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Selectmen Minutes 08-21-2000

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley - Chair, Mr. Lyons - Vice Chair (7:30 p.m.), Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon

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

The Director of Public Health, Marie Walsh, was present to update the Board on West Nile Virus and its relation to Arlington.

Mrs. Mahon moved to the direct the manager to look into the most cost effective way to inform all residents about the virus.

(Mr. Lyons and Mr. Greeley were not present 3-0) SO VOTED

Announcement of candidates for position of Town Manager

The Chairman explained that due to the fact that all candidates had not had the opportunity to confirm their desire to interview for the position that the names must be kept confidential. Jane Howard, Chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee commented on the process used to select candidates for interview, she also thanked her fellow committee members.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointments

Historic District Commissions – Russell Street District

Stephen Makowka, 17 Russel Street (term to expire 8/03)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Personnel Board

Rebecca Blair, 104 Cutter Hill Road (term to expire 8/20/03)

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

New Election Workers

Anne T. Keane, 25 Rangeley Rd., Pct. 11, D

Prudence Murray, 17 Mill St. #524, Pct. 9, D

William J. McMakin, 12 Draper Ave., Pct. 11, D

Margaret Pontes, 23 Amsden St., Pct. 3, D

Dorothea P. O'Keefe, 64 Wyman St., Pct. 6, D

Virginia A. Shannon, 35 Sherborn St., Pct. 9, D

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

Update: Cities for Climate Protection

Patsy Kraemer, Director of Human Services, reviewed the goals of the Cities for Climate protection program. Ms. Sarah

Meginness, an intern from Tufts University presented the Board with her research on the Town's contributions to global warming.

The Chairman requested that Ms. Cove draft a letter to Ms. Meginness thanking her for service this past summer.

MediaOne Petition for Cable Conduit Location

Medford Street and Compton Street (all abutters notified)

Richard Gallagher was present to represent MediaOne. Mr. Lyons requested that school not be disrupted at Arlington Catholic during construction. Mr. Lyons moved approval of:

From Number 15 and Number 19 Medford Street traveling East on Medford Street (approximately 290') to Compton Street turning South on Compton Street to the second pole on Compton Street (approximately 220'). Also, installation of 3- 3'X 3' Manholes.

He further moved that the construction schedule be approved by the Town Manager's Office.

SO VOTED

Francis Florencourt, 15 Belton Street, was present to express her concerns about the project. Ms. Florencourt was assured that the neighbors would be receiving written information in the mail.

Request for Official Endorsement of Recycle for Gold

Special Olympics of Mass. Fund-Raiser

Jessica Gould of the Special Olympics was present. Mr. Hurd moved approval of public endorsement of the program and to post information in Town Offices about the program, which recycles unwanted motor vehicles for fundraising purposes. SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS

Requests for Drain Layer License

a) Norino A. Mirra, Mirra Co., Inc., 6 Norino Way, Georgetown

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

b) David Cioto, Free Flow Plumbing & Drain King, 38 Railroad St., Haverhill

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

c) Richard Iovino, Richard Iovino, Inc., 9 Homestead Circle, Bedford

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

Requests for Permission for Private Connection to Storm Drain

a) 34 James Street

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

b) 15D Dudley Street

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Awning Permit

Arlington Florist, 1321 Mass. Ave

Mr. Lyons moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED

Food Vendor License

Anya Kagansky and Levon Ovassapian d/b/a Friends Market, 795 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Lyons moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED

Request for Waiving Resident Only Pkg. on Tufts and Foster Streets-10/20 & 10/21-12-5 p.m.

Arlington Center for the Arts, 1st Open Studios, 41 Foster St.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Permission to Place Sandwich Boards at Intersection of Mass. Ave. and Rte. 60 and the Outside Plaza Area at Town Hall

Arlington Center for the Arts, 1st Open Studios, 41 Foster St.

Mr. Lyons moved approval subject to the posting of appropriate bonds. SO VOTED

Request for Suspension of Resident Only Parking – September 19th Primary and November 7th Voting Dates

Tufts and Foster Streets

Mr. Lyons moved approval and to write a letter informing residents. SO VOTED

Request for October 21, 2000 Road Race-Run of the Mystics

Arlington Sportsman's Club, 148 Wright St., Fred Whitney, present.

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

Request to Hang Banner on Town Hall, Town Day 2000, 9/16/00

To be hung beginning 9/6/00

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

8:30 p.m.

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.

Doris Magnuson, 12 Higgins Street #1, was present to request parking for Seniors in the Municipal lot during their day trips.

Pauline Littlefield, 54 Medford Street was also here to request same. Mrs. Mahon moved that AARP be allowed to park all day in the municipal lot for their trips one day a month. There was no second. Mr. Hurd cited a lack of parking.

Mr. Lyons recommended no change and that the municipal parking subcommittee try to find alternatives for the seniors. Mrs. Mahon requested that the subcommittee try to find 10 spaces for the seniors, she further recommended that the top two users of the lot lose five permits each to accommodate this.

Mrs. Dias moved to refer the matter to the municipal parking subcommittee. SO VOTED

Mrs. Dias suggested that the new pickup points be at senior housing locations so that there is a place to wait inside on cold days.

Rolland C. Starr, 114 Ridge Street was present to express his opposition to the display of the Moroni Statue by Cyrus Dallin in the Town Hall Gardens. Mr. Starr cited the 1st Amendment and expressed his opinion that it is inappropriate for the Town to display the statue because it is a religious symbol of the Mormon Church. Mr. Lyons moved to place the matter on the next agenda and requested that Town Counsel draft an opinion on the matter for the Board's consideration. SO VOTED

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESSFor Approval: Hackney/Livery Regulations (Revised)

Mr. Lyons moved to table the matter. SO VOTED

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

Approval of Sticker Program

Mr. Lyons moved to refer the matter to the Board Administrator and Planning Director to recommend possible options and that the matter be placed on the September 11th agenda.

SO VOTED

Request for On Street Overnight Parking on Paul Revere Rd.

a) 114 Paul Revere Rd., Bill Whitney and Suzanne Palmeri, present

b) 116 Paul Revere Rd. #2

c) 120 Paul Revere Rd.

Mr. Lyons moved approval of a six-month permit for the homes from 110 to 120 Paul Revere Road. SO VOTED

Request for On Street Overnight Parking

14 Fairmont St., Paula Stanziani, present.

Mr. Lyons moved to refer the matter to the overnight parking subcommittee. SO VOTED

Amendment to Traffic Rules & Orders – Davis Road

Schedule V Section 2 - Schedule 1 – Parking be amended by deleting:

No Parking on Davis Rd., west side, 75 feet southerly from Mass. Ave.; by deleting 2 hour parking on Davis Rd, west side, 120 feet Southerly from Mass. Ave.; and by inserting in their place:

Davis Rd., West side, from Mass. Ave.; to Pt. 75 feet Southerly; two (2) hour parking

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

For Approval and Signature

State Primary Warrant

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

For Discussion: Rerouting of “67” Bus

Steve O’Riordan, 21 Oak Hill Drive, was present to express his opposition to changes in the bus route. Mr. Lyons moved to direct the manager to write a letter to the MBTA and to Senator Havern expressing the Board’s opposition to any changes in the bus route. SO VOTED

For Discussion: Plane Noise from Logan or Hanscom

Mr. Lyons moved to direct the Planning Director to investigate whether the Town should join the group organized to oppose additional flights from Hanscom Air Force Base. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Greeley exited the room at 9:50 p.m.

Update: Henderson Street

Report of Selectman Hurd

Selectman Hurd gave a status report on the proposed changes to the traffic patterns on the bridge. Mary Rojo, 76 Henderson Street was present to ask when the changes expect to be completed. Newell Lessell, 56 Henderson Street was present and clarified what the objective of the proposed changes are. Mr. Lyons offered to contact Commissioner Balfour of the MDC, Mrs. Mahon offered to contact Mayor Gallucio in Cambridge to help expedite the changes.

Mr. Greeley returned at 10:00 p.m.

Update: Transportation Improvement Program/Summer Street

Alan McClennen, Jr., Director, Planning & Community Development

Mr. McClennen informed the Board that the Summer Street project has been pushed back to Fiscal Year 2003 by the state and that the money for that project is needed to proceed with the drainage work at Reed’s Brook. Mr. McClennen reported that \$440,000 is needed. Mr. McClennen requested permission to work with Town Counsel to draft a letter to the state explaining the urgency of the matter. Mr. Lyons moved to endorse the letter to state and federal officials and to request that Senator Havern be present at a September Selectmen’s meeting.

SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley inquired as to the status of the additional sidewalk for the Park Avenue Bridge. He asked that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

Mr. McClennen asked the Board to draft a letter to Trader Joe’s regarding blocking of the sidewalk with their trucks which poses a particular problem for woman residing in the area who relies on a guide dog. Mr. Hurd moved to send the letter. SO VOTED

Update: Peirce Field Lights

Report of Selectman Mahon

Mrs. Mahon reported that at present the lights have no power and that Boston Edison is not cooperating but she is hopeful for a resolution.

Middlesex County Selectmen’s Association

Vote on continuation of the Association

Mrs. Dias moved to discontinue the Association 4-1 (Mr. Greeley voted in the negative)

SO VOTED

Request for Transfer of Funds

NESWC end of fiscal year payment

\$282,794.08

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the payment. SO VOTED

Correspondence Received

Adrienne McClure Town Manager recruitment process

Barbara Boltz

Co-Chairs

Affirmative Action

Advisory Committee

Sandra Buck Son's Party on 7/5 from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. Be Rec'd
28 Forest St.

Eleanor Mobilia Lawn damage Be Rec'd
12 Windmill Lane

Mark Reilly MediaOne name change to AT&T Be Rec'd
VP, Corporate Counsel
MediaOne

Ronald Starr, Pastor Concerns relative to Moroni statue Be Rec'd
Cornerstone Baptist
Church
54 Brighton St., Belmont

Stephen Andrew Municipal Lot/Farmers' Market Be Rec'd
Maureen Gormley
David Walkinshaw

Christine Kalenderian Upcoming Summer Street Project Be Rec'd
293 Summer St.

Mr. Lyons moved that the neighbors receive a letter outlining the facts and an update of the project and to address the concerns raised by Ms. Kalenderian. SO VOTED

Claire Brightwaters Concerns relative to parking, etc. on Park Ave. Ext. Be Rec'd
8 Park Ave. Ext.

Doris Magnuson Requesting permission for seniors to park 10-14 cars at Be Rec'd
12 Higgins St. Apt. 1 Russell Common lot 1 day each month

Mark Winkeller Pleasant Street traffic flow Be Rec'd
16 Pelham Terrace

James Johnson School district reporting requirements Be Rec'd
Jeff Wulfson
DOR

Frederick Laskey Online Employer Reporting System Be Rec'd
DOR

Stephen Cirame, Pres. Resignation of Michael A. Caso as President and Director Be Rec'd
 Michael A. Caso of Emma Marie Corporation
 Summer St. Dairy
 475 Summer St.

Frederick Laskey Estimated amounts to be received by Arlington Be Rec'd
 DOR

Thomas Boudreau, Chair Public safety on sidewalks Be Rec'd
 Commission on Disability

John F. Maher Background checks for sexual offenders Be Rec'd
 Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED

New Business

Mr. Maher indicated that the Greek Church has graciously agreed to reschedule their celebration in order to accommodate the upcoming BMC bike race.

Mr. Marquis reported on the status of NESWC and indicated that trash costs and health care costs will likely go up in fiscal year 2001.

Mr. Mahon thanked Mr. Marquis for his consistent attendance at Permanent Town Building Committee Meetings. She inquired as to the status of the painting and new blinds for the Senior Center. She also inquired about the status of the purchase of complaint tracking software.

Mr. Hurd requested approval for the consortium of block parties to be held in conjunction with the millennium celebration on September 8, 2000. SO VOTED

Mr. Hurd also informed the Board that Senator Havern had secured \$300,000 for rink improvements.

Mr. Greeley reported that Harry McCabe had requested a sign for the Senior Center and asked that the issue of area parking be raised.

The Board requested the Manager to please recheck to see that the old sewer grates have all been replaced with the new ones that do not pose a danger to cyclists.

Executive Session

11:00 p.m. – Mr. Lyons moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the value of real property and also to discuss pending litigation, and that the Board reconvene in open session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

On Mr. Lyons motion:

Mr. Greeley: yes
 Mr. Lyons: yes
 Mrs. Dias: yes
 Mr. Hurd: yes
 Mrs. Mahon: yes

The board reconvened in open session at 12:20 a.m.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn the meeting SO VOTED