



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts
730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476
Phone: 781-316-3000

webmaster@town.arlington.ma.us

Selectmen Minutes 09-25-2000

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley Chair, Mr. Lyons Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon

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

The Chairman opened the meeting announcing that the Board voted 4-1 on Saturday to appoint Phillip Farrington of Stoughton as Arlington's next Town Manager.

Report on BMC Bike Race

Frederick Ryan, Director of Police Services

The Chairman commented on the BMC bike race held in Arlington on Sunday, September 17th. The Director of Police Services was also present and provided the Board with a memo outlining the planning and coordination prior to and on the day of the race.

Offer of Support for Memorial for Nicole Reinhart

Adam F. York, Vice President, Saturn of Medford

Town Counsel, Jack Bakey, and Director Ryan agreed to act as the contacts for a memorial for Nicole Reinhart who was killed while participating in the race.

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: July 10, 2000, September 9, 2000

Mr. Lyons moved approval of the July 10th minutes. (3-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons moved approval of the September 9th minutes.

Mr. Greeley abstained (2-0-1) SO VOTED

For Discussion: Park Avenue Bridge

Richard Bento, Director of Public Works was present. He informed the Board that the cost for adding a sidewalk to the Bridge would be \$122,000 for engineering and design and construction would cost \$522,000.

Mr. Lyons indicated that he did not think it a wise use of funds to build the additional sidewalk. Mr. Greeley requested that the Manager do a study to gauge pedestrian traffic in the area.

Mugar Parcel – ENF Report

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

Mr. McClennen announced the date and time of the upcoming informational session. He suggested that the Board draft a letter to the state asking to have a meeting in the Town Hall to give the working people in Arlington an opportunity to learn more about the project. Mrs. Mahon moved to send the letter to the state requesting an additional meeting in Town Hall.

(3-0) SO VOTED

Town Counsel indicated that citizens had approached him about rezoning the Mugar Parcel to open space. He stated strongly that this would open the Town up to litigation and would be ill advised at this time. He asked the permission of the Board to convene the Mugar Advisory Committee.

Mr. McClennen informed the Board that the Assisted Living Development is progressing in Arlington Heights and that from time to time sidewalks will need to be closed. He assured the Board that area businesses would be informed.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

New Election Workers

Norma A. Cacciamani, 135 Franklin St., Pct. 5, D

Doris I. Bancroft, 57 Hawthorne Ave., Pct. 8, R

Susan L. Demirjian, 69 Harlow St., Pct. 7, U

Cora Smith, 69 Wollaston Ave., Pct. 20, R

Osborne N. Gardner, 6 Pine Ct., R

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

Issuing Authority Report for RCN on Cable

Phil McCarthy, Chair of the Cable Advisory Committee, 56 Crosby Street was present and reviewed the process now that RCN has applied for a full cable license from the Town. He requested permission to submit the draft as presented.

Mr. Lyons moved approval of the report subject to the insertion of a clause allowing for changes in the future. (3-0) SO VOTED

Glen Koenig, 85 Park Avenue was present and indicated that he would like to see the draft reviewed by counsel that specializes in cable licensing matters.

Louise Strayhorn of the Cable Advisory Committee, 25 Lombard Road supported Mr. Koenig's comment.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Request to Hang Two Banners from 11/8-11/19/00

St. Agnes Bazaar Committee to be held 11/17-11/19/00

Mr. Kelley was present, 31 Hutchinson Road.

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

Request to Hold Bike-a-Thon on Bike Path on 10/21/00

Peter J. Fellman, Development Director (Volunteer), Ability Plus Inc.

Mr. Lyons moved approval subject to any conditions by Town Counsel and the Police.

(3-0) SO VOTED

Request for Drain Layer License

Joseph Paolini, Paolini Corp., 103 Adams Street, Newton

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

Request for Permission to place 4x4 Sign at Corner Mass. Ave. & Pleasant St.

McClellan Hospital, Free Depression Screening, Oct. 2, Arlington Senior Center, 2-3 p.m.

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

Food Vendor License

Robert Thomas, present, d/b/a Decatur Market, 75 Decatur St.

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

Pat Oppedisano, 102 Stowcroft Road and former proprietor of the store, was present to speak on behalf of Mr. Thomas.

Noelle Rubel of Decatur Street was present with photos of the shop and asked that the soda machine be removed from outside the store.

Mr. Lyons moved to attach the condition to the license that the license is issued subject to the removal of the soda machine from outside the store. (3-0) SO VOTED

The Board also requested that the "A" in the sign for the store be replaced.

For Discussion: Non-Premise Car Dealer License (tabled from 9/11/00)

Gerald Fimiani, present

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. There was no second.

Mr. Lyons requested more information. Mrs. Mahon withdrew her motion.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table the matter. (3-0) SO VOTED

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

Request for One-Day Parking/Water St. Lot

Arlington Youth Consultation Center

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

Request for On-Street Overnight Parking

577 Summer St.

Mr. Lyons moved to support the recommendation of no action from the community safety division. (3-0) SO VOTED

MBTA Advisory Board Meetings

Selection of Arlington Delegate to Attend Meetings

Mr. Lyons moved that the Town Manager serve as Arlington's delegate. (3-0) SO VOTED

Report on Pleasant Street Light Modification

Town Manager

The Town Manager reported that the lights should be undergoing modification within the next few weeks.

For Discussion: Bike Path

Mr. Greeley asked that this matter be placed on a future agenda when the full Board is present.

For Approval: Letters Requesting Various Reports

Request of the Alewife Brook Advisory Committee

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

Correspondence Received

Joseph Chessey Recent Legislation Regarding Exemptions for Small Personal Be Rec'd
DOR Property Accounts and Surviving Spouses of Disabled Veterans

Matthew Amorello Arlington's apportionment is \$419,921.28 Be Rec'd
Mass Highway

William Spina, M.D. Letters regarding Albert Spina Be Rec'd
175 Middle St.
Lancaster, NH

Mrs. Mahon commented on the appearance of the letters on the agenda and expressed her disappointment that the first letter had been forwarded to the Retirement Board without the knowledge of the full Board. Mr. Lyons expressed that he had advised Ms. Cove to forward the correspondence to the Retirement Board as he thought they were the authority on the matter and further expressed that in no way did he do so to usurp the authority of his colleagues on the Board.

Joseph Fallon Notice of merger plan Be Rec'd
RCN

Peter Bowman Notice of four new area codes beginning 5/01 Be Rec'd
Verizon

Teresa DeBenedictis Changes to procurement law Be Rec'd
Asst. Town Manager/
Purchasing Agent
Mr. Lyons inquired as to whether the Town has its own laws with regard to procurement and asked the Manager to examine the matter more closely.

Marion Savio Letter of complaint relative to AT&T Broadband Be Rec'd
846 Mass. Ave. #6

David Young Letter of complaint relative to blocking off of Pleasant St. for Be Rec'd
204 Pleasant St. bike race

Richard Kowalski Response Action Outcome Statement being submitted to DEP Be Rec'd
Lincoln Environmental

Gary Stig Olson Request to place Masonic signs in Town of Arlington Be Rec'd
55 Varnum St.
Mr. Lyons moved to refer the matter to the Town Manager. (3-0) SO VOTED

John Vann Resignation as Chair from Patriots' Day Committee Be Rec'd
210 Florence Ave.
The Board commented on what a great loss to the parade Mr. Vann's retirement is. The Chairman requested Mrs. Mahon serve as the primary to suggest a candidate to replace him.

Craig Leiner Federal certifications review public meetings Be Rec'd
MPO

Michael Hall Environmental Notification Form Mugar Parcel Be Rec'd
Rizzo Assoc.
1 Grant St.
Framingham

Alan McClennen, Jr. Sunrise Assisted Living, Inc., MBTA Parking Lot Arlington Be Rec'd
Planning & Community
Development

John F. Maher Sex offender law Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

David Driscoll School building assistance program – Policy Advisory 01-1 Be Rec'd
DOE

New Business

Ms. Cove informed the Board about a number of calls relative to newsbox vending machines blocking the public way and particularly at bus stops. Town Counsel indicated that additional language to the bylaw may be necessary to strengthen the

Town's position with regard to newsboxes blocking the sidewalk.

Town Counsel informed the Board that he would be sending the new contract for Town Manager to Phillip Farrington by the end of Tuesday.

The Town Manager thanked the Board of Selectmen for his retirement party on September 23rd. He commented that it has been his great pleasure serving as Arlington's Town Manager for the past 34 years.

Mrs. Mahon inquired about what is being done after two girls were struck by a vehicle at Quincy and Gray Streets. She commented on the lack of a formal meeting of the park field maintenance committee set up by the last Town Meeting. She informed the Board of an event on Thursday, October 5th on Youth Sports. She inquired about who will next be taping shows of the Selectmen on cable.

Mr. Greeley acknowledged Mr. Marquis for all he has done for the community. Mr. Greeley expressed his confidence in Phillip Farrington as a worthy replacement for Mr. Marquis.

Mr. Lyons complimented Mr. Farrington on his qualifications. He also complimented the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the fine job they did in recommending Town Manager candidates.

Mr. Lyons moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. SO VOTED

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator