



Town of Arlington Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2015

7:15 PM

Selectmen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Curro and Mr. Byrne

Absent: Mr. Greeley, Chair

Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim and Mrs. Krepelka

1. 6:30P.M. Tour of Central Fire Station

Fire Chief Robert Jefferson conducted a tour of the newly renovated Fire Station for the members of the Board of Selectmen. The Board encourages all residents to see this renovated building - it is something to be really proud of. Mr. Chapdelaine stated the Fire Dept. would be having an Open House on Saturday, Sept. 27th from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.

2. Update: Arlington Gateway Project

Andrew P. Flanagan, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. Flanagan presented the Board with a copy of the new signs that would be erected to improve the gateways to Arlington. The signs will be installed at the entrance from Belmont/Route 2 at Pleasant Street, Winchester coming into Arlington at Mystic Street, and at the intersection of the Medford/Somerville /Mystic Valley Parkway entrance into Arlington. Mr. Flanagan stated that the goal is to have signs installed by the end of fall. The Board thanked Mr. Flanagan for his work on this project.

3. Discussion: Farewell to Andrew Flanagan

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager, announced that Mr. Flanagan has been named Town Manager of Andover and will be leaving the Town on October 2, 2015. He stated he is very

happy for Andrew, but it is Andover's gain and Arlington's loss. A farewell coffee will be held for Andrew on Friday, October 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Lyons Hearing Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Minutes of Special Meeting: August 12, 2015
5. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
Express Excavation Inc., Billerica, MA
6. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 9/26/15 @ Regent Theatre for
'Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra - Classic British Rock Extravaganza'
Sal Clemente, URO
7. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 10/3/15 @ Regent Theatre for
'Through the Doors - a Celebration of Jim Morrison and the Doors'
Bill Perrier, Bottom Line Management
8. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 10/16/15 @ Smith Museum, 7
Jason Street, for Arlington Historical Society Wine Reception
George Parsons
9. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 10/23/15 @ Robbins Memorial
Town Hall Auditorium for the 5th Annual 'Out on the Town Gala' to support the
Arlington Youth Counseling Center
Colleen Leger, Arlington Health & Human Services Charitable Corp
10. Request: Parking Restriction Waivers on Tufts and Foster Streets, 2015 - 2016 School
Year
Deanne Benson, Head of Lesley Ellis School

Mr. Curro moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Request: Theatre License Wine & Malt
Medford Street Theatre Inc., d/b/a Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street Leland Stein
and Richard Stavros
Mr. Dunn moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)
12. Request: Wine & Malt License
RJM, Inc., d/b/a Sugo Cucina Italiana, 162 Massachusetts Avenue, Josephine
Maniscalco and Rudolph Maniscalco

Mr. Dunn moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

13. Request: Common Victualler and All Alcohol License
Shanghai 3, Inc., d/b/a Shanghai Village Asian Cuisine 434-436 Massachusetts
Avenue, Andy Lian

Mr. Curro moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

14. Arlington Cultural Council

Merli Guerra
(term to expire 8/31/2018)

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

Nilou Mochala
(term to expire 9/30/2018)

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

15. Cemetery Commission
Brian Hasbrouck
(term to expire 6/30/2017)

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

16. For Approval: Board Appointments to the Community Preservation Committee
Mr. Chapdelaine and Chairman Greeley interviewed each of the nine (9) finalists
and both had a very difficult task in selecting only 4 from the pool of 9. Mr.
Chapdelaine and Mr. Greeley stated that Arlington is fortunate to have such a rich
talent willing to volunteer their time for the Town. They recommended the
following candidates to the Board:

Clarissa Rowe - 1 year term
David Levy - 3 year term
Eric Helmuth - 2 year term
Andrew Bengston - 2 year term

Mr. Dunn moved approval, seconded by Mr. Byrne SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Chapdelaine also moved approval. SO VOTED (1-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

17. Request: Food Vendor License
YRCH Inc., d/b/a Fenway Market, 203 Broadway, Yubaraj Chaulagain

Mr. Dunn moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth SO VOTED (4-0)

18. Request: Common Victualler License
Haan Kaya, Inc., d/b/a Brickstone Café, Bedros Kaya

Mr. Byrne moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth

SO VOTED (4-0)

CITIZEN OPEN FORUM – SIGN IN PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, 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. It should be noted that there is a three minute time limit to present a concern or request.

Mr. Robert Radochia, Columbia Road, asked the Board if he could speak regarding questions concerning Item 21 - PIGC Recommendations. He stated he was concerned with the increase in parking fees, the number of hours allowed to park, and how many new Parking Meter Attendees will we be hiring to implement all the parking changes. Mr. Byrne stated that he felt all his questions will be answered under Item 21.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUISNESS

19. For Approval: Handicap Parking Sign Request

Deborah Keeley for William Haxton, 15 Peirce Street

Mr. Curro moved approval

SO VOTED (4-0)

20. Presentation: East Arlington Public Art Project – Consultant

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Cecily Miller, Public Art Consultant

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that Ms. Miller will facilitate the process of soliciting, selecting, and installing public art on the Mass. Avenue Corridor in East Arlington. The proposal outlines a process for the Town of Arlington in partnership with East Arlington businesses, the Arlington Public Art Committee, arts activists, and interested residents to shape a successful temporary public art initiative that will expand the town's identity as a community that values and promotes the arts without requiring a daunting investment of financial resources. There are many advantages to using the model of temporary and site-responsive art, which has become a trend in cities and towns across the country. Ms. Miller stated that there will be a public meeting on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Robbins Library regarding Public Art.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

21. For Approval: PIGC Recommendations

Steven M. Byrne, Selectman

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Laura Wiener, Asst. Planning Director

Mr. Byrne stated that the new multi-space meters, all credit card accessible, have replaced the existing machines in the Russell Common and the Water Street lots. Once the new meters are activated, the fee will be 50 cents per hour from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Pay and Display has been chosen because it is the lowest cost

solution. Pay by Space requires poles installed to mark each space or frequent painting of numbers on pavement for each space. This decision can be re-evaluated and changed to Pay by Space at any time. IPS was chosen as vendor for single space meters on street. Fee is \$1.00/hour, 4 hour limit, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. as recommended by Nelson/Nygaard. Procurement of poles and installation is underway. We hope to be able to install the single space meters before winter; Permits will continue to be sold, but permit designated spaces will be eliminated to provide more flexibility between permit and metered spaces. Businesses and their employees will be encouraged to buy permits and park in the Russell Common Lot. New signs have been designed and will be fabricated by the DPW Sign Shop for the Russell Common Lot. All existing signs in the lot and on the street will be removed. New signs will be designed for non-metered spaces in the Center (Academy, Maple and Pleasant Streets, and others). The Board approved the following recommendations from PIGC: Taxi Stands - The Committee recommends that the 2 taxi-stands on Medford Street in front of the Regent be moved to the Russell Common Lot, and those spaces to become metered parking. The two (2) taxi stands on Mass. Avenue approaching Medford Street will remain taxi stands for the time being, to be re-evaluated in the future. ADA Space - The Committee recommends that an additional handicapped accessible space be added on Medford Street, on the left side near Leader Bank. The Committee recommends some additions and changes to spaces at the Russell Common Lot:

1. An Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station with one designated space and one optional space (to be made clear via signage).
2. One additional Zipcar space
3. Two new taxi stands

The Committee recommends using the revenue generated by these parking initiatives in three ways: covering the cost of managing and enforcing parking regulations, maintaining the current amount of parking revenue allocated as general fund revenue and investing in a Parking Benefit District. The Committee plans to monitor and re-evaluate all of these items over the next 6 - 12 months. Mr. Byrne stated that the main goal of this Committee was to increase the availability of parking on Massachusetts Avenue. Mrs. Mahon stated she appreciated the compromise the Committee came to in keeping the two taxi stands on Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Curro thanked Mr. Byrne and the Committee for all their work they did on this project. Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Mahon stated they were happy to support the recommendations of the committee.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

22. Update on Mugar Property Site Approval Application

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Town Counsel, Doug Heim, reported that Arlington Land Realty and their developers, Oaktree Development submitted supplemental filings to their original application for Site Approval to Mass Housing. Mr. Heim said the supplemental information consists of new documents and information previously not provided and a response to the Selectmen's Comments among other things. The filing of supplemental information is unusual and comes after the Board's public meeting

on the proposal held on August 12th and Mass Housing's receipt of the Board of Selectmen's comments highlighting deficiencies and problems with the project. Mrs. Mahon stated she has never seen anything like this before and considers the new submission to be a new proposal. Mrs. Mahon stated if Mass. Housing does not consider it a new proposal she would like to view the proposal and provide additional feedback. Town Counsel Doug Heim responded that he and special counsel would examine the documents thoroughly and help prepare the Selectmen for a response. Mrs. Mahon requested that this item be back on the Agenda for the meeting of October 5th.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Thanks to Chief Ryan for His Leadership

Lori Kenschaft on behalf of Rev. Marta Flanagan and John Hodges, First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington

Need to Designate 'Straight Lane' Across Massachusetts Avenue from Park Avenue

Jeffrey Hadden via Request /Answer Center

Mr. Curro asked that Mr. Hadden's letter be referred to the Town Engineer for comments and recommendations.

Need to Improve Bike Path Safety by Soccer Fields

Barbara Brys, Bedford, MA

Mr. Curro asked that Ms. Brys letter be referred to Joseph Connolly, Director of Parks and Recreation for review and recommendations.

Mr. Byrne moved receipt of Correspondence Received.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUISNESS

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he was appointing Laura Wiener as Acting Director of Planning and Community Development.

Mr. Chapdelaine announced that Jay Ash, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development will be meeting with himself, Carol Kowalski, Ted Fields and Andrew Flanagan at 2:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference room tomorrow,

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he would be attending the International City/County Management Association annual conference in Seattle, WA from Sept. 27 - Sept. 30th. Town Counsel Doug Heim will be acting manager during that time.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he has reached a tentative bargaining agreement with Local 680.

Mr. Byrne thanked the Committee and the Staff of the Selectmen's Office for another wonderful Town Day.

Mr. Curro stated he attended the recent Opioid Meeting at the High School and encouraged the Board and the Town's people to attend 'The Opioid Crisis Identifying Community Solutions in

Arlington to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Arlington Town Hall.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next Scheduled Meeting of BoS October 5, 2015.

9-21-15

Documents Used

Agenda Item	
2	Copy of Sign to be installed.
4	Draft Special Meeting Minutes - 8-12-15
5	Drainlayyer-Express Excavation, Inc.
6	Special Beer & Wine - Regent Theatre 9-26-15
7	Special Beer & Wine - Regent Theatre 10-03-15
8	Special One Day Beer & Wine - Smith Museum 10-16-15
9	Special One Day Beer & Wine - Town Hall 10-23-15
10	Parking Restriction Waivers - Tufts & Foster Street 2015-2016 School Year
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12	Sugo Cucina - Italiana, Wine & Malt Licence - 162 Mass. Avenue
13	Shanghai Village Asian Cuisine - Common Victualler and All Alcohol Licenses - 434-436 Mass. Ave.
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15	Cemetery Commission Appt. - Brian Hasbrouck
16	Community Preservation Committee Appts
17	Food Vendor License - Fenway Market, 203 Broadway, Yubaraj Chaulagain
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19	Handicap Parking Sign - 15 Peirce Street
20	East Arlington Public Art Project - Cecily Miller, Public Art Consultant
21	PIGC Recommendations - Steven M. Byrne
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