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Minutes 04/14/2011

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, April 14, 2011
 6:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Dunn
 Absent: Mr. Greeley
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

1. Vote: Override Language/ 6/7/11
 Clarissa Rowe, Chair, Selectman
 (tabled from 4/11/11 meeting)

The Board voted to put the following question on the ballot for the June 7, 2011 Special Election:

"Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to assess an additional \$6,490,000. in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?"

Mr. Dunn moved approval, seconded by Ms. LaCourt

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Greeley absent.

Three Year Override Commitments

1. No operating override will be requested for at least three years.
2. Town and School operating budget increases will be capped at 3.5% per year. An additional allowance of up to 7% shall be allowed for documented special education cost increases. Should actual special education cost increases exceed this amount, the remaining School budget shall be decreased by the difference.
3. Health care cost increases will be programmed at 7%. Should actual increases exceed this amount, the Town and School budget totals shall be proportionately decreased by the excess amount. Should actual increases be less than this amount as a result of negotiated health care savings, the Town and School budget totals may be proportionately increased by the difference.
4. Each year an additional \$600,000 shall be appropriated for core school services for the school department and \$400,000 shall be appropriated in the public works budget for road improvements, said amount shall be in addition to the amount currently appropriated in the capital budget for road improvements.

5. Reserves will be maintained at 5% of operating revenues over the course of three year commitment period.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval seconded by Mr. Dunn.

SO VOTED (4-0)

New Business

Mr. Sullivan stated that it has come to his attention and the Board of Selectmen that the Jefferson Apartment Group whose management team contains members that worked for the former Symmes development firm JPI has been meeting with the Redevelopment Board and is taking steps to purchase rights to the site of the former Symmes Hospital. The Board stated that several potential redevelopers have expressed interest in this Project and the Board will request that the Redevelopment Board consider all viable redeveloper candidates. Mr. Sullivan stated that any developer is likely to request certain concessions, but the Town needs reassurance from whichever firm is selected that its financing will be secure.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the following vote regarding the Symmes property:

"That the Board of Selectmen respectfully requests and encourages the Arlington Redevelopment Board to receive and evaluate all proposals to date from developers who have indicated the intention to submit plans for the Symmes property and that the Board of Selectmen encourages and supports the Arlington Redevelopment Board's identifying all aspects of each developer's project, first and foremost obtaining proper financial profiles before discussing any and all concessions. Further, that the Board of Selectmen understands and accepts responsibility for any possible risk of delay incurred by this process."

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. Mahon moved to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next Meeting of the BOS April 25, 2011