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## Selectmen Minutes 07-10-2000

Monday, July 10, 2000  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lyons, Acting Chairman, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon  
 Also Present: Mr. Marquis, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

### FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: June 19, 2000  
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval as amended. SO VOTED (4-0)

### APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointment – Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum Board of Trustees  
 Maria DiGioia, 1218 Mass. Ave. (term to expire 4/13/03)  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Request by Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum to Display Angel Moroni Statue in Garden  
 Linda Olsen, member of the Cyrus Dallin Board of Trustees, 89 Wright Street was present to answer questions. The statue is on loan and will be placed somewhere in the Town Hall Gardens.  
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Boston Edison Petition  
 400-440 Mass. Ave., W.O. #691585 – Permission to Lay Conduit  
 (all abutters notified)

Carol McManus was present to represent Boston Edison. Mr. Hurd moved approval of:  
 Massachusetts Avenue-Southwesterly, approximately 90 feet northwest of Whittemore Street, a distance of about 25 feet-conduit.  
 Massachusetts Avenue-Southwesterly, approximately 65 feet southeast of Medford Street, a distance of about 25 feet-conduit.  
 SO VOTED (4-0)

RCN Petition for Fiber Optic and Coaxial Cables  
 School St. from pole 736/4 approximately 65' northerly to point A with one manhole-plan #99-214 (all abutters notified)  
 Barry Mafini was present to represent RCN. Mr. Mafini explained that the work is necessary to install Fiber Optic and coaxial cables necessary to provide telephone, video and Internet service. Mrs. Dias moved approval of:  
 School Street from pole 736/4 approximately 65 feet northerly to point A with one manhole – plan #99-214. SO VOTED (4-0)

### Common Victualler License

McDonalds Corp. and its subsidiary Golden Restaurant Operations Inc., d/b/a Boston Market, Catherine Griffin, Vice President, 1293 Mass. Ave. David Pagel was present to represent the company.  
 The Board requested that local addressing information be forwarded to the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Request for One-Day All Alcohol Licenses  
 Winchester Country Club, July 15 & 21, 2000

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

Request for One-Day All Alcohol License  
Retired Men's Club, St. Camillus Parish Hall, July 15, 2000  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Report of Municipal and Parking Sub Committee

Report of Mr. Hurd

Mr. Hurd recommended the following after having met with the municipal parking subcommittee: That the recommendation of the planning department to move the signs to create more long term spaces and fewer short term spaces be accepted. Mr. Hurd also recommended that the discussion of developing on street daytime parking also be explored in August.

The Board discussed the recommendation to increase the number of permitted spot by reducing short-term parking. Ms. Cove explained that a decision is necessary on the configuration so that signs can be anchored in the Municipal Lot before the beginning of the school year. The Board did not take action to change the current configuration.

Mrs. Mahon inquired about the actual square footage used by each business in the lot. Mrs. Mahon also inquired about the possibility of having the parking subcommittee look at returning to a first come first serve basis for parking stickers. Currently an amount is set aside for Arlington Catholic students and teachers.

Farmers Market – Summer 2000 (from 6/5)

Mr. Hurd moved that the farmer's market receive a permit for the municipal parking lot for 20 spaces from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the months of September and October. SO VOTED (4-0)

Bike Race – September 17, 2000

Mr. Lyons recognized Jack Bakey, 15 Fountain Road. Mr. Bakey introduced Robin Morton of Threshold Sports, 506 Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA. Ms. Morton explained a proposal to have the BMC Software Grand Prix Bike Race on Sunday, September 17th in Arlington. Mr. Lyons also acknowledged Fred Schoch, Executive Director of the Head of the Charles who is participating in planning this event.

Mr. Dias moved to show the Board's initial support of the project working with the Chief of Police, Town Manager, Mrs. Mahon as Board Liaison of the Town Day Committee and to authorize the Town Counsel to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the organizers of the event. Also, that the organizers meet and address the concerns of the Town Day Committee. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mugar Land Acquisition Designees

Selection of Representatives from the Board

Mr. Lyons acknowledged Town Counsel. Town Counsel advised that the Board hear the presentation of the Trust for Public Land and then to discuss the matter further in Executive Session.

Mrs. Mahon moved to appoint Elsie Fiore, 58 Mott Street as a designee. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Hurd moved to appoint Kevin Knobloch, 35 Academy Street as a designee. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Dias moved to appoint Carol Kowalski, 182 Scituate Street as a designee. SO VOTED (4-0)

Trust for Public Land Presentation on Mugar Property

Nellie Aikenhead, Trust for Public Land

Clariss Rowe, 54 Brantwood introduced members of the Trust For Public Land.

Nellie Aikenhead, 137 Herbert Road Discussed the work of the Trust for Public Land and explained what services they could provide to the Town should they elect to work with them in acquiring the property in East Arlington known as the Mugar Site. The Board and Town Counsel asked questions and explained that they would discuss the matter further in Executive Session

Request for Residential Handicap Parking

1063 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Hurd moved approval of a temporary sign at the location for 90 days subject to the receipt of appropriate documentation. SO VOTED (4-0)

Pleasant Street Concerns

Director Frederick Ryan recommended the following change, on a trial basis, to the Traffic Rules and Orders to the configuration of Pleasant Street.

Delete

Location Side From To Type

Pleasant Street East Pt. 100 Ft. South Swan St. No Parking  
 From Mass. Ave.  
 East Swan Street Lombard Terrace Type  
 No Parking  
 4:00–6:00 p.m.  
 Add  
 Pleasant Street East Mass. Ave. Pt. 300 Ft. No parking  
 South from Mass. Ave

These recommendations were made in response to concerns brought forth by residents of 60 Pleasant Street who have to cross two lanes of traffic to enter their driveway. Recently, while entering the driveway of 60 Pleasant Street, a parked vehicle was struck by an eastbound vehicle. Mrs. Dias moved approval of the changes recommended by the Police Chief on a trial basis effective September 1st for a 90 day period and further that a notice be sent to the residents of that portion of Pleasant Street as well as the area side streets notifying them of the changes.  
 SO VOTED (4-0)

Request for Installation of Stop Light at Intersection of Westmoreland Ave. and Lowell St.

Report of Frederick Ryan, Director of Police Services

Director Ryan's report recommended that no light be installed at this time. He also reported that "pedestrian ahead" signs have been installed on the approach to the crosswalk in both directions and that traffic enforcement officers have been given directed assignments to this area for police presence and enforcement.

Jeanette Macht, 49 Westmoreland Avenue was present. Members of the Entov family, 141 Westminster Avenue were present to implore the Board to install a light; a member of their family was struck and killed in the area last year.  
 Mr. Hurd moved to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief at this time but to place the matter for consideration in the next Annual Town Meeting Warrant. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Hurd moved to have the Manager examine the vehicular access points at the reservoir to ensure that the crosswalk is close to an entrance to the Beach. SO VOTED (4-0)

Request for Permission for All Day Street Parking – Arlington Heights Business District

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

The details of administering this exemption will be voted at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Request for On Street Overnight Parking

114 Paul Revere Rd.

Reverend William Whitney, Jr., 114 Paul Revere Road was present to request permission to park on the street overnight.

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer to the Police for their recommendation. SO VOTED (4-0)

The Board then discussed allowing the neighbors to park on a temporary basis on Massachusetts Avenue from the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The neighbors were instructed to write letters with their license and registration numbers to the office of the Board of Selectmen.

Status Report RFP for Transportation Study

Alan McClennen, Jr., Director of Planning and Community Development

The Board thanked Mr. McClennen for his report and recommended draft of the Request for Proposal. Mrs. Mahon moved receipt and approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. McClennen informed the Board of the need for the money from the state for Summer Street so that work to Reed's Brook can proceed.

Correspondence Received

Bruce Stiles Restoration of boat howitzer at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

402 Broad St.

Emmaus, PA

Mrs. Mahon moved that the Board indicate that it is not interested in selling the boat howitzers located in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. SO

VOTED (4-0)

Celia Caliendo Senior Citizen trip transportation  
17 Richardson Ave.  
Barbara & Betsy Moving of MBTA bus stop  
Cholakos  
341 Lake St.

Barbara Cholakos was present. Mrs. Mahon moved to refer the matter to the police and to empower the manager to move the sign if feasible. SO VOTED (4-0)

Karsten Hartel Cemetery space concerns  
37 Brunswick Rd.

The Board requested that this letter be forwarded to the Cemetery Commissioners.

Miss Mary Nora Letter of thanks

Walsh

37 Drake Rd.

Joseph Chessey Applications for Authority to Abate Local Motor Vehicle and  
DOR Boat Excises

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

New Business

The Board set a date to meet to paper screen candidates for the position of Town Manager, Sunday, August 20th at the Whittemore Robbins House.

Mrs. Mahon informed the Board of a phone call she received regarding the closing of the Robbins Library over the holiday weekend. Mrs. Mahon asked that funding for additional Library hours be considered when discussing the budget for Fiscal 2002. She requested landscaping for a home at 76 Fountain Road, the landscaping is necessary after the Town's work on the water main replacement program. She announced that the first meeting of the Alewife Brook Committee is July 12th. She inquired about the request of Ms. Kibby Squires to open up the wall opposite the Dallin Indian in the Town Hall gardens to provide better viewing. She inquired about the success of the loan program for home repairs connected to the water main replacement program; she was informed that the program failed to pass at the Annual Town Meeting. She expressed concern over the lack of clarity in marking the parking areas in Arlington Heights. She requested that the planning director investigate whether or not plots of land adjacent to St. Camilla's Church are going up for sale as house lots. She reported that due to the poor conditions of the ball fields in Arlington the Middlesex Baseball League will not be using Arlington fields for their games.

Mrs. Dias inquired about the status of her request for a report on the policy of the Town on background checks for employees. Mr. Maher indicated that he would report on the matter at the next meeting.

Mr. Hurd thanked various members of the rink improvement committee. He complimented those involved with the 4th of July Millennium Event at Robbins Farm. He indicated that he had the opportunity to consider the request of Symmes Mini Mart to have short term parking on their block while meeting with the municipal parking subcommittee. Mr. Hurd moved that the Block of Symmes mini mart be changed to one-hour parking. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Lyons informed the Board of a meeting he had with Secretary Durand and their discussion relative to the Mugar Property.  
10:10 p.m.

Executive Session

Mr. Hurd moved to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property. The Chair announced that the Board would reconvene in open session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

On Mr. Hurd's motion:

Mr. Lyons: yes

Mrs. Dias: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

The Board returned to open session at 10:35 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

A true record. Attest:

Caryn E. Cove  
Board Administrator