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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. Introduction: Jennifer Mann, Reporter, Arlington Advocate
 The Board welcomed Ms. Mann.

2. Verizon Petition: Plan D05-11
 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. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

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. Discussion: Sanborn Trustees

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 BUSINESS10. Discussion: Recreation Fees

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. Discussion: Shop Arlington Program

Michelle Meagher

Michelle Meagher presented the "Shop Arlington 1st" 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

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 revoke 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