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Selectmen's Minutes 06/27/2005

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, June 27, 2005
 7:00 p.m.

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

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: March 1, 2004, March 15, 2004, May 23, 2005, June 6, 2005

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the March 1, 2004 and the March 15, 2004 minutes.
 SO VOTED (3-0-1)

Ms. LaCourt abstained.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of the May 23, 2005 and June 6, 2005 minutes.
 SO VOTED (4-0)

2. NStar Petition: W.O. #1445394

Park Ave.

(all abutters notified)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Dias arrived at the meeting at this point.

3. NStar: Update on Power Outages

Bill Zamparelli

Mr. Zamparelli reported that there were a number of factors that exacerbated outage problems in Town, they are:

An NSTAR labor strike disrupted maintenance repairs May 15th through June 6th.

A Nor'easter storm on May 25th and 26th caused tree damage resulting from extremely high winds.

An extended heat wave of 90 degrees plus over June 12th, 13th, and 14th.

Mr. Zamparelli assured the Selectmen of NSTAR's commitment to improving electric reliability to Arlington and their customers.

Mr. Zamparelli spoke regarding general progress on the Four-Phase Reliability Enhancement Project. Phase one and two are complete, finishing the cut over to the new higher voltage system in mid Arlington and the Morningside area. Phase three is underway in East Arlington. The setting of 320 new poles delayed the progress yet is due to be completed by mid November. Phase four is pending in West Arlington and is due to be completed by September 1, 2006. All residents/customers are requested to call in all outages to 1800 592-2000 so that trouble spots can be routed by NSTAR.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment: Affordable Housing Task Force

(from 6-6-05 Agenda)

Mr. Greeley moved to appoint Mr. Hurd.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Appointment: Council on Aging

Robert Tosi, Jr.

(term to expire 6/13/08)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon temporarily left the meeting at this point.

6. Appointment: Private Way Procedures Committee

Steven B. Moore

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Reappointment: Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Collector of Taxes

Alfred B. Fantini

(term 7/1/05-6/30/06)

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS8. Request: Common Victualler & Wine and Malt License Changes

1379 Mass. Ave.

Change of d/b/a – Old: Rama Thai, New: Sala Thai

Change of Corporate Name – Old: Thai Emerald Inc., New: Sala Thai, LLC

Change of Hours – Old: M-Sat 11:00am-10:00pm New: M-Th 11:30am-10:00pm

Sun 12:00pm-10:00pm F, Sat 11:30am-10:30pm

Sun 4:00pm-9:30pm

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

9. Request: Common Victualler License

Kostas Magnisalis, d/b/a Champ's House of Pizza, 475 Summer St.

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

Mrs. Mahon returned to the meeting at this point.

10. Request: Common Victualler License

Peter Wong d/b/a Beijing Kitchen, 14 Medford St.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS11. Request: No Parking Sign @ 385 Mass. Ave.

Anita R. Morrison

Mrs. Mahon moved to postpone.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Request: Street Markings/Mass. Ave. @ Lockeland & Highland from Mass. Ave. to Grey

Representative James Marzilli

Representative Marzilli requested this be referred to the Transportation Advisory Committee for review.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Discussion: Conflict of Interest/Recommended Committee to Study ArlingtonFinancial Structure

Selectmen Kevin F. Greeley

(from 6/6/05 agenda)

At this point Mr. Greeley, Mr. Sullivan, and Mrs. Mahon may have possible conflicts of interest. Ms. LaCourt asked Mr. Sullivan to look into and report back on special legislation that Brookline had used in a similar process.

Mr. Greeley moved to table until the Ethics Commission's report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Request: Approval Increase in Fees for Skating Rink

Patsy Kraemer, Director, Human Services

The increase is \$15.00 an hour for team ice time and \$1.00 hour for individual skating/public skate for ice time.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

15. Discussion: Publicity Board

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Hurd referred responsibility for the publicity board to Mr. Sullivan, the Town Manager's office.

SO VOTED (5-0)

16. Acknowledgement: Friends of Fox Library

John W. Hurd, Chairman

Mr. Hurd thanked all the committee members for their success in raising the \$21,000. needed to keep the Fox Library open in fiscal year 2006. It took much effort organizing the 6 fundraising events to reach this amount; it was a real community effort.

17. Request: Payment of Bills

Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

18. Appointment: Redevelopment Board

Andrew West

(term to expire 9-14-06)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Board requested Mr. West to come to the next meeting to be introduced.

19. Appointment: Human Rights Commission

Marlene Schultz

(term to expire 7/11/08)

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

20. Approval: Budget Transfer

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Michael Mannstadt, MD Letter of appreciation Be Rec'd
7 Marion Circle

Suzanne Gordon
11 Ely Rd.
Ruth Johnson
20 Wilbur Ave. Tree cutting concerns Be Rec'd

Mr. Greeley asked Mr. Sullivan to look into the Wilbur Ave. correspondence and replant a tree if warranted.

Ms. LaCourt had received an email regarding Park Ave and Appleton St.; she'll forward it to Mr. Sullivan, and would like it referred to the Transportation Advisory Committee after it is reviewed.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Greeley announced to all Arlington Heights business owners/employees that there is parking available at Sunrise assisted living, so they should contact Sunrise for information. Mr. Greeley would like this permitted parking process tightened up a bit and the information given to all businesses.

Mr. Greeley sent well wishes to Mrs. Krepelka and hopes she'll be back from sick leave soon.

Mr. Greeley expressed thanks to Arlington residents for the positive override vote and asked Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Sanchez to report back on the water/sewer debt shift on tax bills. Those opposed believe it should be based solely on water usage not value of property.

Mr. Greeley wants to work with the Assessor and the Treasurer on how and when to implement the change over. Ms. LaCourt recommends involving residents via a committee on studying the debt shift and reclassification.

Mr. Greeley stated that Arlington owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Lyons who was the architect for the blueprint for this successful override; it was a great plan with total backing.

Ms. Mahon thanked all the "yes" override voters.

Ms. Mahon would like to make sure the Abatement Program is available for those in need.

Ms. Mahon would like two future agenda items:

- 1) Refer Mr. Frideau to the Assessor and report back to the Board.
- 2) Congratulated John Searson on his promotion to Captain and suggested he come to a future Board of Selectmen meeting with the two new patrolmen once they finish the academy.

Mrs. Dias wanted to restate that the Board agreed to a "no pay as you throw fee" if the override was passed, except for large bulk recycling. Mrs. Dias would like to look into an increase in recycling programs, maybe utilizing volunteers to increasing recycling efforts. Mr. Hurd agreed the environmental basis for increasing recycling is very important. Mr. Hurd would like to create an incentive to recycle but not a fee. Ms. LaCourt restated that she was clear during the override campaign that she will consider a "pay as you throw fee" even if the override was passed.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn to the Goal Setting Workshop at 9:44 pm. SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan