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Selectmen's Minutes 11/08/2010

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2010
 7:15 p.m.

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

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. New Election Workers

Bertha Demerjian, 69 Harlow Street, Pct. 1
 Ernest Roy Eisnor, 4 Winslow St., Pct. 7
 Kathleen Hogan, 11 Hiawatha Lane, Pct. 13
 Martha Schaeffer, 37 Drake Rd., Pct. 3
 Gretchen Sommerfeld, 11 Tanager Street, Pct. 20
 Kathleen White, 6 Grove Street Place, Pct. 7

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Approval: Arlington Recycles Week, 11/7/10 through 11/13/10

Proclamation
 Gordon Jamieson

Mr. Greeley read the proclamation declaring the period of November 7th through November 13th Arlington Recycles Week. Mr. Jamieson notified everyone of the Community Collection Day to be held on November 13 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the DPW Yard, 51 Grove Street, rain or shine.

3. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

This matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Ms. Juliana Brazile, 56 Coolidge Rd., stated her support of the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program for multiple reasons and would like this to be a full discussion by the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

4. Vote: Recommendations for Brackett School Crosswalk Safety Improvements

Jeff Maxtutis and Ed Starr, Co-Chairs, TAC

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley left the meeting at this time.

5. For Approval: Execution of Lease for Crosby School Building (Dearborn Academy)

Annie LaCourt, Selectman, Vice Chair

Clarissa Rowe, Selectman

(tabled from 10/04/10 meeting)

Ms. Rowe moved approval to renew the lease as recommended by the Town Manager.

SO VOTED (4-0)

There was discussion for a warrant article regarding the sale of the Crosby Building with possible right of first refusal for Dearborn Academy.

6. Vote: Stanton Foundation Grant Acceptance

Leslie Mayer, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission

Ms. Rowe

Ms. Mayer reported that the grant is a gift paying 90% of costs including 3-years of maintenance, along with a commitment from the A-Dog Group to fundraise to offset future costs. She stated that they are planning the fenced area for Thorndike Field and that off-leash privileges will be stopped.

Ms. Rowe moved approval to accept/approve the grant. SO VOTED (4-0)

The Selectmen discussed that there are still complaints and challenges with off-leash dogs at Robbins Farm Park. It was determined that a variety of solutions are needed such as: increasing enforcement, dog owners reminding other dog owners, and all complaints should be reported to Joe Connelly, Recreation Department Director.

Ms. Mayer was requested to make a formal report in December to the Selectmen.

7. Review: School Deficit Audit Reports

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Town and Schools had received the audit reports and multiple recommendations were advised.

Mr. Curro, School Committee Chair, spoke stating that the reports were to be discussed for the first time at the next night's School Committee Meeting. The School Committee budget sub-committee was in process of reviewing the audits and recommendations. Mr. Curro said a written response to each recommendation would be published prior to the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Curro reported that the School Committee's duty and objective is to stabilize the deficit and institute a solid process and procedures. The Selectmen expressed interest in discussing the audit report response by the School Committee.

Ms. Lewis, Comptroller, talked about the following reports that would be useful in managing the school finances for future fiscal years:

-monthly budget to actual

-thought process behind the numbers

-year-end projection of revenues and expenses

-salary numbers (including summer teachers' pay at year end)

-payroll encumbrances

-any new hires or changes in pay (funds available)

-monthly budget meetings with the School CFO

Ms. Lewis reported that Munis could produce necessary reports, but that the chart of accounts needs to be set up properly in order to get the reports.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of reports.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Article 3 Contingent Transfer of Real Estate/Thompson School and North Union Street Playground

(tabled from 10/25/10 meeting)

Several residents spoke at this hearing in favor of supporting the Thompson land swap as a viable option for the rebuild. A couple of the residents speaking felt it was too early to determine if it was the best option, but it should be at least offered as an option.

Mr. Foskett, Capital Planning Chair, stated he firmly supports the rebuild of Thompson, but asked the Selectmen to vote against the land swap due to economic and other reasons.

Mr. Thielman, School Committee, reported there would be multiple meetings for input from the public, Board of Selectmen, and committees. He outlined future dates for this project:

-November 17th: Thompson community to vote on preferred option
 -November 23rd: School Committee to vote on preferred option
 -May 1st: need to show community support for project funding agreement
 The Selectmen fully support the Thompson rebuild, but expressed concern with the land swap option as being the preferred option.
 Mr. Greeley moved approval to put forward to Town Meeting the land swap as an option for the Thompson School rebuild. SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Adam Glick 42 Robbins Road	Off-Leash Dog Recreation	Be Rec'd
William Rich Julianna Kremer 14 Lantern Lane	Stanton Foundation Grant and Dogs Off-Leash	Be Rec'd
Gayle Namchuk 65 Wright Street	Off-Leash Dog Program	Be Rec'd
Laurie Burt MassDEP	Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant Award	Be Rec'd
Christopher Tonkin, Chair Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee	Community Education on Safe Traffic Interaction	Be Rec'd

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sullivan explained that the residents voted yes to Question #4 (The approval by the Board of Selectmen to authorize granting up to 3 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in replacement of up to 3 existing licenses for the sale of wine & malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To proceed with this change the current package store owners need to go to the ABCC website: www.mass.gov/abcc, then fill out the paperwork for a new license, print it out, and then submit it to the Selectmen's Office. From this point it will be handled similar to all other licenses.

Ms. Rowe moved to adjourn at 9:25 PM. SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
 Selectmen's Office
 Next meeting of BoS Monday, November 22, 2010.