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Selectmen's Minutes 04-10-2006

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 10, 2006
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon and Ms. Rowe.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Hurd

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting April 3, 2006

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

There was a discussion regarding Mr. Sullivan's comment at the April 3rd meeting on the possibility of a Special Town Meeting for several issues. Future discussion will continue with more detailed information.

2. Presentation: Avian Flu

Allan McEwen, Director of Emergency Management for Arlington

Fire Chief McEwen reported that Ms. Connolly, Director of the Board of Health, facilitated a tabletop exercise on the Avian Flu. Chief McEwen stated that Arlington would be among a few communities that have certification in emergency planning. Ms. Connolly presented a draft action report of the exercise meeting outlining four goals. Ms. Rowe proposed sending a small article to the Advocate for publication on Arlington's emergency response to the Avian Flu. Ms. LaCourt requested to be appointed a member on this emergency committee offering her computer technology skills as a strength.

Ms. Mahon offered a couple of suggestions: 1) identify different agencies-need to refine communication model specifics, and 2) a need to include in the model the most overlooked population-the elderly (nursing homes and Council on Aging etc.).

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of draft action report. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment: New Election Worker

Mary Beth Dynan, 65 Hillsdale Rd., Pct. 10, U

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Appointment: Youth Health and Safety Coalition

Ms. Rowe moved to appoint Mrs. Mahon.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Reappointments: Kathleen Kiely Dias Committees

Tri Community Working Group

Ms. LaCourt moved to appoint Ms. Rowe.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Local Emergency Planning Committee

This appointment was tabled until Mr. Hurd is present.

Post Employment Retirement Benefit Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved to appoint Mr. Greeley. SO VOTED (4-0)

Insurance Advisory Committee

Ms. Rowe moved to appoint Ms. LaCourt. SO VOTED (4-0)

Vision 2020 Standing Committee

Ms. Rowe moved to appoint Mr. Greeley. SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Reappointment: Charles Lyons Committees

Infrastructure Working Group

Ms. LaCourt moved to appoint Ms. Rowe. SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

7. Request: Waiver of Parking/Mass. Ave., Russell Common & Water St., 6/1/06

Michèle Meagher, Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Greeley turned the gavel over to Ms. LaCourt while he left for a few moments.

Ms. Meagher commented on the 2nd annual Business Forward 2006, a multi chamber event that is being hosted by the

Town Manager and The Chamber of Commerce on June 1st, 7:30 am-12:00pm at the Town Hall. This event will provide attendees with one-stop access to representatives from regional and state organizations that offer services and funding to help individuals build their businesses.

Mrs. Mahon moved the waiver of parking. SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Request: Permission to Park 15 Cars at Hurd Field, 5/1/06, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Susan Cuqua, Irish American Club

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

9. Request: Permission Concert Fundraiser/Lawn at Cyrus E. Dallin Museum,

4/22/06, 1:00 pm

Amanda Formica

Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

10. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Brian Greeley, of the Patriot's Day Parade Committee, invited and would like to publicize the parade on April 17th starting at 9:30 am at St. Athansius Church in the Heights down Massachusetts Avenue to Walgreen's in East Arlington.

Mr. Greeley announced that Patsy Kraemer is the Grand Marshall, Charlie Lyons is the Honorary Grand Marshall, and Dennis Corbett is Chief of Staff. Mr. Greeley also requested donations for support of the parade.

Mr. Peter Howard, Finance Committee, asked the Selectmen to consider a different approach to Article #15 regarding the Assessor's Report. After some discussion by the Selectmen it was decided to get the opinions of the Board of Assessors and invite anyone interested in the article to the next meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved this warrant article a will report. SO MOVED (4-0)

11. Discussion: MBTA & MWRA

Gordon Jamieson, Chair, Fiscal Resources Task Group, Vision 2020

Mr. Jamieson requested that the Board invite both the MWRA and the MBTA, in separately for a public forum meeting to give reports on where 12 million dollars goes that Arlington pays. Possibly every other year for each entity to report at the special meeting. The Selectmen agreed with the idea and want to forward questions/information that they want

discussed at meeting prior to the meeting, to be held sometime in September.

Ms. LaCourt moved to accept the recommendation and refer the matter to the Town Manager to coordinate, starting 1st with the MWRA, an early fall special meeting which the Selectmen will forward information/questions they would like discussed at the meeting
SO VOTED (4-0)

12. FINAL VOTES & COMMENTS

Articles 13, 14, 21, 22, 25, 31, 33-35, 37, 52-55, 57, 65-67

It was decided that Mr. Maher would re-word article #22 and re-circulate for approval.

Mrs. Mahon confirmed that for article #35, the proper wording for the revolving fund is still in progress with Town Counsel.

Mrs. Mahon moved recommendation that the Board of Selectmen institute a \$6.00 per head fee for field usage and a reduction in the field user permit fee from \$2.50 to \$1.25 per head. Mr. Maher will amend this part of the warrant.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval except article #22. SO VOTED (3-0-1)

Ms. Rowe abstained.

Ms. Rowe moved approval of article #24 and #35. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Maher advised the Selectmen that article #55 is now a will report with no vote needed.

Mrs. Mahon recommended a will report at Town Meeting and another discussion at the May 1st Selectmen's Meeting
SO VOTED (4-0)

Articles 28, 55, 66 and Introduction

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action on article #28 with the changes of eliminating 8% interest taxes and raising the maximum from \$20,000. to \$40,000. SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. LaCourt moved approval of article #66. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the introduction. SO VOTED (4-0)

13. Discussion: Reallocation of FY 2006 CDBG Funds

Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development

Mr. O'Brien requested approval of a \$20,000.00 transfer of CDBG funds from this year's budget to cover the engineering work necessary to move the Summer Street permitting along.

Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Correspondence Received

Ruth Lewis Vacation Be Rec'd
Comptroller &
Coordinator of
Information Technology

Kevin O'Brien Subdivision Control Law Be Rec'd
Director, Planning
& Community Development

Jane Calvin Tree City USA Be Rec'd
Mass. DCR

Alan Castaline Bus service on route 78 Be Rec'd

MBTA

Brian F. Sullivan Letter to Ms. Morrison re: relocation of Be Rec'd
Town Manager bus stop

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to look at the current adult and non-resident private school field user fees. Mrs. Mahon would like everyone to pay the same fee from the field user groups which are: resident \$6.00, non-resident \$6.50-\$7.00.

Mrs. Mahon asked that light usage at Buck Field and Summer Street Field go back to moderate light usage. Rules regarding when the last game can be played and the time lights go on and off should be re-established and that there are lots of keys out there.

Mrs. Mahon reported that at least 100 people attended the Summer Street Meeting. The meeting was very informative and she has notes on 18 different action items, which she will forward to the Selectmen, Mr. Sullivan, and Jean O'Leary.

Mrs. Mahon tabled the recreation fee budget discussion until Mr. Sullivan forwards the correct fees.

Mr. Greeley announced:

-April 11th at 6:30 PM there is an open night for poets or listeners at the Library.

-April 18th is the Warrant Review Night at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Greeley proposed to the Selectmen that it is their responsibility to involve students, possibly rotating several, at Selectmen Meetings. Mr. Greeley will work on recommendations and come back to the Board. The Selectmen agreed it would be a good idea.

Mr. Maher requested that the Board convenes in executive session for the purpose of a Peirce Field update and CSO update to consider the value of real property which discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body. The Board will reconvene to open session to adjourn.

Mrs. Mahon moved to convene into executive session at 9:09 PM for the above purpose.

Mr. Greeley yes

Ms. LaCourt yes

Mrs. Mahon yes

Ms. Rowe yes

Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 9:47 PM.

Mrs. Mahon moved to reconvene into open session.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:48 PM.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

