

Town of Arlington
Select Board
Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2019
7:15 PM

Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Dunn, Vice Chair, Mr. Curro, Mr. Hurd, Mr. DeCoursey
Also Present: Mr. Pooler, Deputy Town Manager, Mr. Heim, Town Counsel, Mrs. Krepelka

1. Welcome to New Fire Chief - Kevin Kelley
Chief Kevin Kelley, Arlington Fire Department

Fire Chief Kevin Kelley thanked Town Manager Chapdelaine for having the confidence in him to be appointed as the new Fire Chief. Fire Chief Kelley also thanked all of the men and women he has worked with over the past 25 years, their dedication to the job and compassion for the citizens of Arlington has been inspiring.

2. Arlington Police Department Update
Acting Chief Juliann Flaherty

Acting Chief Flaherty stated since her appointment as Acting Chief the Department has contributed to the following:

- We recently partnered with The FBI and the School Department to do Active shooter training using the ALERRT model Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training, a 2 day course with both classroom and practical scenario based instruction.
- In the spring, the entire department completed ICAT Training. ICAT is a de-escalation training created by police executive research forum that integrates communication, assessment and tactics. The training gives officers the tools, skills and options to defuse critical incidents.
- This past summer, the Maebright Institute conducted training for 57 of our officers titled Working with the LBGTQ+ people and communities. The presenter gave an overview of LGBTQ+ culture and best practices. The training focused on building trust and partnerships, which the police department has been committed to.
- Our partners at the Chelsea Police Department have conducted training in implicit biases, and procedural justice, and the police department continues to treat everyone we encounter with dignity and respect.

Acting Chief Flaherty stated our Police Officers have continued our community policing efforts. Community policing is being imbedded in the community every day, it is not an event or program.

We have continued to partner with Health and Human Services, Somerville Homeless Coalition and other service providers to provide services to our at risk population.

We have hosted several "Coffee with a Cop" events and will be taking part in national coffee with a cop day next month. This has been a great opportunity for people in the community to

meet the officers in town and make a connection with them. There is no agenda, just conversation. In addition to coffee with a cop, last week we had our first pizza in the park with the police. It was a great family event that was well attended, a great opportunity for people in the community to meet the officers in the area.

We are in the third week of this year's citizen police academy. We had this program several years ago and recently brought it back the class fills up very quickly and it is a great way for community members to learn more about the police department, and to form partnerships with people in the community.

The annual HRC Camp was a great success this year, in June, officers enjoy seeing the kids attend and watching them grow up. So many of the kids who attend the camp come back to be counselors. We also had a bike safety event in the spring where our bicycle unit took kids on a bike tour while teaching them about safe practices

We also partnered with the MSO to host our third gun buyback event, 28 firearms were received.

The Board thanked Acting Chief Flaherty for all of her and the Police Department's hard work and dedication to the Town of Arlington.

Senator Cindy Friedman came before the Board to thank the Fire and Police Departments for the incredible job they do for the Town of Arlington. Senator Friedman also asked the Board to let her know which Bills before the State Legislature that they would like her to support. Senator Friedman is also looking forward to a joint meeting with the Budget Revenue Task Force and the Select Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Request: Special (One Day) All Alcohol License, 10/5/19 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event
Andrew Lipson
4. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 10/6/19 @ Whittemore Robbins House for a Private Event
Mark Thompson
5. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 10/12/19 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event
Franco Alvarado
6. Request: 3-Day Special (One Day) All Alcohol Licenses, October 18, 19 and 20 @ St. Athanasius the Great Greek Orthodox Church for 'Opa Kouzina'
Dean Ioakimidis, Parish Council President

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

7. LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission
Andy Rubinson (term to expire (6/30/2022))

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

8. For Approval: Food Vendor License
Mass Hole Donuts, 2 Lake Street, Alexander Mansfield

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

CITIZENS 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.

The following people appeared before the Board regarding Lieutenant Pedrini's employment status:

Forrest Snyder, 15 Allen Street, Elizabeth Dray, 130 Jason Street, Manisha Sharma, 13 Mary Street, Lynette Martyn, 18 Eustis Street

The above named residents spoke against Mr. Chapdelaine's decision to not terminate Lt. Pedrini.

Lenard Diggins, 8 Windsor Street #1, on behalf of Envision Arlington, invited all residents to attend Precinct meetings to discuss upcoming Governance related activities, including proposed efforts to increase understanding of Town Meeting and how local government works.

Beth Melofchik, 20 Russell Street, stated she loves trees and democracy and feels they are under threat in Arlington for the following reasons:

- Disallowing and discouraging opposing views
- Not awarding booth space to a citizen's advocacy group for Town Day
- Shortening time allowed for public comment that was attempted at Town Meeting
- Stacking committees and groups with team players
- Requesting police presence at meetings

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

9. Request to Sign Non-Binding Resolution in Support of 'An Act for Utility Transition to Using Renewable Energy (Future Act), H.2849/S.194

Brucie Moulton, Mothers Out Front

Mr. Curro asked to be postponed until October 7th meeting so the Board could read the resolution in support of An Act for Utility Transition to Using Renewable Energy. SO VOTED (5-0)

10. For Approval: Sustainable Transportation Committee Roster
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. Curro moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

11. For Approval: Complete Count Committee Roster
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. Curro moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Discussion & Approval: Police Chief Position Description and Hiring Process
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. DeCoursey moved receipt of memorandum. SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pooler announced the Town has received a \$98,052 grant awarded through the Green Communities. The grant will go to the following:

1. Ottoson Middle School will receive new LED lighting for the gyms and locker rooms totaling \$43,422;
2. Bishop Elementary School will receive new LED lighting for common areas including hallways, bathrooms, the library and main office totaling \$52,616;
3. Jefferson Cutter House will receive new LED lighting for exterior flood lights totaling \$2,104.

Mr. Pooler stated that during the week of October 7, the Town's contractor for the pavement markings will begin to lay out the markings for the permanent Mass Ave bus Lane (Varnum Street to Parkway).

Mr. DeCoursey thanked the Select Board Office as well as the Town Day Committee for another successful Town Day. Mr. DeCoursey also mentioned that Kelwyn Manor Association celebrated their 75th Anniversary and it was a well-attended, great event.

Mr. Hurd also thanked all involved for a wonderful Town Day. Mr. Hurd also encouraged Town residents to join the Somerville 5k Detour Road Race on Sunday, October 6.

Mr. Curro stated that the applications received by the Council on Aging for the Senior Tax Work Off program has greatly exceeded the amount they had last year.

Mr. Curro moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board October 7, 2019

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Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

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