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Selectmen's Minutes 05/23/2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 23, 2005

7:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair.

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: May 9, 2005

Mrs. Mahon moved approval with revisions.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

2. Request: Feast of the East, 6/4/05, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

John W. Hurd, Selectman

The Feast of the East Festival is an event celebrating the unique character of East Arlington.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Request: Second Hand Dealer License

Kyle Tullos, d/b/a Arlington Antiques and Collectibles, 397 Mass. Ave.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Request: Permission for Annual Memorial Day Parade, 5/30/05

William F. McCarthy, Veterans' Service Officer

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Request: Change of Manager

Mr. Sushi, 693 Mass. Ave., from Tae Yo Kang to Daniel Hae Hyung Ahn

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Request: Change of Manager

Columbus Club of Arlington, 15 Winslow St., from Robert Cullinane to Steven Meadows

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

7. Discussion: Recommended Committee to Study Arlington Financial Structure

Selectman Kevin F. Greeley

(from 5/9/05 meeting)

Mr. Greeley presented a committee recommendation to study the financial organization of the Town of Arlington. The recommendation is for 15 members:

-1 member from: Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, School Committee, Finance Committee, Vision 2020, and Town Meeting

-Additional members to include: Town Manager, Treasurer, Comptroller, Superintendent of Schools, and Director of Assessments.

-3 at large citizens of the Town appointed by: Treasurer, Moderator, and Finance Committee.

The Selectmen agreed there will be a Budget Revenue Task Force meeting in July or August, sometime after Town Meeting adjourns.

Mrs. Mahon moved to accept recommendation. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to recommend Mr. Greeley as Chair. SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Request: Temporary Parking Permit at Drake Village

Cheryl Lesser (Daughter of Stephanie Facenda)

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

9. Request: Traffic Evaluation – Thorndike Field

Joseph Carabello, Chair, Park & Recreation Commission

Mr. Carabello requested that the Board initiate an evaluation of traffic issues at Thorndike field especially weekends. There have been many complaints from neighbors regarding traffic and parking.

Mr. Greeley moved to refer to T.A.C. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Hurd also asked Mr. Sullivan and the Transportation Advisory Committee to come up with a recommendation for additional parking at the ice rink.

10. Discussion: Five-Year Plan and Decision Making Process

Annie LaCourt, Selectman

Ms. LaCourt passed out a letter from Mike Gilbert with an explanation on the current Town funding crisis. Ms. LaCourt wants residents involved in planning, wants residents to feel good about the plans with discussion on goals and outcomes.

Article 19 – Noise Abatement

Mr. Greeley moved to table. SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 70 – National Guard/Iraq

Mr. Greeley recommended favorable action SO VOTED (1-3)

Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

There was discussion on feeling this should be brought to Town Meeting as a resolution not as by law.

Ms. LaCourt moved no action. SO VOTED (3-1)

Mr. Greeley voted in the negative.

Article 3 of the May 23, 2005 Special Town Meeting

Mr. Sullivan reported a trust fund to pay health benefits should be set up.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)

Mr. Hurd had left to attend Town Meeting before this vote.

Correspondence Received

Marian Coulter Proposed cuts to library budget Be Rec'd
21 Addison St.

Marjorie Howard Proposed cuts to library budget Be Rec'd

150 Washington St.

Kathy Kemp Proposed cuts to library budget Be Rec'd
59 Menotomy Rd.

L. Stroker Rogovin Letter of appreciation Be Rec'd
7 Lakehill Ave.

Laurence McKinney Apology Be Rec'd
30 Foster St.

Emily Morrison Arlington Youth Consultation Center Be Rec'd
18 Wellington St.

Marilyn Bisbicos Arlington Youth Consultation Center Be Rec'd
Dir. Spec. Ed.
Arlington Public Schools

Amanda Hoffman Public Notification Immediate Response Action Be Rec'd
Wheatstone Engineering

Alexander Salipante Memorializing of bench on library grounds Be Rec'd
Chair
Public Mem. Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (3-0)

Mrs. Mahon made a motion to recess to Town Meeting SO VOTED (3-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan