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## Minutes 02/11/2013

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 11, 2013**  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mr. Dunn, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro  
 Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

1. Proclamation for Jay Kaufman  
 Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

Mr. Greeley thanked Representative Kaufman, a former resident of Arlington, for his years of service representing the Town of Arlington in Precincts 14, 17, 20 and 21 which were part of his jurisdiction.

Mr. Greeley and the other members of the Board of Selectmen thanked him for his tireless dedication and service to the Town.

2. Update: Selectmen Awards Committee  
 John W. Hurd, Committee Chair  
 Tabled until the 2/25/13 meeting.

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing

3. Request: Wine & Malt License  
 La Posada Restaurante, Owner Magdalena Pizarro, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue  
 Mr. Curro moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

FOR APPROVAL

4. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: January 28, 2013
  - b. REAPPOINTMENTS
    - Disabilities Commission  
 Maureen St. Hilaire  
 (term to expire 1/31/2016)
    - Historical Commission  
 Patrick Guthrie  
 (term to expire 1/31/2016)
    - Library Trustees  
 Francis Murphy  
 (term to expire 1/31/2016)

Open Space Committee  
 Elizabeth Karpati  
 (term to expire 1/30/2015)  
 Jane Auger

Lisa Decker

(terms to expire 1/31/2016)

- c. Approval: Arlington Enrichment Collaborative 5k Fundraiser, 4/28/13  
Diana Weisner, M.Ed, Executive Director, AEC
- d. Request: One Space On Street Overnight Parking @ 306 Forest Street  
Kristin Chalmers  
(tabled from 1/28/13 meeting)
- e. Request: One Space On Street Overnight Parking @ 34 Swan Place  
Kendall Libby  
(tabled from 1/28/13 meeting)
- f. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 3/8/13 @ Robbins Library, ' Books in Bloom'  
Ryan Livergood, Director, Robbins Library  
Patsy Kraemer, Arlington Garden Club  
Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Discussion: Robbins Library Card Sign Up Challenge

Ryan Livergood, Director, Robbins Library

The Robbins Library is encouraging everyone that either lives or works in Arlington to register for a library card if they don't already have one. The Robbins Library has issued a challenge to the public libraries in neighboring communities. They are betting that they can get a higher percentage increase in new library card registrations in February 2013 versus February 2012 than their neighboring libraries. The libraries in Belmont, Lexington, and Somerville have all accepted the challenge. Whichever library has the higher percentage increase in new library card registrations, the prize is a platter of baked goods delivered to the winner from the losing communities' favorite local bakeries. If Arlington doesn't get the highest increase of new library card registrations, Arlington Director of Libraries will visit the overall winning library's story time dressed as Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Mr. Curro moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

6. Appointments: Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development

Paul Dredge - (tabled until meeting of 2-25-13)

William Lyons

Bob Radochia

(terms to expire 2/2016)

Mr. Curro thanked Angela Olszewski, Chairman, Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development for all the work she does.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Report: Leaf Blower Bylaw Amendment Recommendation

2012 Special Town Meeting Leaf Blower Committee

Mrs. Mahon gave an update of the proposed Bylaw Amendment/Leaf Blowers.

The Committee voted approval at an earlier committee meeting.

Mr. Dunn moved receipt of report and thanked the Committee for all their work.

The formal Warrant Hearing will be March 18th for public comments.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

8. Discussion: Parking Problems @ Regent Theatre

Leland Stein, Richard Stavros, Regent Theatre

The Board voted to ask the TAC to consider a request by Regent Theatre to evaluate moving the bus stop and parking changes on Medford Street. The MBTA is cooperative in accommodating proposed changes. They feel that the riders, including the Arlington Catholic High School students who heavily use this stop, would still be adequately accommodated if the bus stop was potentially moved toward Chestnut Street. However, there are several alternatives under consideration that could address varied needs of Medford Street businesses and institutions.

Laura Wiener, Senior Planner, Dept. of Planning and Community Development, requested that the Board refer this request to the Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations.

Mr. Byrne stated he is prepared to vote and support the parking changes tonight.

Mr. Dunn moved to refer this request to the Transportation Advisory Committee for the review and recommendations.

SO VOTED (4-1)

Mr. Byrne voted in the negative.

9. Request: One Space On Street Overnight Parking @ 22 Swan Place  
 Roberta Lasnik  
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
10. Request: 'No Parking Here to Corner' Sign @ 106 Paul Revere Road  
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 Kate Radville  
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
11. Discussion: Overnight Townwide Parking Regulations  
 Steven M. Byrne, Selectman

The Board unanimously voted to put a non-binding ballot question on overnight parking to the voters at the Town Elections on Saturday, April 6.

Mr. Byrne stated that he thinks it is an appropriate way to gage residents' feelings and then set appropriate policies.

Mr. Byrne suggested asking residents if they would be in favor of removing the Town's overnight parking ban, which would allow residents to park on one side of the street overnight. Mr. Byrne suggested that precincts that voted for removing the ban would have it removed, and that precincts that wanted to keep the ban would continue to have it.

Mr. Byrne feels that parking in Arlington is really on a neighborhood level.

Mr. Greeley stated at this time, we should talk about potential solutions. Mr. Greeley stated he liked the question, but not the precinct-by-precinct approach. Mr. Greeley stated he was concerned about private ways, which make up about one third of the Town. He feels the residents on private ways may want their street to become a public way if the ban is lifted.

Mr. Curro stated the reason for the ban has been lost in the dust bin of time.

Mr. Dunn stated the parking is an issue that has slowed him down. He also stated that the ballot question doesn't make the problem go away, but it does change the way we look at the problem.

If the ban is lifted, residents would still have to pay the \$200 fee for an overnight parking permit.

Mrs. Mahon made a motion that the non-binding question should say;

"Would you like to see Arlington's overnight parking ban removed"?

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. ABC Stormwater Flooding Board, Designation of Alternates  
 Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

The ABC Stormwater Flooding Board was formalized with the creation of an Environmental Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which was endorsed by each member community. The initial JPA was created for a duration of 5 years.

Recently, new legislation has been filed by State Senator Brownsberger's office to extend the duration of the ABC Stormwater Group an additional 5 years. As part of the continuation of the ABC Stormwater Flooding Board, the JPA requires each member community to appoint a primary member and at least one designated alternate member to the Board.

The two members are Michael Rademacher, Director of Public Works and Wayne Chouinard, Town Engineer.

These designations will allow the DPW and Engineering Division to act on behalf of the Town in the event that the primary member is unavailable for a meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### Storm Update

Mr. Chapdelaine thanked the Town staff, most notably the Department of Public Works for their round the clock efforts over the past three days. Also, he thanked the residents and businesses for their effort and patience

#### WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

##### Article 10 Bylaw Amendment/Junk Dealers and Collectors

The Board voted to substitute the words "second hand" for Junk Dealers  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 11 Bylaw Amendment/Use Regulations Public Land/Property  
Mr. Greeley moved to refer to Town Manager. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 12 Bylaw Amendment/Town Meeting Electronic Voting  
Tabled until 3-11-13 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 17 Overnight Parking Fee  
Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)  
The Selectmen voted to look at the overnight parking costs more closely before taking any action.

Article 18 Daytime Parking  
Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 24 Acceptance of Legislation/Compensation of Retirement Board Members  
Mrs. Mahon moved to table until 2-25-13 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 25 Acceptance/Small Personal Property Exemption  
The Board voted that the Town hereby sets a minimum Small Personal Property Exemption of \$2000 under Section 5 (54) of Chapter 59 of the General Laws.  
Mr. Dunn moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)  
Correspondence Received

Sheri Baron Withdraw Bates Road Sign Request Be Rec'd  
Maria Romano  
via e-mail

Fred Ryan Pedestrian Accident Be Rec'd  
Police Chief

Scott Smith Crosswalk @ Egerton Road and Herbert Road Be Rec'd  
TAC

Alan Jones Standardized Covered Recycling Bins Be Rec'd  
One Lehigh Street  
Mr. Curro moved to send letter to the Recycling Committee. SO VOTED (5-0)

Elaine Alexis Request Memorial Plaque for Judy Pearson Be Rec'd  
50 James Street  
Mrs. Mahon moved to send letter to the Public Memorial Committee. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence received. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. SO VOTED (5-0)

Next scheduled meeting of BoS February 25, 2013.

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator

2/11/13

## Agenda Item Documents Used

- 1 Proclamation for Representative Jay Kaufman
  - 3 Wine & Malt License - LaPosada Restaurant, 1312 Mass. Avenue
  - 4 a. Draft Minutes - 1/28/13
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- Hearings Warrant Articles - Article 10, Article 11, Article 12, Article 17