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Selectmen's Minutes 04/04/2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes Monday, April 4, 2005 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. LaCourt.

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

Election of new Chair and Vice Chair took place at the beginning of the meeting.

John W. Hurd was elected Chair, unanimously, and Kathleen Dias was elected Vice Chair, unanimously.

1. <u>Introduction: Jennifer Mann, Reporter, Arlington Advocate</u>

The Board welcomed Ms. Mann.

2. <u>Verizon Petition: Plan D05-11</u>

Dan Fitzgibbon

To provide telecommunications to the new units at 743 Mass. Ave.

(all abutters notified)

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

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

3. Appointments: Arlington Cultural Council

Margaret Ryding Thomas M. Formicola (term to expire 4/07)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

4. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 4/28/05

Cindy Sheridan Curran, Thompson School PTO

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

5. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 5/14/05

Frank Tessitore, Fidelity House fundraiser

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Request: Permission for Use of Publicity Board

Martha Scott, Vice President, "Arms Around Arlington"

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: Permission for Cancer Relay for Life

Diane M. Mahon, Board of Selectmen

Mrs. Mahon reported that on June 17th-18th at the Summer Street Field from 6:00pm-12:00pm (noon) there will be a cancer relay to hopefully raise \$80,000.00. All are invited to participate and come.

Mrs. Mahon asked that the Board declare June 17th-18th be the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. <u>CITIZENS OPEN FORUM</u>

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Paolo Marinelli, Precinct #2, stated he would like the Board's support in continuing his work for pedestrian safety and the Disabilities Act regarding roadway and sidewalk safety.

Mr. Charles Gallagher, Precinct #18, stated he was sad to see Mr. Lyons leaving, welcomed Ms. LaCourt, and congratulated Mrs. Mahon on her re-election.

Mr. O'Neil, 10 Foster St., congratulated Mrs. Mahon and welcomed Ms. LaCourt. He thanked and respected Mr. Lyons for always doing his best for the Town of Arlington.

Mr. O'Neil commented that he was unhappy over the inconvenience of the polling location changes and felt a savings of \$4,500.00 didn't warrant a change and didn't seem right to him.

Mr. O'Neil also asked for an update on the Symmes Project because there hasn't been any update for a long time.

Lt. John Serson, of the Arlington Police Department, thanked and congratulated everyone on his or her campaigns.

8:15 p.m.

9. <u>Discussion: Sanborn Trustees</u>

Evelyn Smith DeMille

The Board met with members of the Sanborn Foundation to discuss future financial partnership. Debra Kaden, President, gave an in-depth presentation about the Foundation.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

10. <u>Discussion: Recreation Fees</u>

Patsy Kraemer, Director, Human Services

Mrs. Kraemer presented a FY06 fee increase plan for the Recreation Department. Costs were raised so that the fees of each program pay for the supply, program, and staff costs. The Selectmen decided to receive the report after some discussion until they have had time to go through all of the data from the 2 year in depth analysis. It will also be an agenda item at the next meeting, April 12th.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. <u>Discussion: Shop Arlington Program</u>

Michelle Meagher

Michelle Meagher presented the "Shop Arlington 1^{st"} gift certificate plan. In partnership with local businesses and the Leader Bank as a sponsor, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce is launching this gift certificate program to help keep dollars spent, here in Arlington at local businesses.

12. Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule Beginning in June

(from 3/7/05 meeting)

The Selectmen agreed upon the following future meeting dates:

4.12.05 7:15 pm 7.11.05 7:15 pm

11/18/13

4.25.05 6:00 pm 8.1.05 7:15 pm

5.09.05 7:15 pm 9.12.05 7:15 pm 5.23.05 7:15 pm 9.26.05 7:15 pm

6.13.05 7:15 pm

6.27.05 7:15 pm

13. Warrant Article Hearings

Article 31: Revolving Fund/Parking Program (tabled from 3/28/05 meeting)

Mr. Hurd postponed this warrant until the 4.12.05 meeting.

Article 36: Establish Committee/Revising the Town's Fiscal Organization

(tabled from 3/21/05 meeting)

Mr. Hurd postponed this warrant until the 4.12.05 meeting.

Article 37: Establish a Committee/Symmes Neighborhood

(tabled from 3/28/05 meeting)

Steve O'Riordan spoke to the issue of what the committee make up should be and that the

there should be a total of 7 members.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval-favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 41: Trash Collection Plan

(tabled from 3/28/05 meeting)

Mrs. Mahon moved to postpone until the 4.12.05 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 70: Resolution of the Town of Arlington Concerning The Massachusetts

National Guard and the War in Iraq

(tabled from 3/28/05 meeting)

Mr. Greeley moved a report at Town Meeting on this resolution and that Mr. Maher and Christopher Nauman will work on the wording and bring it back to the Board.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Final Votes & Comments: 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 27, 33, 35, 40, 53, and 69

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Maher reported that the Permanent Building Committee was not in favor of changing the current construction work hours.

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Mrs. Mahon motioned to not move favorable action on this time change.

SO VOTED (5-0)

15. Discussion: Fiscal '06 Budget

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Hurd recommended that Mr. Sullivan give a brief overview and that the Board will discuss it at the April 12th meeting (1st agenda item) after the report is reviewed.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt asked for a report from Chief Ryan, a statistical statement regarding the cutting of 2 Police Officers

Mr Greeley moved receipt of report.

Correspondence Received

Robert Kuhn Overnight Parking Bans in Surround Communities Be Rec'd

Darcy Devney

110 Thorndike St.

Anne Ellinger

Concerns relative to Robbins Library Be Rec'd

21 Linwood St.

Joanna Rutter-Huzsvai Concerns relative to Robbins Library Be Rec'd

68 Dothan St.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan presented the budget plan to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Sullivan put together a report on the renovations of the 3 fire stations including calls analysis etc. The current price tag is \$10 million dollars for renovations and is being looked at to cut costs to move this project along. Mr. Hurd reminded everyone it was a policy decision to keep 3 fire stations and would like a summary detail of options cutting costs to move this along.

Mr. Maher recommended a special Town Meeting on April 27th with an opening of the warrant on April 12th from 8:00am-4:00pm. It will be for rezoning houses for the Arlington Housing Authority, which is getting money from the state to transform houses to handicap accessible.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval for Special Town Meeting on 4.27.05. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley requested pictures from Diane Mahon and Annie LaCourt to put on the back wall of the Selectmen's Chamber.

Mrs. Mahon made a motion to reaffirm the Selectmen's unity regarding the override of \$6 million dollars with no additional override for a 5-year period. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon stated that the School Committee would revote the override also.

Mrs. Mahon asked that an invitation be extended to the elected officials of the Town to march in the Patriot's Day Parade.

Mr. Hurd stated that he would be sitting down with Mr. Sullivan to do goal-setting exercises.

Mrs. Mahon adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

A True: Attest: Marie A. Krepelka Board Administrator