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Selectmen's Minutes 05-15-2006

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, May 15, 2006
 6:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Greeley offered a moment of silence for the death of Marie Krepelka's mother, Mary Spelman, and of her sister-in-law, Jane Spelman.

Mr. Sullivan gave an update on the flooding problems in Arlington stating that the problem areas were:

- the upper and lower dam areas of the Mystic Lakes
- Robin hood Road
- Sunnyside Avenue basins
- Alewife sewerage overflows
- discharging sewers

Overall, Arlington was fortunate both in less damage than other Towns/Cities and also those volunteers were involved in preventive measures and clean up. The Emergency Operation Center was utilized proving to be very helpful in response to the problems.

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: May 1, 2006, May 3, 2006, May 8, 2006

Mr. Hurd moved approval of 5/1/06 SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. Rowe moved approval of 5/3/06 SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt moved approval of 5/8/06 SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Mr. Greeley abstained.

Mrs. Mahon requested that the Board stand as a united front at Town Meeting on representing the majority vote of the Board.

2. Request: Transfer Seller's License to Used Car Lot @ 75 Summer St.

Edward Y. Mirak, President, Mirak Chevrolet, Inc.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment: Human Rights Commission

Joseph Curro

(term to expire 05/15/2009)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Reappointment: Board of Youth Services

Joan Robbio

(term to expire 04/01/2009)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Reappointments: Permanent Town Building Committee

William Shea

John Cole

(terms to expire 5/2009)

Mr. Hurd moved approval on recommending these candidates.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 5/28/06, St. Camillus Church Hall

Anthony Dello Russo, Retired Men's Club

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: Drain Layer License

Anthony Iovino, Inc., 255 Granitville Rd., Chelmsford

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Request: Memorial Day Parade, 5/29/06, 9:30 a.m.

William F. McCarthy Veterans' Service Officer

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Request: 3 One Day Beer & Wine Licenses, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4

Fr. Nicholas M. Kastanas, Grecian Festival, St. Athanasius the Great

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of:

- A three day Beer & Wine License.
- Approval to hang a banner across Pleasant St. in coordination with the Town Manager and Town Counsel.
- Making Appleton Place and Burton St. a one-way towards Mass. Ave subject to coordination with Lt. McHugh.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Hurd requested that Fr. Kastanas formally document the request and reasons for making Appleton Place a one-way street and return it to the Board of Selectmen for further consideration.

10. Discussion: Warrant Article 38 – Collective Bargaining

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan reported two settlements to Town Meeting that are subject to ratification vote of the unions, regarding a 2% wage increase with some adjustments on health care co-payments.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to union ratification

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Donna Janis MBTA bus stop concerns
76 Mass. Ave.

Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence and referred the Ms. Janis's correspondence to Mr. Sullivan to contact the MBTA.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. Janis spoke requesting that the stop be put back to the original place.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion, brought up by Mr. Maher, regarding warrant article #20-Venner Road and past litigation that resembles this case. After some discussion it was decided that the Selectmen's Office would inform abutters of 10 signature articles prior to the start of Town Meeting.

Mrs. Mahon requested that the Budget & Revenue 5/22/06 meeting include elected officials to discuss ways the Town can help in possible ways to make local aid successful.

Mrs. Mahon requested a lighting policy for the fields with lights. Also that Mr. Sullivan address with the Summer Street neighbors how trees can be planted to help remediate their concerns of bright lights where trees had been cut down.

Mrs. Mahon reminded the Board and Mr. Sullivan that the deadline for the concession stand plans is coming. That the plan designs and the approval need to happen by the beginning of June. After some discussion by the Board, Mr. Sullivan explained that the sports groups didn't approve of the design plan and that the sports group was going to go over the plan specs and come to an agreement then there would be plans to go out and get accurate quotes on. Ms. Rowe offered to help Mrs. Mahon finalize the sports group plans.

Ms. LaCourt and Ms. Rowe stated they would be attending a planning meeting on open space, cemetery needs, and affordable housing. The Board agreed there are committees set up for this but this would be a session of bringing people/committees together for common goals.

There was some discussion by the Board regarding fundraising and all the Town events involved in raising money. It was decided that this should be a future agenda item.

Mr. Hurd stated that Dillboy Field is completed and that it is a regional facility that offers turf with lights and that the Town should pursue field time here.

Mr. Greeley reminded the Board that standards and applications for the three Beer & Wine package store licenses are to be complete by beginning of July. He asked that this be an agenda item for the 6/5/06 meeting.

Mr. Greeley mentioned that the Board should create a sunshine fund so that sending of flowers etc. will be easier to administrate.

Mr. Greeley stated that a representative from the 200th Anniversary Committee would be at the next meeting to discuss their plans.

Addendum

1. Request: Vote of the Board for signatures of Chairman and Town Manager, of Maintenance Certification forms for Brackett, Bishop, Hardy, Peirce and Dallin School Renovation Projects reimbursements

Stephen J. Gilligan, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Ms. LaCourt moved that the Board vote approval for signatures of Chairman and Town Manager of Maintenance Certification forms for the schools. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Gilligan if the Brackett and Dallin School punch lists have been signed off, reminding everyone that these are permanent sign offs.

Mrs. Mahon moved to recess to Town Meeting at 7:54 pm. SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan