

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019
7:15 PM

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Curro, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe
Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim, and Mrs. Krepelka

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Hurd Family Nine

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has noted the Hurd Family Nine as a unique part of baseball history, possibly the only family in the United States to field a long running baseball team at all nine positions.

Former Selectman Jack Hurd, a proud son and nephew of the Hurd Family Nine, accepted the Proclamation from Chairman Daniel Dunn. Former Selectman Hurd stated that the Cooperstown, New York Museum had accepted one of the three remaining Hurd Family Nine Jerseys into its archives to be included in the rotation on display at the Hall of Fame. Former Selectman Hurd thanked the Select Board for recognizing the Hurd Family Nine Baseball Team and its unique past in the Town of Arlington and baseball history.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes of Meetings: January 7, 2019 (tabled from 1/23/19 meeting); January 28, 2019
Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

3. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sub-Committee

*Sarah Lee

Christopher Potter

Antonette Sacco

(terms to expire 1/31/2022)

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

*Ms. Lee was unable to attend and is available to come before the Board on Monday, February 25th.

4. Board of Library Trustees

Stephen Quinlan

(term to expire 1/31/2022)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. 7:15 p.m. CDBG - Performance Update for Program Year 2018-2019

Julie Wayman, CDBG Administrator, Planning & Community Development

Ms. Rowe moved receipt of said report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. 7:15 p.m. CDBG - Requests for FY2019-2020 Funding

Julie Wayman, CDBG Administrator, Planning & Community Development

Ms. Wayman presented the Community Development Block Grant Program Fund Requests for Fiscal Year 2020 and talked about a Fiscal 2019 mid-year report. Ms. Wayman stated she would be meeting with the Committee and will come back to the Select Board with said report.

The Board thanked Ms. Wayman for an excellent presentation.

Ms. Rowe moved receipt of said report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

7. For Approval: 'Arlington Porchfest Headquarters' on Jefferson Cutter House Lawn, June 8, 2019, 12:00 NOON - 6:00 p.m.

Linda Shoemaker, Executive Director, Arlington Center for the Arts

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. For Approval: Removal of Arlington Natural Gas Moratorium

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that he spoke with the Director of Inspectional Services who feels confident with the protocols National Grid has in place with the return of the workers. Mr. Chapdelaine also agrees that Inspectional Services does not have the resources to maintain additional level of oversight on an ongoing basis. The protocols coming out of the lockout, with added pressure from DPU, has created a safer situation than before. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that after the National Grid workers are retrained and recertified the Town would feel comfortable issuing permits again.

Mr. Curro moved to lift the moratorium once the workers meet the conditions of being trained and certified to return to work.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Discussion & Vote: RFP for 2019 Beer Garden

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until the Board meeting on February 25th.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. For Approval: Establishment of Gift Account for Arlington Commission for Arts & Culture

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

11. Articles for Review:

Article 28 Bylaw Amendment/Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee would like to amend the Town Bylaws to expand the Committee's membership from eight to ten, and to revise the purpose and mission of the Committee to encompass a wider array of solid waste reduction methods.

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 29 Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Polystyrene Food Containers

Juli Brazile and James Ballin, members of the Arlington Recycling Committee stated the regulations would ban single use products, such as, cups typically used for coffee and hot liquids, as well as thinner Polystyrenes, such as the material used to create Solo cups. Ms. Brazile stated the goal of this Bylaw is to stay away from the use of the dangerous form of plastic. Enforcement of this ban would be similar to the plastic bag ban implemented in 2018. Said ban will fall under the discretion of the Board of Health. The Committee's goal would be to implement the ban by the start of 2020.

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 33 Bylaw Amendment/Notice of Demolition

Proponents of Article 33 were not present.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table to a future meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 34 Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Outdoor Lighting - Dark Skies Bylaw

Paul Schlichtman, the proponent of this article, explained this is an attempt to take the next step by adding specifics to the current bylaw that Town Meeting approved five years ago and by improving the enforcement provisions.

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 40 Vote/Robbins Library Parking Cost

Andrew Fischer, the proponent of this article, wants to eliminate the parking cost at the Robbins Library claiming it is a violation of the Bill of Rights of the American Library Association as it limits the use of library resources to only those who can afford to pay to park there. Mr. Fischer was advised to speak with the Library Board of Trustees before moving forward.

Ms. Rowe moved to table for discussions with Library Board of Trustees.

SO VOTED (4-1)

Mr. Dunn voted in the negative.

Article 44 Home Rule Legislation/CPA Surcharge Exemption for Senior Homeowners

Bob Radochia, the proponent of this article, wants the Town to provide tax relief for senior homeowners overwhelmed by property tax increases by allowing exemptions to the CPA surcharge.

Mrs. Mahon moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 50 Local Option/Short Term Rental Impact Fees

Mr. Heim, Town Counsel, spoke about this article stating the tax would apply to short-term rentals, such as Airbnb or vacation rentals. Mr. Heim explained there are two options- the Town can choose to adopt one or both, but the first option must be adopted in order to adopt the second.

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 80 Resolution/Overnight Parking Exemption Program for Medical and Financial Hardships

Brooks Harrelson, Envision Arlington Diversity Task Group, stated that the Diversity Task Group supports the creation of this warrant article for a culturally sensitive approach to overnight parking exemptions in Arlington. This was approved unanimously at their last meeting.

Laura Kiesel, proponent of this article, shared information and data collected from various studies showing that car ownership is integral to job security and economic mobility in this country. Ms. Kiesel proposed eligibility criteria and other logistics to consider for parking exemptions.

Darcy Devney, Arlington Disability Commission, offered findings from her research, though she is not finished with the research. Ms. Devney hoped the Select Board would delay voting on this article until the Arlington Disability Commission has met and formally voted, which would be February 20 or February 27.

Chairman Dunn stated that he would like to see this move forward to be a topic of discussion for Town Meeting.

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action.

Town Counsel Heim stated that, if the Board allowed, he would prepare two items. Mr. Heim will draft a resolution and draft a proposal for an exemption program to modify existing overnight parking regulations that if all are satisfied, would not require Town Meeting action. Mr. Heim will present both items at a future meeting for the Select Board to review and choose how to proceed.

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

12. March for Meals Campaign with Meals on Wheels

Kelly Magee Wright, Executive Director, Minuteman Senior Services

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of "Correspondence Received".

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dunn attended last week's meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee where there was discussion about the choices of the Select Board. Mr. Dunn thought most of the members of the Long Range Planning Committee appreciated that the two votes will be on the ballot (referring to the override and debt exclusion). Mr. Dunn shared that he thinks there is an interesting discussion about the School Department's proposal for increasing their budgets beyond the constraints of the previous override plus the new enrollments. They are asking for a new set of rules. These factors have an impact on the Board's decision of how many years and how much money to put on the ballot. Mr. Dunn stated he would put this on a future meeting agenda for the Board to discuss and decide what it wants.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:53 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board February 25, 2019

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Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

2/11/2019

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