

TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
7:15 PM

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

1. For Approval: Appointment of Treasurer-Collector  
Daniel J. Dunn, Chair  
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine asked the Board to approve the appointment of Phyllis Marshall-Hartman to the position of Treasurer-Collector. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that Ms. Marshall-Hartman brings a great deal of experience in the role of Treasurer-Collector, but also brings varied municipal experience that can bring value to the finance team.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Minutes of Meetings: July 26, 2018
3. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 9/22/18 @ Whittemore Robbins House for a Private Event  
Sarah Haig
4. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 9/22/18 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event  
Sarah Delude and Brad Edmondson
5. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 9/29/18 @ Robbins Library Reading Room for a Private Event  
Jeanne Bartolomeo
6. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 9/29/18 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event  
Meg Price and Greg Hamilton
7. Reappointment: Community Preservation Committee  
Ann Woodward (term to expire 6/30/2021)
8. Appointments of New Election Workers: (1) Eileen Blasi, 4 Winslow Street, U, Pct. 7; (2) Anne Breslin, 48 Peirce Street, U, Pct. 15; (3) Daniel Brosnan, 18 Wachusett Avenue, U, Pct. 11; (4) Kathleen Doyle, 112 Decatur Street, U, Pct. 6; (5) Antoinette Festa, 54

Medford Street, U, Pct. 7; (6) Francis Foley, 1182 Massachusetts Avenue, U, Pct. 13; (7) Gillian McArthur, 88 Park Avenue, D, Pct. 20; (8) Joyce Radochia, 45 Columbia Road, U, Pct. 19; (9) Helen Taylor, 92 Rawson Road, D, Pct.1; (10) Florence Williams, 18 Ronald Road, D, Pct. 15

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### **LICENSES & PERMITS**

9. 7:15 p.m. Eversource Petition/Garden Street (private way)  
Richard Schifone, Supervisor, Rights and Permits  
(all abutters notified)

Eversource asked that said petition be withdrawn.

10. For Approval: Common Victualler and All Alcohol License  
Mini Punjab, 444 Massachusetts Avenue, Kashmir Singh

Attorney Heim recommended that the Select Board ask Mr. Singh to compile information regarding the clarity on the trademark or the willingness to come up with an alternative proposal with Mr. Leones client.

Mrs. Mahon moved to postpone until Monday, September 24, 2018.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. For Approval: Public Entertainment License

Town Tavern, 193 Massachusetts Avenue, George Mullan

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

### **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.

Eli Elkhoul, 125 Broadway, asked the Board if they would consider self-serve at one of his gas pumps for his business. He stated he is having trouble hiring an employee just to pump gas and he is at the point where he has to decide to close the pump down and just do repairs.

Select Board, Chair, stated that it had been a previous Warrant Article and Town Meeting voted against it.

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

12. Update: Selectmen Awards

Jack Hurd, Committee Chair

Mr. Hurd stated that the Committee has meet and would like to add a Good Citizen Award to the list of Selectmen Awards that are being considered for the Awards Event to be held on

November 28th. Elaine Shea and Clarissa Rowe spoke in favor a creating a Margaret Spengler Award in honor of a woman. The deadline for submitting nominees is October 12th.

Mr. Curro moved to approve said recommendation.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### 13. Bus Rapid Transit Pilot

#### a) Presentation: Implementation Recommendations

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

#### b) Discussion: Concerns re Pilot Program

Claire Rabin, Quebrada and Capitol Square Businesses

Mr. Chapdelaine stated the Arlington BRT pilot project reviewed several options for three segments of Massachusetts Avenue in East Arlington. The three segments consisted of the following areas:

1. Massachusetts Avenue at Lake Street intersection
2. Massachusetts Avenue corridor from just east of the Lake Street intersection to just west of Alewife Brook Parkway
3. Massachusetts Avenue at Alewife Brook Parkway intersection

Mr. Chapdelaine presented an extensive overview of the Massachusetts Avenue Bus Priority Pilot Program.

Claire Rabin, Quebrada and the Capitol Square Businesses, presented the Select Board with a petition signed by 700 people who were concerned with parking changes. They thanked the Board for listening to their concerns and are pleased the way everyone came together.

Mr. Greeley moved approval to endorse this Pilot Program.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### 14. For Discussion and Approval: National Grid Correspondence re Gas Permits and Select Board Response

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of letter to be sent to Christopher S. Aronson, Senior Counsel, National Grid regarding the Town Manager's decision to withhold issuance of new, non-emergency permits for gas construction permits until National Grid's gas workers return to work. Mrs. Mahon stated that Winchester Select Board voted to double down on safety and oversight for all gas projects in Town. The three of the Select Board members strongly argued that the main purpose of the moratorium is ensuring the safety of Winchester residents. Mrs. Mahon also stated that Attorney General Maura Healey's office is calling on the Department of Public Utilities to conduct a "transparent investigation" into whether the gas company is in compliance with state and federal safety regulations.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### 15. Discussion: Concerns re National Grid Private Permit Moratorium

Brian Callahan, Contractor

Jeffrey Borstell, Contractor

Mr. Borstell, Contractor and owner of property at 17 Aerial Street asked the Board to make an exception to the Moratorium on Gas Permits. He stated that it is a financial hardship for his family if he cannot have permission to have a permit to cap and cut gas line for this property.

Brian Callahan, Contractor and owner of property at 658 and 660 Summer Street, stated that he received a Building Permit last September 2017, and through no fault of the Town of Arlington or his, the unforeseen circumstances of the National Grid strike have forced an indeterminate delay. The project is ready for completion pending gas installation. This delay is jeopardizing the economic well-being of his family, his employees and his subcontractors. If he fails to have gas lines installed before the November cutoff date, he will have empty properties that he will have to carry throughout the winter.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she feels the Moratorium should stand and the Town should work with the Attorney General's Office and Department of Public Safety regarding hardship cases.

Mr. Greeley stated he would like to make exceptions to the Moratorium but he does not want to jeopardize public safety to the citizens of Arlington.

Mr. Curro feels we should contact the Department of Public Utilities and the Attorney General's Office for assistance and regards to case-by-case emergencies. Mr. Curro also suggested that we further define what our policy is regarding emergency work.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table to Monday, September 24, 2018. SO VOTED (4-1)  
Mr. Greeley voted in the negative.

16. For Approval: Receipt of Gift of James Athens to Establish a Fund for the Benefit of  
Arlington Seniors

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

The Select Board voted to accept a gift from James Athens in memory of his beloved wife, Helen. The amount of said donation is \$100,062.89. The principal of which is to be maintained, and the income to be used for the charitable purpose of administering programs benefitting the Town of Arlington's senior residents.

17. Vote: Special Town Meeting, December 5, 2018

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that this Special Town Meeting is being called to discuss zoning for the adult use of Marijuana.

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

18. For Approval: Opening of Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Select Board voted to open the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting to take place on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Arlington Town Hall. The Warrant will open Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Dunn asked the Board to take Correspondence Received before entering into Executive Session and returning to the Town Manager's Contract.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

20. Docking Stations for Green Bikes

Bob Radochia, 45 Columbia Road

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of Correspondence Received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To conduct a strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, the Town Manager, and/or conduct contract negotiations with same.

19. Vote: Town Manager Contract, if appropriate

Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

Mrs. Mahon moved to enter Executive Session and to return to Public Session to announce the vote of the Board.

SO VOTED (5-0)

After Executive Session, the Board returned to Public Session and Mrs. Mahon re-stated the motion made in Executive Session to approve the Town Manager's Contract for 2019 to 2022.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:45 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of BoS September 24, 2018

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator  
9/12/2018

Agenda Items	Documents Used
1	Town Manager Memorandum, P. Hartman Resume
2	Draft Minutes 7.26.18
3	Haig Special Beer and Wine Application
4	Delude/Edmondson Special Beer and Wine Application
5	Bartolomeo Special Beer and Wine Application
6	Hamilton Special Beer and Wine Application
7	Town Manager Memorandum, Meeting Notice
8	New Election Workers Master Records
9	Engineering Recommendations, Eversource Request, Petition, Order and Abutter Notice

10	Letter of Objection, Inspection Reports, CV and All Alcohol Application
11	Inspection Reports, Public Entertainment Application
12	Update: Selectmen Awards, Jack Hurd, Committee Chair
13	Bus Rapid Transit Pilot Presentation: a) Implementation Recommendations - Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager b) Discussion: Concerns re Pilot Program, Claire Rabin: Quebrada and Capitol Square Businesses
14	Letter from C. Aronson, National Grid Senior Counsel, Draft Response to National Grid
15	Moratorium - Letter from B. Callahan, E-mail from J. Borstell
16	Approval: Receipt of Gift of from James Athens
17	Vote: Special Town Meeting - December 5, 2018
18	For Approval: Opening of Special Town Meeting Warrant
19	Vote: Town Manager Contract - Daniel J. Dunn, Chair
20 – Correspondence Received	Letter from R. Radochia regarding docking stations for Green Bikes