

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
7:15 PM

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro, Jr.
Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim and Mrs. Krepelka

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Contract Negotiations with Nonunion Personnel, Town Manager
Vote: Town Manager's Contract

Mrs. Mahon moved that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss matters related to contract negotiations for non-union personnel pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C39 and further the Board will reconvene in Open Session for the conduct of additional business.

Mrs. Krepelka took the roll call on the motion:

Mr. Dunn: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Greeley: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Byrne: yes

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn executive session.

Mrs. Krepelka took the roll call on the motion:

Mr. Dunn: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Greeley: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Byrne: yes

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman Greeley announced that the Board proposed a new contract for Town Manager Chapdelaine increasing this pay and benefits in an effort to retain Mr. Chapdelaine after he was offered a job as Town Manager in another area. The new contract is for three years February 11, 2016 - February 11, 2019. Mr. Greeley also stated that the Town will be creating an additional position under the Town Manager in order to lessen Mr. Chapdelaine's work load. Mr. Chapdelaine thanked the Board for listening to all his concerns. He stated he feels extremely humbled, gratified and valued based on the contract that was given to him. He feels very lucky to be in Arlington.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the new contract.

SO VOTED (5-0)

FOR APPROVAL

2. Vote: To Approve And Execute \$1,000,000 M.W.R.A. Loan And Grant For Phase 9 & Phase 10 I/I Local Financial Assistance Program; Project No. WRA-P9-01-3-937
Stephen J. Gilligan, Treasurer

The following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the sale of the \$250,000 Sewer Bond of the Town dated February 22, 2016, to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the “Authority”), as recommended by the Town Treasurer, is hereby approved and the Town Treasurer or other appropriate Town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on February 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>
2017	\$25,000	2022	\$25,000
2018	25,000	2023	25,000
2019	25,000	2024	25,000
2020	25,000	2025	25,000
2021	25,000	2026	25,000

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by

the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the bond were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §18-25 as amended.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes of Meetings: January 25, 2016

4. Reappointments: Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee
Philip Goff
Jack Johnson
Christopher Tonkin
(terms to expire 1/31/2019)

5. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 3/5/16, for 'Beats for EATS' Fundraiser @
Robbins Memorial Town Hall Auditorium
Lauren Ledger, Arlington EATS

Lauren Ledger appeared before the Board and invited Board members and all residents to attend the Beats for Eats Live Music Social on March 5th at Town Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00 and include a silent auction, cash bar and nosh.

6. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 3/19/16, for 'Quiz Night' @ Arlington Catholic High School
Erin Simmons, ACHS Development Coordinator

7. Appointments of New Election Workers: (1) Brien Higgins, 37 Rangeley Road, D, Pct. 11; (2) Judith Hyland, 54 Webcowet Road, U, Pct. 9; (3) Patricia LaPlante, 209 Jason Street, D, Pct. 3; (4) Richard LaPlante, 209 Jason Street, D, Pct. 3; (5) Joanne Malatesta, 8 Walnut Terrace, U, Pct. 14; (6) Robert Radochia, 45 Columbia Road, U, Pct. 21

Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

8. Discussion and Approval: Sidewalk Cafe Permit Fee
Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

Mrs. Mahon moved to table for a future meeting. Mr. Chapdelaine, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Krepelka will report back with an analysis of cafe outdoor seating fee comparisons.

Mr. Byrne stated he would like to keep the fee at \$50.00 yearly, especially in East Arlington where the businesses and residents have been more than patient with the construction on Mass. Avenue.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

9. For Approval: Maple Tree Removal @11 Kipling Road
John and Lori DeLeo

Mr. Dunn informed the DeLeo's that residents have to understand the need for consideration of public tree removal early in the decision and planning of construction or remodeling before said construction begins. The DeLeo's thanked the Board for approval and will replace the tree in a location that the Tree Committee recommends.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. For Approval: Arlington Public Art
Transformer Box Project 2016, East Arlington
Jill Manca and Adria Arch

Ms. Manca stated artists living or working in Arlington (ages 18+) are invited to submit color sketches for one of three transformer box murals in Arlington as part of Arlington Public Art's Transformer Box Mural Project. This year's theme is "evolve" and sketches and applications must be submitted on or before April 1, 2016. The time frame for painting the transformer boxes is from May 1 through July 1, 2016. A stipend of \$300 will be awarded to selected artists.

Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. For Approval: Chairful Where You Sit

Amy Goldstein, Arlington Public Art Committee and Vision 2020 Standing Committee. The annual "Chairful Where You Sit" public art event at Whittemore Park in front of the Dallin Museum will be from July 21st through July 24th. The chairs will be displayed in the park over the course of the weekend.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Vote: a) Special Town Meeting, April 27, 2016

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

- b) Opening of Special Town Meeting Warrant
Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

Mr. Dunn moved that the opening of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting be on Monday, February 22, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Articles for Review:

Article 24-Bylaw Amendment/Camping on Public Property

Town Counsel Heim stated that this article will still allow for the public to apply for a permit before camping in parks or other town-owned land. This bylaw does not depart from Health and Human Services or Arlington Police Department's process when it comes to camping. It doesn't divest them of their power, but it provides uniformity and clarity for anyone who wants to encamp on public lands.

Stephen Revilak, 111 Sunnyside Avenue raised concern that this warrant article could criminalize the homeless in Arlington. He stated he has very mixed feelings about this article and feels it clearly affects the homeless population camping out at Alewife.

Town Counsel Heim said the goal of the bylaw was to create a fair process that everyone could abide by and Town personnel could follow.

Mr. Dunn moved "favorable action" on this Article.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 26-Email Accounts for Members of Public Bodies

Mr. Christopher Loreti presented the article regarding Town Officials transparency. He asked that the Town provides email accounts to members of high-profile town boards, such as the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee for exclusive use of town business. He stated that this is not an attempt to force anyone to use email, but it is to say if you use email you should use a town email and not a personal email. Mr. Loreti argued that a standardized email format would make it easier to contact board members, but that wasn't his main point for proposing the article.

The more significant reason is that they are municipal employees and are subject to public records requests. He feels it is an easier process if it is managed through the Town's IT Department and not personal emails.

Mr. Byrne moved "No Action" on this Article.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 27-Lobbying by Public Officials

Mr. Loreti stated his goal was to make sure Town Officials were lobbying for things that Arlington as a community desired, not just the individual official's priorities. Mr. Loreti feels that if you are taking an official position, it should be done publicly.

After a discussion with Mr. Loreti, the Selectmen disagreed with his definition of lobbying.

Mr. Dunn moved "No Action" on this Article.

SO VOTED (5-0)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Resignation from Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee

Howard B. Winkler, Waltham Street, Lexington

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Town Manager Chapdelaine reported the current 2015-2016 Snow/Ice Expenditures and the totals for the season are as follows:

- 7-snow/ice events (5 snow events, 2 ice events)
- 25"+ total snowfall
- Town appropriation for snow/ice \$846,000
- Expended to date: \$727,340 broken down as follows:
 - \$348,550 in salt purchases
 - \$131,370 vehicle parts and repairs (this includes repairs to equipment resulting from last year's historic snowfall - many repairs were deferred to this year due to budget constraints of last year)
 - \$126,230 DPW overtime expenses

\$121,190 Contracted Plowing (contractors were called in on 5 of the 7 events)

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that anyone who said the proposed 2016 school budget represented a cut was wrong. What is being proposed is a significant investment and commitment in the Arlington Schools. Mr. Chapdelaine addressed the increase of \$3,427,219 in the newest budget recommendation for 2016 as evidence of a growing school budget. The total school budget of \$57,001,333 represents an increase of 6.4 percent from the previous year's budget of \$53,574,114. The Finance Committee presented to Town Meeting in April 2015 a projection for an increase of 5.1 percent for total school budget this upcoming year. Mr. Chapdelaine feels as if this is a significant and dramatic increase in school funding. The school district's initial budget proposal asked the town for an increase of 11.4 percent, or more than \$6 million.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she had heard that State Senator Donnelly had sponsored a Pension Increase Retirement Benefits for Widows. She asked Town Manager Chapdelaine to look into it and report back.

Mrs. Mahon congratulated Arlington High School Basketball Coach John Bowler for winning his 100 game. Mr. Bowler is a long time resident and has done a wonderful job with coaching his team.

Mrs. Mahon stated that on Saturday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m. friends, former and current players and former and current coaches will get together at the Ed Burns Area to honor Dick DeCaprio, a longtime coach and former player at Arlington High School.

Mr. Curro stated he attended a Partnership - Center for the Arts meeting which Andrea Nicolay, Director of Libraries, held at the library on Monday, February 1st. They discussed the proposed Arlington Cultural District Application content and the roles of the Managing Partnership in working toward completing the application. A Subcommittee was created to plan a public meeting and a general discussion about the application timeline.

Mr. Curro reported that he had attended the Boston co-working company grand opening. Workbar's newest Arlington location is in the former Theodore Schwamb Mill, owned by Mirak Properties. It is located at 1167 Mass. Avenue on both public transit and the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway. The entire former mill was renovated and currently has 30 members and that number is beyond expectations for the coworking space. Mr. Jacobsen, CEO of Workbar anticipates this location will fill a need and want for new businesses looking at Arlington. Mr. Curro stated it is a very impressive space and encourages everyone to stop by and see the beautiful renovations.

Mr. Curro stated he will be attending the Long Range Planning meeting tomorrow morning.

Mr. Dunn reported the latest Minuteman Update is that (7) towns have agreed so far out of (15) for the new regional agreement including Arlington. Sudbury voted to leave the district while the other (5) haven't announced their position. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that whether or not it is approved, the Superintendent is going to ask his board to put forward the building project, on March 15th. The board will then have 60 days to respond. The Special Town Meeting that they open tonight will fall into those 60 days.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.
A true record: Attest

SO VOTED (5-0)

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next Scheduled Meeting of BoS February 22, 2016.

2/10/16

Agenda Item	Documents Used
2.	Vote to approve the execute \$1,000,000 M.W.R.A Loan and grant for Phase 9&10
3.	Minutes of Meeting – January 25, 2016
4.	<u>Reappointments : Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee</u> Philip Godd Jack Johnson Christopher Tonkin (terms to expire 1/31/2019)
5.	One day beer & wine license, 3/5/16 at the Robbins Memorial Town Hall Auditorium
6.	One day beer & wine license, 3/19/16 at Arlington Catholic High School
7.	Appointments of New Election Workers
8.	Sidewalk Café Permit Fee / Fee comparison chart
9.	Maple Tree Removal at 11 Kipling Road / letter / Tree warden recommendation/ Tree Committee objection
10.	Arlington Public Art / Arlington Public Art Transformer Box 2016
11.	Request from Public Art Committee / Chairful Where You Sit
12.	Special Town Meeting, April 27, 2016
Warrant Articles	<u>Articles for Review</u> Article 24 Bylaw Amendment / Camping on Public Property Article 26 Vote/ Email Accounts for Members of Public Bodies Article 27 Vote/ Lobbying by Public Officials
Corr. Rec'd	Resignation from Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee / Winkler Letter