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Minutes 12/12/2011

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 12, 2011
 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Discussion: Property Classification - Tax Rate
 John Speidel, Assessor
 (postponed from 12/5/11 meeting)

Mr. Kevin Feeley reported, on behalf of the Board of Assessors, the property classification information on which the Selectmen would discuss and vote. The Board of Assessors estimates the new tax rate upon certification by the Department of Revenue will be \$13.66.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted a residential factor of 1, citing the hardship if they went to a two tier tax rate on the small amount of commercial/business community members. The Selectmen also voted: no open space discount granted, no residential exemption was adopted, and no commercial exemption was adopted.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Ms. Rowe requested that the Board of Assessors and Assessor work next year to have the tax classification hearing reference material available sooner in time for the public hearing along with page numbering the report. Mr. Feeley responded that it will be their goal to have the information into the Department of revenue queue earlier next year.

2. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a) Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
 K B Aruda Construction, Inc., Cambridge, MA
 Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Mr. Dunn moved to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

SO VOTED (3-0)

A true record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

Next scheduled meeting of BoS December 19, 2011.

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Item Documents Used

1 Tax Classification Hearing packet, John Speidel (12 pages)

2(a) 12/6/11 memo from Engineering Department re Drainlayer's License Application (Kevin Aruda) plus 3-page application