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Selectmen's Minutes 03-01-2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2004

7:15 p.m.

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

Also Present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

1. For Discussion: Informational Report on Impending Layoffs

Richard Marquis

Mr. Marquis, President of the Firefighters, would like the Board to look at the \$9,000. budget deficit and try to find a way to help so that a firefighter isn't cut because the Fire

Department is at a dangerously low level. He stresses the town is growing in both structures and number of people, this is a serious issue.

The Selectmen agree no one wants layoffs, it is a fiscally difficult time, and the Town Manager will need time to look at the town budget.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

2. Appointment New Election Workers

Kerry J. Tacey, 253 Pleasant St. #1, Pct. 7, U

Mary Gallant, 8 Pine Court, Pct. 21, U

Francis B. Burke, 19 Freeman St., Pct. 1, D

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

3. Request: Wednesday Evening Concerts, 7/7-7/28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Michèle Meagher, Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Meagher would like to have signage for 48 hours each week during July.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to the Town Manager. SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Request: Park at Hurd Field, 4/12, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., 15-20 Spaces

Susan Cuqua, President, Irish American Club of Arlington, Inc.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lyons arrived at meeting.

6. Warrant Article Hearings

Article 31 Vote Amendment/Wetlands Protection

Mr. Ferraro's intent with this article is to repeal the expiration date so that people can apply for a variance any time.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of article for a 1 year period to be revisited next year.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 32 Special Place/The Old Schwamb Mill

Ms. Meister's intent with this article is to protect around Schwamb Mill-the oldest continuing mill in the country-100 feet as a special place by the Historical Commission.

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 33 Bylaw Amendment/Special Places

Mr. Cole's intent with this article is to have Town Meeting revote on special places by-laws because it only passed by 1 vote with 95 meeting members not voting. Also because it is unfair to homeowners within 100 feet who bought without this condition.

Mr. Lyons moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 34 Safe Placement of Newborns and Infants

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until originators are present.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 35 Home Rule Legislation/Timothy Pacheco

There was discussion about lack of wellness requirements in Arlington, age requirements, and that this is only allowing the originator the opportunity to go to Town Meeting to present case.

Mr. Lyons moved approval with a 3-year time limit.

SO VOTED (4-1)

Mrs. Dias voted in the negative.

Article 36 Request for Legislation/Meeting Notices

Mr. Abbott's intent with this article is to reduce advertisement cost and all notifications are to be done on Arlington's website. After Board discussion it was felt Mr. Abbott should meet with Town Counsel to go over some information i.e.: advertising costs etc.

Mr. Greeley moved to table.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 37 Home Rule Legislation/Beer, Wine, and Malt Sale Licenses

Mr. Mansfield's intent with this article is for Arlington to keep shoppers in town regarding beer, wine, and liquor purchasing. During the discussion there was confusion on what malt liquor means so the Board will redraw the article for voters to vote on: 1) beer and wine purchasing, and 2) liquor purchasing.

Mr. Lyons moved no action on this warrant but the Board will write an article.

This will be an agenda item on the 15th.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 38 Request for Legislation/All Alcohol Licenses

The intent of this article is to up the number of all alcohol licenses from 5 to 10.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Manny Cannario & Concerns regarding on street parking on Fairmont St. Be Rec'd
Jean Munsey
67 Fairmont St.

Mr. Lyons refers this matter to Mr. Sullivan to look into and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Krepelka will put on the 15th agenda the precinct polling changes.

Mr. Maher reported that the meeting with the Chief Executive of Lahey was a positive meeting-Lahey would be extending the lease. Mr. Maher is encouraging both Lahey and I.E. Fisher to work out a long-term lease agreement.

Mrs. Mahon reported there was a Pop Warner banquet last week and that they are thankful for a new facility and uniforms next year.

Mr. Hurd reported on the Technology sub-committee that they are in progress of putting together goals, expectations, and committee make up and this will go back to the full committee for review.

Mr. Hurd has concern with closing Chestnut Manor Polling place due to the 3 senior facilities that walk to the poles. He would like to discuss this at the March 15th meeting.

Mr. Lyons asked Mr. Sullivan if there are any serious considerations with the new trash contract? Mr. Sullivan is working on the RFP and will bring forward any big changes.

Mr. Greeley will include the Redevelopment Board with the Symmes developers at the March 15th meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

A true record: Attest:

Marie Krepelka
Board Administrator

Executive Session