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Selectmen's Minutes 01-05-2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2004

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, and Mr. Lyons.
 Also Present: Mrs. Galkowski, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

1. For Discussion: Symmes & Other Matters
 Redevelopment Board
 The Selectmen received the report and thanked the Board for the information.

2. Request to Appoint Committee
 Peter Allison & Susan Wyly-Jones, Co-Chairs, Arlington Recycling Committee
 Mr. Lyons moved to table until Mrs. Dias reports on the 22nd. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Presentation of Year-End Report
Request for Use of Publicity Board in Front of Town Hall
 Suzanne McLeod, Co-Chair, Arlington Cultural Council
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment – Open Space Committee
 Elizabeth Karpati
 (term to expire 12/8/06)
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Martha Scott reported concerns with traffic, parking, and condo development in the Downing Square area. Ms. Scott asked for the help of the Board in having the Redevelopment Board work with the Traffic Advisory Committee concerning the new condo development planned for the area.

Mr. Hurd moved approval to notify the Redevelopment Board to take into consideration during the permit process a traffic study by the Transportation Advisory Committee concerning development in the Downing Square area. SO VOTED (5-0)

Gordon Jamieson presented 2 issues: 1) capital plan issues and 2) overhead issues. He passed out a report to the Board and requested the following actions:

Forward formal request to Capital Planning Committee to submit two options for consideration by Town Meeting

Based upon FY04 Capcom report

Cash 500K – New debt service 250K – Major projects (exclusion – LT/ST debt)

Notify appropriate departments and committees that you wish to have updated overhead costs reflected in their budget submissions for FY05.

Act to insure that all grant submissions include benefit costs (if recoverable)

Recover under assessments as appropriate (W/S – AHA – Enterprise – Other)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. Request for On Street Overnight Parking
Tricia Ross & Justin Eames, 1450 Mass. Ave. #2
Mr. Lyons moved approval for two spaces. SO VOTED (5-0)
7. For Approval: Payment of Bills
Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
8. For Discussion: Technology Fund Request from School Department
Phil McCarthy, Chair, Cable Television Advisory Committee
Mr. Lyons moved to table until 1-26-04. SO VOTED (5-0)
9. For Discussion: Formation of Information Systems Advisory Committee
Annie LaCourt
Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
10. For Discussion: Needs Assessment/Comcast Negotiations
John F. Maher, Town Counsel
Mr. Maher reported an informal process has begun towards future negotiations.
He asked permission for request of proposal with consultants and information will be brought back to the Board for review and approval.
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Christopher Lorretti Zoning Board of Appeals decision Be Rec'd
56 Adams St.

John F. Maher DEP recycling grant Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Michael Brown Real estate tax concerns Be Rec'd
10 Brattle Ter.

Mr. Lyons addressed Mr. Lorretti's letter by making a motion.

Mr. Lyons made a motion that the Board sends a letter of request to Mr. Lorretti's neighbor to take action and repaint the fence facing Mr. Lorretti's property from pink to white. The Police will notify the Board in 14 days that the action has taken place.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Galkowski passed out the Fiscal 2005 Report for the Board to review.

Mrs. Dias requested that signs be posted at Arlington borders stating "no overnight parking allowed in town". Mr. Maher stated that this was within the Board's jurisdiction.

Mrs. Galkowski will take care of it with the Police Chief.

Mrs. Dias made a motion to put up signs.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Hurd would like the Board to look at the Private Way Act and define the term "minor repairs". Mr. Maher will review the bylaw and stated that the legislation is very strict on how far the bylaw can go. He'll communicate with Mr. Hurd.

Mr. Lyons requested a sub-committee be set up to investigate the process of the web master position that changed recently. He will speak with Ms. Lewis, Mr. Foskett, Ms. Malloy, and Mr. Greeley and report back to the Board on the 26th.

Mr. Greeley requested again a report from the Parking Clerk, John Bilafer, he would like a year review on the parking ticket status.

Mrs. Krepelka will notify Mr. Bilafer to make it a future agenda item.

After some discussion on whether or not to go into Executive Session, Mr. Maher recommended that in order to discuss negotiating non-union personnel they should go into Executive Session or else it could have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position.

Mr. Lyons moved to adjourn into Executive Session.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Executive Session

A True Attest,

Marie Krepelka
Board Administrator