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Selectmen's Minutes 01-26-2004

**+TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2004

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, and Mr. Lyons.

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

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: December 15, 2003

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. For Discussion: Technology Fund Request from School Department

Phil McCarthy, Chair, Cable Television Advisory Committee

After hearing Mr. McCarthy's report and much discussion, the Selectmen decided to wait and table the request for \$104,000. Mr. Maher will meet with Kevin Strange, Kay

Donovan, and the Data Processing Committee and will report back to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hurd moved to table until the Data Processing Report is received. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. Legislation Updates

Senator Robert A. Havern, III

Senator Havern gave an update stating that there is a disconnect from the Senate to the House to the districts. He suggests that the districts meet with the legislators to explain

where the municipalities are financially. He asked that the Board of Selectmen join with the group of municipalities to go to the legislatures. He said by the 2nd week of March a letter will be drafted and asks that Arlington sign on with the others.

Mr. Lyons moved approval to encourage legislation by March 15th to have no less funding than last year.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Lyons also offered to host the meeting of the municipalities. Senator Havern stated he will be in touch with Mrs. Krepelka by the end of the week.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment – Open Space Committee

Adam Pachter

(term to expire 01/26/07)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Reappointment – Council on Aging

Mildred Hurd

(term to expire 01/19/07)
Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. Contractor/Drain Layer Renewals

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request for Use of Publicity Board Outside Town Hall, 2/23/04

Pasquale Tassone, Director, Dept. of Fine Arts, Arlington Public Schools
Performance on 3/6/04, Pink Voyd Concert

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Request for Use of Publicity Board Outside Town Hall, 4/26/04

Pasquale Tassone, Director, Dept. of Fine Arts, Arlington Public Schools
Performance on 5/8-5/9/04, AHS Pops Concert

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Request to Hang Banner on Town Hall, 3/22/04

Pasquale Tassone, Director, Dept. of Fine Arts, Arlington Public Schools
Performance on 4/26/04, *Les Miserable*

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. All Alcohol Club License/Change of Manager

Arlington Elks, Paul G. McLean, Manager, 56 Pond Lane

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Common Victualler License

LC Fusion International Inc., d/b/a China Café, Hsiang Lin, President, 882A Mass. Ave.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. Awning Permit

LC Fusion International Inc., d/b/a China Café, Hsiang Lin, President, 882A Mass. Ave.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Maher reminded them that a bond is necessary for the awning, and they can call him if necessary.

11. Common Victualler License

LLK Company, LLC, d/b/a Crazy Karry's Backyard Grill, Carolyn C. Buehler,
319 Broadway

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Wine & Malt Beverages Only License

LLK Company, LLC, d/b/a Crazy Karry's Backyard Grill, Carolyn C. Buehler,
319 Broadway

After a discussion by the Selectmen it was agreed that Mr. Maher would look at the language in the Selectmen's policy on Wine and Malt and propose necessary changes.

Outside wine and malt serving and consumption is prohibited.

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

Mrs. Dias made a motion for a 6-month review of this license to make sure the Center's character has not been impacted.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Awning Permit

LLK Company, LLC, d/b/a Krazy Karry's Backyard Grill, Carolyn C. Buehler,

319 Broadway

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

14. Outside Table & Chairs

LLK Company, LLC, d/b/a Krazy Karry's Backyard Grill, Carolyn C. Buehler,

319 Broadway

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

15. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

The following was presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Paul DiSessa extended an invitation to the Selectmen, Town Manager, and Mrs. Galkowski including spouses to the Knights of Columbus on 5/21/04 from 7-11 pm.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

16. Report: School Budget Workshop Held on January 11, 2004

Selectman Diane M. Mahon

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report. SO VOTED (5-0)

17. For Discussion: Water/Sewer Rate Recommendation

Nancy T. Galkowski, Acting Town Manager

Mrs. Galkowski reported there has been no rate increase in 10 years for the water/sewer bill, even though the Town has completed major projects and has had increases in personnel and expenses. She has recommended a 25% rate increase starting in July 2004 with an additional 5% increase for 2005 and an additional 5% for 2006. This means for 2004 the average tax bill would increase \$117.00-about \$10.00 per month.

Mr. Lyons voiced his concern that the current infrastructure of middle management is not in place to meet the demand of water pipe repairs/replacements. He requested a plan to consider increasing middle management staff at the D.P.W. (to be a future agenda item). Mrs. Galkowski replied that Mr. Sanchez is currently working on a report concerning this matter.

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

For Discussion: Parking Clerk Report

After some discussion, Mr. Lyons recommended Mr. Bilafer, Mrs. Krepelka, Mr. Hurd, and Mrs. O'Riordan will get together to discuss ways of changing the present sticker system and looking at taking the sticker sales from the Selectmen's office which is not bonded and does not have the same security as the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Bilafer agreed to meet with the group.

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

Mr. Lyons made a motion to insert Mr. Bilafer's warrant articles but with the correction of adding the B.O.S. to the articles submitted. SO VOTED (4-1)

Mr. Greeley voted in the negative.

19. For Discussion: Municipal Relief Legislation

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Maher will talk to the Finance Committee and report back at the next meeting.

20. For Discussion: Private Way Repair

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Hurd explained the intent of the warrant article is to give private way residents a better way to repair roads so the Town does not incur any expenses.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

21. Report: Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

James McGough

Mr. McGough reported the museum has been very successful and now has 74 items for display and thanked the Board for their commitment to the museum. He passed out the Annual Report

22. For Discussion: Special Town Meeting, 2/25/04

Letter from Corinne Rainville, Town Clerk

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Krepelka was asked to send a letter to Supt. Donovan informing her that if the Special Town Meeting does not dispose of all the business as set forth in the Warrant, when the meeting adjourns, is adjourns to Thursday, February 26th at 8:00 p.m.

23. Report: Webmaster

Charles Lyons, Selectman

Mr. Lyons reported his findings as an absolute breakdown in communication. He submitted a report of his investigation to the Board. Mr. Lyons believes Mr. Sprague was mistreated by the process by not letting him know what his rights were.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to transfer monies from the Cable Technology Fund (\$40,000.)

for 1.5 years of employment as an employee of the school department. He would work as the schools' communication specialist with some web responsibilities.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Sal Catanzano Quarterly report Be Rec'd
Animal Control Officer

John F. Maher Letter to Annemarie Walsh re NSTAR gift Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Thomas Steel Raising certain rates for cable television Be Rec'd
RCN

John F. Maher Symmes Hospital Acquisition Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Robert A. Havern Veterans' Memorial Skating Rink Be Rec'd
State Senator

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Dias recommended after the meeting with Peter Allison and the Recycle Committee that the membership of the Committee should be comprised of:

- Each Selectman will have an appointee
- 1 appointee of the School Committee
- 1 appointee of the Recycle Committee
- 1 appointee of the Finance Committee
- 1 appointee of the Council on Aging
- 1 appointee of the Vision 2020 Committee
- 1 appointee of the Housing Authority
- John Sanchez, Director of Public Works, as Chair

Mrs. Dias made a motion to establish a committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Selectmen have until the end of February to appoint their member. The first meeting will be in the beginning of March. Reports will be given periodically to the Board of Selectmen with a final report given by December 31, 2004.

Mrs. Dias reported she was asked by a resident to encourage businesses to remove graffiti in a quicker manner than the present. Mrs. Galkowski recommended that the Dept. of Public Works might guide businesses through a better process for removal if contacted.

Mrs. Krepelka announced that on Thursday, February 29, 2004, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. there will be a Welcome Reception for the new Town Manager, Brian Sullivan, to be held in the Selectmen's Hearing Room.

Mr. Greeley also announced on February 25, 2004 there would be a reception prior to the Special Town Meeting for Town Meeting members to meet the new Town Manager.

Mrs. Galkowski reported back to the Board that the Police Chief and Town Manager have the jurisdiction to erect the "no overnight parking signs" at the Town lines. She passed out a report with a sign design and the locations.

Mrs. Galkowski reported she is still comprising data to report back to the Board concerning non-union employee health insurance savings analysis.

Mrs. Galkowski is inserting a warrant article for the Special Town Meeting to pay weather related Library damages out of the Municipal Trust Fund in case it is necessary.

Mrs. Mahon presented a warrant article dealing with snow removal of sidewalks and bylaw notification to residents and businesses yearly of fees if there is non-compliance to the snow removal.

Mrs. Mahon invited everyone to attend the Cancer Relay for Life Fundraiser to be held on June 18 and 19, 2004. She also announced an additional fundraiser on March 12, 2004 at the Montvale Plaza.

Mr. Hurd reported that the interviews for the open appointment on Transportation Advisory Committee have been completed and they are in the process of picking the candidate. He would like this to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Mr. Lyons would like a change to the current policy of Drake Village residents paying for for the overnight parking at Hurd Field. He would like the Arlington Housing Authority on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss perhaps them buying spaces (reduced rate) and use a lottery system for the senior fixed income residents.

Mr. Lyons would also like to look at a payment plan for residents in regards to the \$365.00 overnight sticker fee.

Mr. Greeley asked Mr. Maher to draft a warrant article increasing the amount of all alcohol licenses and present said article to the Board of Selectmen.

Executive Session

Mr. Greeley moved to convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with non-union personnel so not to affect the negotiations in a detrimental way.

Mr. Lyons yes

Mr. Hurd yes
Mr. Greeley yes
Mrs. Mahon yes
Mrs. Dias yes

The Board returned to open session at 11:10 p.m.

Mr. Lyons moved to adjourn at 11:15 p.m.

A true record: Attest:

Marie Krepelka
Board Administrator