

Town of Arlington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2016
7:15 PM

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Curro, Jr., and Mr. Byrne

Absent: Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair

Also Present : Mr. Chapdelaine and Mrs. Krepelka

Absent: Town Counsel Heim

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation: White Ribbon Day

Mr. Curro introduced Peter Koutoujian, Sheriff of Middlesex County, who spoke regarding the impacts of domestic violence. Chairman Greeley read the Proclamation and proclaimed March 3, 2016 as WHITE RIBBON DAY in the Town of Arlington and encouraged all residents to pay fitting observance to WHITE RIBBON DAY.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Reappointments: Cyrus Dallin Art Museum, Board of Trustees

Sarah Burks

Aimee Taberner

(terms to expire 1/31/2019)

Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Appointments of New Election Workers: (1) Susan Bernhard, 30 Eustis Street, D, Pct. 18; (2) Anthony Chella, 151 Mystic Street, U, Pct. 1; (3) Carol Curcio, 7 Newport Street, D, Pct. 21; (4) Carole DeVito, 42 Columbia Road, D, Pct. 21; (5) Alice Ronchetti, 33

Magnolia Street, U, Pct. 1

Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. 7:15 p.m. CDBG - Performance Update for Program Year 2015-2016

Jennifer Raitt, Director, Planning & Community Development

Mr. Kevin Flood spoke regarding the Jobs, Jobs, Jobs request for the Arlington Boys & Girls Club and stated he appreciates everything the Town does for the Club. This year he is asking for \$16,000.

Janet Maguire and Peggy Regan, Directors of Menotomy Manor O.S. Homework Support Program, asked the Board for their continued support. This year they are asking again for \$6,000. They also appreciate everything the Board does for the program.

Ms. Lisa Urben, Youth Program Director, Menotomy Manor Outreach Program - Fidelity House

stated she is asking for \$16,000 and is appreciative of everything the Town does for the program.

Mr. Byrne and Mr. Dunn are the Co-Chairpersons of the Committee again this year and will be meeting soon regarding all requests.

5. 7:15 p.m. Vote: CDBG Requests for FY2016-2017 Funding

Jennifer Raitt, Director, Planning & Community Development

Ms. Raitt appeared before the Board and stated the FY2017 grand total of requests are \$1,495,633. The request for FY2016 was \$1,545,159 and the FY2016 allocation was \$1,073,348.

Mr. Byrne moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

6. Board of Library Trustees

Amy Hampe

(term to expire 1/31/2019)

Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Commission on Disabilities

Liza Molina

(term to expire 6/30/2017)

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Cyrus Dallin Art Museum, Board of Trustees

Ann-Marie Delaunay-Danizio

(term to expire 2/28/2019)

Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Meghan McDavid

(term to expire 2/28/2019)

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

9. Request: Sidewalk Fixture Permit

Bierbrier Development, 1398 Massachusetts Ave., Tom Godfrey

The Board thanked Tom Godfrey, representing Bierbrier Development for installing said planters. They feel it will be an opportunity to beautify the area.

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

SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

10. Discussion and Approval: Lake Street Recommendations

Jeffrey Maxtutis, TAC Co-Chair

Howard Muise, TAC Co-Chair

At the Selectmen's meeting on February 5, 2015, the Board asked TAC to conduct a field test

to confirm the benefit of the installation of a new traffic, pedestrian and bicycle signal at the intersection of Lake Street and the Bikeway. The study found that Lake Street experiences up to 1,200 vehicles during the weekday evening peak hours, between 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. There are nearly 400 users on the bikeway that cross Lake Street during this same timeframe, or approximately six people per minute. Vehicle travel times on Lake Street between Route 2 and Mass. Avenue during the weekday PM peak period were about 4 minutes faster on average with police officer control. There were 14 crashes at the intersection between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2015. Two of the crashes involved pedestrians, five crashes resulted in personal injury and seven crashes involved property damage only. The most common type of crash at the Bikeway was rear end collisions. TAC Co-Chair Jeff Maxtutis stated that this was the largest data collection conducted by the TAC.

Selectmen Dunn, a frequent bicycle commuter, was impressed by the data presented. He stated he is now more convinced by the data and personal experiences to make him further support a light.

Phil Goff, Co-Chair of the East Arlington Livable Streets Coalition, stated his group's concerns about the unintended consequences adding this light could cause. He said that cars are accustomed to slowing down and stopping in this area, meaning that it is rare for a car to pass through the path at more than 10 to 15 miles per hour. He feels that a signal would cause motorists to drive at a higher speed when they saw a green light. Mr. Goff said there is a speed issue with bicycles. Many go through the stop sign, but generally they slow down no matter what. With a signal, he expected that people will either stop for the red light or remain at speed through a green light at nearly 15 miles per hour. His worries stem from the potential for accidents these higher speeds could cause. Mr. Goff stated maybe we need tweaks to the Brooks Avenue signal or new signage at the bike path.

Alan Linov, 19 Colonial Drive, spoke regarding his concerns re the effect it would have on his neighborhood (Kelwyn Manor) and feels a design committee should address the matter.

Scott Smith, 39 Amherst Street, a member of ABAC is not convinced with the study.

Mr. Greeley sees the only negative to adding traffic lights to this intersection is that people who never used Lake Street before will start using it now. He can't see that four minutes would change that much.

Mr. Byrne moved to form a design review committee that would evaluate the issues and constraints of the intersection while deciding on the proper solution and report back to the Board. The Committee would combine many of Arlington's transportation focused parties to reach a decision.

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Request for Statement of Support/Non-Opposition - Medical Marijuana Dispensary Massachusetts Patient Foundation

Representatives of the Massachusetts Patient Foundation appeared before the Board requesting a letter of support or non-opposition as they attempt to open a dispensary in Town. In order for a dispensary to open in Arlington, the Selectmen first have to issue a letter stating the Board's decision to approve or not oppose the business. Following this letter, final approval must come from the Massachusetts Department of Health. The dispensary would also need final approval from the Town Manager before opening. The Community Benefit Agreement negotiated between the dispensary and the Town says the dispensary would pay 3 percent of its gross revenue to the Town. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the payments would offset the costs of policing and regulating the facility. Mr. Curro, who initially opposed the dispensary at the

Foundation's previous presentation in October, relented after seeing the agreement put forward. Mr. Greeley said he had recently been approached by another medical marijuana dispensary considering Arlington. Selectman Byrne stated he saw a medical benefit that this could provide for Arlington. He thinks there is space for this in the pain management spectrum while detailing Arlington's ongoing opioid epidemic.

Mr. Byrne moved approval for a statement of non-opposition of a medical marijuana dispensary.
SO VOTED (4-0)

12. Net Metering Letter to Legislature
Ryan Katofsky, Sustainable Arlington

Mr. Katofsky asked the Board to send a letter to Senate President Rosenberg and House Speaker DeLeo regarding continuing strong support for solar energy in Massachusetts.

Mr. Byrne moved approval.
SO VOTED (3-1)
Mr. Dunn voted in the negative.

13. Community Compact - Endorsement of Best Practices
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine requested the endorsement of two best practices that he is recommending the Town pursue via the Commonwealth's Community Compact Program (CCP). The two best practices that Mr. Chapdelaine recommended are as follows:

1. Adoption of a Complete Streets Policy - including adoption of such a policy in the Community Compact application will allow the Town to earn bonus points on the current Complete Streets grant application.
- 2 Performance of an IT System Vulnerability Assessment- Mr. Chapdelaine stated that after speaking with David Good and staff from MassIT, he feels that this is a worthwhile pursuit to aid in increasing our cyber security on Town networks.

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

14. Vote: Sponsorship of "Unconscious Bias" and "Stereotypes"
Mary Harrison, Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group

David Landskov, member of Vision 2020, Sustainable Arlington, appeared before the Board in place of Ms. Harrison. Mr. Landskov asked the Board to support two major events that the Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group is presenting:

- a. "Unconscious Bias" is a presentation followed by a question and answer period on Thursday, April 7 in Town Hall, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- b. Arlington Center for the Arts will present "Stereotypes: A Conscious Look at Race, Faith, Gender and Orientation" photography exhibit at ACA. The show will be in their Gibbs Gallery from March 7 - April 15, with a reception on March 31.

Mr. Landskov stated the Committee would like to have the Board as one of their co-sponsors of the events.

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

15. Vote to Adopt: Suburban Coalition Resolution re the Foundation Budget Review Commission

Paul Schlichtman, Chair, Arlington School Committee

Mr. Schlichtman, Chair, Arlington School Committee, stated that on February 12th the School Committee voted to adopt the Suburban Coalition Resolution pertaining to adopting the Foundation Budget Review Commission. At that time, the School Committee asked that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee join them in adopting said resolution.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the MMA fully supports this Resolution.

Mr. Curro moved approval of adopting the Resolution.

SO VOTED (4-0)

16. Vote: Minuteman Building Project Assessment Task Force

Daniel J. Dunn, Selectman

Mr. Dunn said that on March 1st we will know whether or not the new Minuteman Regional Agreement has been approved. If the regional agreement is approved, we will need to carefully evaluate the building project being proposed by Minuteman. Mr. Dunn stated this is an unusual approval process and it's not one that we as a Town have any recent experience with. Every other building project in Town comes from one of two places: the School Department or the Town Manager. When these projects happen, we have an established process of advocacy and evaluation. We don't have such a process for projects like Minuteman. Mr. Dunn is proposing that the Board of Selectmen create a Minuteman Building Project Assessment Task Force at our next meeting.

Proposed membership:

Selectman Dan Dunn

Selectman Joe Curro

Finance Committee Chair Al Tosti

Finance Committee's Minuteman Sub-Committee Member Stephen DeCoursey

Capital Planning Committee Chair Charlie Foskett

Minuteman School Committee member Sue Sheffler

Minuteman School Building Committee Member Nawwaf Kaba

Arlington Public School Superintendent Kathie Bodie (or designee)

Minuteman Superintendent Ed Bouquillion (or designee)

Mr. Curro suggested Paul Schlichtman, Chair of School Committee

Mr. Greeley and Mr. Byrne feel that Town Manager Chapdelaine and Deputy Town Manager Pooler should be considered.

Mr. Byrne moved approval to add to agenda on March 7th with additional members being appointed.

SO VOTED (4-0)

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Articles for Review:

Article 18: Bylaw Amendment/Expanding Equal Protection

This proposal follows a May 21, 2015 resolution of the AHRC to support presently pending legislation to bolster protections regarding gender identity and expression, commit to do what it can under its current bylaw mandates, and pursue the present warrant article to explicitly amend their duties to include gender identity and expression within AHRC's list of protected classes.

Mr. Dunn moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 19: BylawAmendment/Arlington Human Rights Commission Executive Director
The Board supports the AHRC to amend its authorizing bylaw to make the appointment of an AHRC Executive Director discretionary rather than mandatory.

Mr. Curro moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 20: BylawAmendment/Arlington Human Rights Commission Chairpersons
The Board supports the AHRC's request to amend its authorizing bylaw to allow for "Co-Chairpersons" to better and more efficiently balance the workload of the Commission.

Mr. Curro moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 21: BylawAmendment/Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture Membership
This article asks the Town to vote to amend Title 11, Article 8 of the Town Bylaws to increase the number of members of the Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture from seven to nine.

Mr. Curro moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 25: Bylaw/Demolition by Neglect of Historic Buildings

This article was withdrawn by its proponent.

Mr. Byrne moved no action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 28: Vote/Authorizing Community Choice Aggregation

This article seeks Town Meeting's required authorization to enter into a Community Choice Electrical Aggregation (CCA) agreement with an energy broker on behalf of the Town of Arlington to provide electricity services for Town residents and business owners.

Mr. Byrne moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Thank You Selectman Dunn

Mary Ellen Aronow, Arlington Tree Committee Co-Chair

Mr. Dunn moved receipt of "Correspondence Received".

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he would be attending the Arlington Police Department Annual Award Ceremony on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall.

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka

Board Administrator

Agenda Item	Documents Used
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16	Vote: Minuteman Building Project Assessment Task Force, Daniel Dunn
	Warrant Article Hearings - Article 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, & 28
	Correspondence Received - Mary Ellen Aronow Arlington Tree Committee Co-Chair