

Town of Arlington  
Select Board  
Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2019  
7:15 PM

Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Dunn, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Mr. DeCoursey  
Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim, Mrs. Krepelka  
Absent: Mr. Curro

**PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation to Declare June as Pride Month in Arlington

Select Board member Dunn read the Proclamation declaring the month of June as Pride Month in the Town of Arlington.

Acting Chief of Police Juliann Flaherty stated the following:

The Arlington Police Department is extremely proud of its partnership with the Rainbow Commission. As Captain, I had served as the police liaison to the commission since it was established. When I was appointed as the acting police chief, I chose to remain the liaison and will continue in this role, as I believe our support for our LGBTQIA+ neighbors is best expressed from the top--our support for and friendship with our neighbors exists at all levels of our department, from the top, to the newest patrol officer, however. I am aware of the history our neighbors have with law enforcement on the national level, and the Arlington Police Department strives every day to build and improve relationships with our neighbors and fellow citizens--we know that this will take time, effort, and actions. This year, our entire police department will undergo eight hours of training to assist law enforcement with better understanding and serving our LGBTQIA+ community members. The training, titled "Out to Protect" was recommended by the Arlington Rainbow Commission. We will also continue to support the Commission in its events and programming by absorbing the cost of detail officers for events such as painting the town hall crosswalk in the colors of the rainbow. My message, as your police chief, is this: We exist to ensure the safety, security and well-being of all citizens. Our LGBTQIA+ neighbors are citizens, and we demand and work every day to ensure equal protection under the law for all citizens.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 6/8/19 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event  
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7. For Approval: Hackney/Taxi Business Operator's Permit Renewal  
Boston Ride, Abdullahi Magan

Mr. Dunn moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (4-0)

## **APPOINTMENTS**

8. Arlington Cultural Council  
Susan Larson (term to expire 6/30/2022)  
Susan Larson appeared before the Board to express her interest in being a part of the Arlington Cultural Council.

Mr. DeCoursey moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

## **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established. It should be noted that there is a three minute time limit to present a concern or request.

Christian Klein, on behalf of the Friends of Robbins Farm Park, appeared before the Board asking that his request to revive the Annual Independence Day Celebration at Robbins Farm Park

be withdrawn. Due to the poor growth of the new grass on the field, the Park and Recreation Commission determined that the field would be fenced off and closed for the third summer in a row. Mr. Klein stated he would be back at a later date, hopefully next year, to have a Celebration on Independence Day.

Lenard Diggins, 8 Windsor Street, appeared before the Board to ask why the upcoming election is on a Tuesday rather than a Saturday. Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Mahon explained to Mr. Diggins as to why we are having it on Tuesday and not Saturday and he was very satisfied with the explanation.

### **TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS**

9. For Approval: Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendations

a) Crosswalk on Summer Street @ Victoria Road/Buzzell Field

b) Traffic Calming on Herbert Road @ Entrance to Magnolia Park

Howard Muise, Chair

Howard Muise, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board to request approval of only the first item; the second item was only a report back to the Board.

Mr. DeCoursey moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Request: Two Spaces, On Street Overnight Parking @ 118 Westminster Avenue

Will and Diane Stansbury

(tabled from 5/20/2019 meeting)

Mrs. Stansbury asked that her request be postponed until the Board's meeting on June 17. She is having an Engineer draft a new proposal and said report will not be ready until June 15.

Mr. Dunn moved approval to postpone.

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Discussion and Approval: Changing Name of Senior Center to Community Center

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated this name change represents a movement across the country to shift away from terminology such as senior and elder, towards more age-friendly and inclusive terminology. The name change concept has been brought to both the Council on Aging Board as well as the Arlington Seniors Association.

Mr. DeCoursey moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

12. For Approval: Temporary Repairs to Regis Road

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine presented the following memo from Jim Feeney, Assistant Town Manager, regarding temporary repairs to Regis Road:

Members of the Board may recall Regis Rd. is a private way, the abutters of which petitioned the Board in both February 2018 and April 2017 for relief from its deteriorating condition. Additionally, the abutters presented well-documented claims regarding the use of the road for Thompson School drop-off/pick-up and parking, as well as it being used as a delivery route during school construction periods. Since the abutters' last appearance at the June 11, 2018

meeting, we have met to explore various options to repair or repave the road, as well as strategies for addressing parking issues. Frankly, based on its current condition, the road itself requires a full depth reconstruction; no lesser treatment is feasible. With that in mind, although the abutters had reached critical mass to pursue a betterment, the eventuality of the utility provider needing to replace gas main infrastructure (as they were doing elsewhere in the vicinity) in at least the semi-near future presented a seemingly insurmountable hurdle. Understandably so, abutters wanted not to see their new road trenched. Given the circumstances, and following the resolution of relevant industry work stoppages, we facilitated a dialogue with National Grid regarding the scheduling of this future work for the 2020 construction season. As the time nears, we are considering facilitating a conversation between the abutters and National Grid, with the goal being the latter contributing funds to the road project instead of expending resources on what would amount to temporary post-construction restoration activities. If successful, the result would be a corresponding decrease in the cost-share burden borne by each household. Now that this work is tentatively scheduled, and since the abutters' are well positioned to pursue a betterment upon its completion, we are seeking authorization to perform temporary repairs aimed at providing a passable road until more extensive work begins. Here, we seek authorization under Section 3(B): Town Criteria to abate immediate hazards. After evaluation earlier this spring, in accordance with the provisions of the Town's recently revised Betterment Bylaw, the Director of Public Works deemed the current state of this road to significantly impact the safe passage of public safety vehicles and other Town vehicles and/or equipment. As an aside, it is worth noting this new, clearly defined instrumentality provides flexibility in addressing individual private way matters on a case-by-case basis. In light of this pending request, we have arranged to provide for a temporary road closure on June 15th such that abutters can perform a clean-up of the road surface. This will involve collecting chunks of asphalt dislodged during plow operations, sweeping, shoveling and cleaning sediment from inside and around potholes and other areas of loss to facilitate temporary patching. The debris will be placed at either end of the road to facilitate haul and away and disposal by the Town at a later date. This will be a labor-intensive and time consuming process, and the Town is thankful the residents are willing to partner with Public Works to do their part to bring this project to fruition as it is not often well understood the level of effort and resources required to complete a project of this nature. Finally, on a subsequent day when time and materials allow, Public Works will perform temporary asphaltic patching to provide for safer travel. There is no expectation the repairs will be anything but temporary given the failure of the road surface and sub-grade and the wear and tear endured during winter operations; nevertheless, with a betterment on the horizon, the repairs need only be temporary and we believe it is prudent in this instance to proceed with these repairs as part of the larger solution we have collectively developed.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

13. For Discussion and Approval: Revision to Parking Implementation & Governance Committee Charter

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine presented a revision to the Parking Implementation and Governance Committee Charter, which involved changes to the make-up of the members.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

14. Requests for Authorization: Parmenter School  
a) Authorization to Execute Lease Extension for Arlington Children's Center - Update to Capital Contribution  
b) Authorization to Issue RFP for Lease of Ground Floor Space in Former ISB space  
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager  
Mr. Dunn moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

15. Discussion and Approval: Renewal of Lime Bike License  
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager  
Scott Mullen, Director of Expansion, Northeast asked the Select Board to extend Lime's Bike Share Operator License for one additional year. They have made two adjustments for the 2019 season:  
1. For the 2019 season, they are implementing a 'demand based supply' model. This means we will match actual demand with the appropriate number of bicycles based on trips per vehicles per day (TVD) metrics. Our target is @TVDs and, should they have higher usage they would add additional bicycles. Conversely, if we are seeing less ridership we would hold levels or reduce bicycles. This means our goals will be closely aligned with the Town's to maintain brisk ridership while ensuring a minimum of idle bicycles. If the data suggestions that the current minimum of 50 bicycles or maximum of 300 bicycles should change. Lime will notify the Licensing Board of a desire to change the fleet size so we can discuss per the agreement.  
2. The Lime fleet will shift entirely to e-bikes, which have proven to be much more popular with riders. Our pedals assist e-bikes make bike share accessible to a larger portion of the population and allow riders to tackle hills more easily and arrive to their destination with less sweat.  
Mr. Dunn moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

16. For Discussion: Board Designee Committee Appointments  
Diane Mahon, Chair  
(tabled from 5/20/2019 meeting)  
Mrs. Mahon asked all members present if they wanted to continue on said committees or be added to additional committees. Mrs. Krepelka will send out revised list to each member.

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

17. Request Tax Relief for Senior Citizen Renters  
Nancy M. Forte, 110 Lake Street  
Mr. Dunn moved receipt of "Correspondence Received". SO VOTED (4-0)  
Mrs. Forte was present at said meeting and thanked the Board for receiving her letter and wanted them to know that she is thrilled that she is a resident of the Town.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Chapdelaine wanted to thank Jeff Chunglo and the Veterans Council for the wonderful Memorial Day Ceremony. Mr. Chapdelaine also mentioned the chair outside of the Select Board office that is dedicated to the three Arlington residents who were missing in action. Mr. Chapdelaine shared that the Town has been awarded a Safe Routes to School Grant for the

Stratton neighborhood in the amount of \$887,000 for significant pedestrian safety improvements in the neighborhood.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he has been meeting with members of the Arlington Redevelopment Board and the Planning Director on a path forward from Town Meeting. One thing in particular is to have the Town Manager and the Planning Director talk with the Board over a series of a number of agenda items about data and statistics on housing in the region and in Arlington. This would lead to a joint meeting with the Board and the Redevelopment Board sometime in the fall to talk about what the Redevelopment Board may actual pursue for zoning changes in the future.

Mr. DeCoursey attended the Arlington High School Graduation on June 1, 2019, which he stated was wonderful. His son, Mark, graduated and the ceremony was excellent from the beginning to end. The speakers were excellent and the students (339) were great.

Mr. Dunn wanted to remind everyone to vote in the election on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mahon wanted to also thank Jeff Chunglo and his wife for their efforts on the Memorial Day events.

Mrs. Mahon also asked Mr. Chapdelaine the status of fixing the front doors to Town Hall.

Mr. Dunn moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board June 17, 2019

A True Record Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator

6/3/2019

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