

Town of Arlington
Select Board
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019
7:15 PM
Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

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

1. Introduction: Acting Police Chief
Juliann Flaherty

Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine stated that he is very pleased to appoint Juliann Flaherty as Acting Chief of Police. Her depth of police experience combined with her dedication to the community policing model that has been in place in Arlington for many years made her a great fit as she strives to maintain the high standards of the department.

Acting Chief Flaherty thanked the Town Manager and the Select Board for said appointment and looks forward to working with all departments in her new role.

2. Arlington Jazz Festival Banners
Dan Fox
(tabled from 1.7.19 meeting)

Mr. Fox asked the Select Board for permission to hang two “Arlington Jazz Festival Banners” for the month of April on the pole at the intersection of Route 60.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. EcoFest Events 2019
Charlotte Milan, Recycling Coordinator
Brucie Moulton, Co-Chair of Sustainable Arlington, the Environmental Committee under Envision Arlington, Co-Facilitator for Arlington Mothers Out Front

Charlotte Milan and Brucie Moulton stated that EcoFest returns for 2019 on Sunday, March 3rd, in the Town Hall. This year’s Energy Theme will highlight opportunities for Arlington residents to make energy-conserving and renewable energy decisions relating to home heating/cooling, electricity purchasing, and transportation options.

From April 22nd (Earth Day) through April 28th, a week-long celebration of Earth Day is in the works. In collaboration with many people representing wide environmental interests, the celebration will include a family film night, do-it-yourself creative opportunities, school Green Team-led activities, a community clothing swap, and litter cleanups around town.

4. Discussion: Arlington Natural Gas Moratorium
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the National Grid Lockout has come to an end. Inspectional Services has been receiving more inquiries about contemplating whether or not we would allow work to be done. Mr. Chapdelaine is not looking for a vote tonight, unless the Board is ready to do so. Mr. Chapdelaine suggested leaving the moratorium in place until the workers are re-trained and re-certified. Once the workers are back to work then we could start issuing permits again. Mr. Chapdelaine would like to come up with something in writing regarding the Moratorium for a future meeting and the Board agreed to come back for a vote at a later meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Reappointments (terms to expire 1/31/2022)

Board of Health

Kenneth Kohlberg

Board of Youth Services

Hannah Simon

Commission on Arts and Culture

Adria Arch

Commission on Disabilities

Maureen St. Hilaire

Library Board of Trustees

Adam Delmolino

Amy Hampe

Master Plan Implementation Committee

Charles Kalauskas

Ralph Wilmer

Redevelopment Board

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Mrs. Mahon moved approval and thanked everyone for volunteering his or her time on said committees. SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. For Approval: All Alcohol License

Adventure Pub, 190-192 Massachusetts Avenue, Athena Z. Peters

Stockholder Change Only

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

7. For Approval: Common Victualler License

Jose's Torta Mexicana, 787 Massachusetts Avenue, Carlos Mendez

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

8. For Approval: Common Victualler License

Northender Italian Kitchen, 1345 Massachusetts Avenue, Romel Batarseh

Mr. Curro moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

9. For Approval: Common Victualler License

Olympic Pizza, 173 Massachusetts Avenue, Nicholas and George Tsaknis

Ms. Rowe moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

10. Articles for Review:

Article Time Limit for Town Meeting Speakers

Michael Brown, a Precinct 17 Town Meeting Member, stated his proposed bylaw would reduce the time limit for those speaking initially on the Town Meeting floor from seven minutes to five minutes, and for the second time, from five minutes to three minutes.

John Leone, Town Moderator, stated he will report back to the Select Board after he has met with the Town Meeting Procedures Committee regarding said article.

The Select Board unanimously agreed to table their decision until the February 25th meeting to give the committee time to produce their formal report.

Mrs. Mahon moved to postpone until February 25th. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article Extending Local Voting Rights To All Legal Arlington Residents

Mr. Ben Rudick, 40 Webcowet Road, the proponent, stated other cities and towns adopting or planning to adopt this Article are Cambridge, Newton, Brookline, Wayland and Somerville. Mr. Rudick feels this is a matter of fairness. Many of these people have lived in the United State for quite some time, own homes, pay taxes, and are true and valuable members of our community.

The Select Board unanimously agreed to support this Article which would enable Arlington residents who are legal, permanent residents of the United States to vote in elections for town offices and local ballot questions.

Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Town Counsel Heim stated that there will be approximately eighty (80) articles in the 2019 Annual Town Warrant. There are eighteen Zoning Bylaw Articles and thirteen Ten Registered Voter Articles.

Ms. Rowe stated that she attended a celebration in honor of Jay Kaufman's twenty-four (24) years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives on Friday, January 26, 2019, held at Temple Isaiah, Lexington, Massachusetts. She stated it was a wonderful tribute to Jay and she had a wonderful time.

Ms. Rowe also asked Mr. Chapdelaine if he would talk to the Board of Assessors about putting something on the Town Website regarding the recent Tax Assessment and Tax Bill changes.

The December 2018 release of the Fiscal Year 2019 third quarter real estate tax bills has raised questions from many residents about what the Town's overall tax rate increase was.

Mrs. Mahon asked the Town Manager if he would report to the Board in the future regarding a Snow & Ice Report. Mr. Curro also asked if he would include the amount of salt the Town purchased.

Mr. Hurd stated that the Outdoor Skating Rink at Poets Corner is now open on Saturday and Sunday only from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for hockey.

Mr. Hurd also attended on Friday night, the A CATpella Festival to Belt Out Cancer in memory of Catherine Malatesta. He stated the Arlington High School Madrigal Singers and the Tufts University Beelzebus were a great hit. Mr. Hurd stated it was a great event.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board February 11, 2019

A True Record Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

1/28/19

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