development group receive a copy of the memo. Mr. Lyons suggested that the idea that School Principals being responsible for the maintenance of the school's fields be suggested to Superintendent Donovan.

Correspondence Received

Dept. of Housing & Community Dev. DHCD's 2001 Ch. 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory Be Rec'd

Fred Dixon Concerns with Yellow Cab Be Rec'd
142 Summer St.
The Chairman referred this matter to Town Counsel.

Rich and Jan Concerns with Domino's Pizza and 11 Water St. Be Rec'd
Marchant
15 Court St.

Arlington Catholic Parking for Arlington Catholic Students in Municipal Lot Be Rec'd
The Chairman referred this matter to the municipal parking subcommittee.

William Rowe Letter of thanks to Arlington Police Department Be Rec'd
11 Water St.

Franklin W. Hurd, Jr. Safety and traffic concerns on Gardner St. etc. Be Rec'd
Arlington Housing
Authority

The Chairman asked that these concerns be forwarded to Fred Ryan, Director of Police Services for his comments and that the matter appear on the next regular meeting agenda.

Timothy Murnane Pricing and programming changes Be Rec'd
AT&T Broadband

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED

New Business

The Town Manager commented on a memo he submitted to the Board outlining many appointments to various committees and commissions that need to be made.

Mrs. Mahon announced to the Board that the Conservation Commission had received a grant of \$33,000 from Sharon McGregor of Secretary Durand's Office for Meadowbrook Park. She indicated that Mr. Tony Chella was grateful to the Board for his proclamation he received at his retirement party. She indicated that she had communicated with the Chairman of the School Committee about the possibility of having a joint meeting in the fall. She invited her colleagues to the ribbon cutting for the park

dedicated to the late cyclist Nicole Reinhart at the Cutter School on June 23, 2001. She requested that the residents of East Arlington be better informed about area bridge construction being performed by the state, she requested that the project managers look into ways to minimize noise during the night.

Mrs. Dias requested that the Manager follow up on issues involving Stony Brook Road and the Mill Brook.

Mr. Hurd requested that signage voted by the Board for Lorne Road be posted. He also commented that the conditions at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery have improved but he requested that alternative funding sources for the preservation of old stones, of 150 years or more, be looked into.

Mr. Lyons requested that his fellow Board members indicate to him which subcommittees they would be interested in serving on. He requested that "undoing racism" be placed on the next agenda. He requested that the potholes in the town get some extra attention, as they appear quite prolific. He reminded people to obey the Town's leash law.

Mr. Hurd gave a brief update on the Peirce School Playground.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. SO VOTED

A true record. Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator