

Selectmen's Meeting  
February 4, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room, Town Office Building. Chairman Krieger, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz, Mr. Burnell; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk, were present.

Public Comment

Mr. Bartenstein, Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows (FoAGM), provided the Selectmen with the 5<sup>th</sup> annual report of the Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows. The long-term goal of FoAGM is to permanently protect the land as open space.

Selectmen Concerns and Liaison Reports

Mr. Cohen and Mr. Manz thanked Linda Vine, Assistant Town Manager for the terrific work done in putting together the Youth Forum held on February 2. Between 150 and 160 people attended and many questions were raised and discussed by the excellent panel. It is important that the Town continue to deal with the issues that were raised at the Forum.

Budget Discussions

Mr. Valente proposed a list of possible budget reductions put together by the Senior Managers. Starting with a deficit of \$194,582, reduce by \$48,315 with the use of FY2008 balances for one-time expenses; reduce further by \$75,541 with budget reductions based on updated analysis (transfer of contractual settlements; public works revisions (LSP contract); DPW electricity for street lights and police budget revisions (telephone charges). That leaves a remaining deficit of \$70,726. Selectmen reviewed the list of prioritized departmental budget reductions broken down into 3 categories.

Selectmen brought up different concerns. Mrs. Krieger is interested in keeping as much training available as possible and would like to see refuse/recycling reduced. Mr. Cohen shared concern for the reduction in Library Books and Materials.

Mr. Valente is also following up on the public facilities budget and looking at charges to the revolving fund for rent for use of town buildings that may help to reduce the budget.

Mr. Valente will provide additional information on reducing the gap at the next Selectmen meeting.

Waltham Traffic Mitigation

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to recommend joining Lincoln, Waltham and Westford in sending comments to MEPA with a letter to Ian Bowles.

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Annual Little League Parade

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve the request from the Recreation Department and the Lexington Little League to conduct the Annual Little League Parade on Saturday, May 3, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Appointment – Registrar of Voters

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to reappoint Luanna E. Devenis to the Registrars of Voters for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2011.

Sign Warrant

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to sign the 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Article Assignments and Article Presentations

Mrs. Krieger provided the Selectmen with a proposed list of article assignments for review.

The Selectmen discussed articles they would like a presentation on. Mr. Cohen will keep the Board informed about whether the land purchase articles will move forward. Presentations will be scheduled for:

- Article 36, Amend General Bylaw – Snow/Ice Removal
- Article 40, Double Utility Poles
- Article 41, Municipal Electric Utilities

If Selectmen need additional information on Article 37, Amend Code for Fees to Remove Protected Trees, after the Tree Committee information meeting on February 14, they will be invited to come to a Selectmen meeting.

Selectmen should try to attend the Planning Board hearings to answer any questions on the zoning/land use articles.

Consent Agenda

Water/Sewer Commitments and Adjustments

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to approve the following adjustment of water and sewer charges:

Adjustment of Water/Sewer Charges for 12/1/07 to 12/31/07 \$4,764.68

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One-Day Liquor License – St. Brigid Parish

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to sign and approve a one-day liquor license for St. Brigid Parish for an Irish Night to be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the St. Brigid Parish.

Ratify Poll Vote – Battle Green Flag Lowered

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted 4-0 to ratify a poll vote to lower the Battle Green flag for Eugene Moley on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Mr. Moley was Town's Water Superintendent from about 1945 to 1979.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call 4-0 to go into executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining, with no intent to return open session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease  
Executive Clerk