

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2019
7:15 PM

Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

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

1. Organizational Meeting for the Purpose of Electing a Chair and a Vice Chair
Marie A. Krepelka, Board Administrator

The first order of business was to have an organizational meeting for electing a Chair and Vice Chair. Mrs. Krepelka asked for nominations from the Board. Mr. Hurd nominated Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Curro.

A roll call vote was taken and Mrs. Mahon was elected Chair. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Krepelka asked for nominations from the Board for Vice Chair. Mr. Curro nominated Mr. Dunn seconded by Mrs. Mahon.

A roll call was taken and Mr. Dunn was elected Vice Chair. SO VOTED (5-0)

The organizational meeting was dissolved and Mrs. Krepelka handed the gavel over to Mrs. Mahon. Mrs. Mahon congratulated Mr. DeCoursey on his election to the Board.

2. Presentation: Arlington High School Building Committee
Jeff Thielman, AHSBC

Mr. Thielman and the Arlington High School Building Committee gave a presentation before the Board. The Town will vote to fund the school in a Special Election as the proposal requires a debt-exclusion including two-thirds support to fund the \$291 million project. Mr. Thielman stated a new school is necessary due to growing enrollment and serious concerns about the current building's ability to be accredited. He stated that enrollment is nearly at capacity and it will exceed capacity in a few years.

Arlington High School Principal, Matthew Janger, stated that Arlington is not a normal high school. It ranks as the ninth best high school in the state and if Massachusetts were a country, it would be one of the highest ranked countries in terms of education.

Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine, stated the high price tag is partially because of a building expansion in the Boston area that has led construction costs to skyrocket.

Select Board Member Curro stated that Arlington residents take great pride in the quality of their education, but the current condition of the school is embarrassing.

Select Board Member Hurd echoed the same sentiments and stated he is very impressed with how the committee has handled public input to the project.

The Board thanked the Arlington High School Building Committee for an excellent presentation. Select Board Member Curro stated he knows this project has been a herculean effort to balance with many demands from the public and cannot thank them enough for their presentation tonight.

Mr. Dunn moved approval to support the building of Arlington High School. SO VOTED (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Reappointment: LGBTQIA + Rainbow Commission
Mel Goldsipe (term to expire 1/31/2022)
4. Request: Special (One Day) All Alcohol License, 5/4/19 @ the Robbins Library Reading Room for a Private Event
Jenny Cascio and Russ Gautier
5. Request: Special (One Day) All Alcohol License, 5/18/19 @ Fidelity House, 25 Medford Street for Annual Fundraiser
Frank Tessitore, President, Friends of Fidelity House
6. Appointment of New Election Workers: (1) P.J. Gardner, 22 Hamilton Road, D, Pct. 1; (2) Karen Meehan, 54 Medford Street, U, Pct. 10; (3) Joseph Murphy, 155 Warren Street, R, Pct.9; (4) Alex Wilson, 438 Massachusetts Ave., D, Pct. 11

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

7. For Approval: Common Victualler License
Abbott's Frozen Custard, 311 Broadway, Jason Denoncourt

Mr. Curro moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

8. For Approval: Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendations:

a) Stop Signs on Hayes Street @ Mystic Lake Drive and Hayes Street @ Maynard Street
Howard Muise, Chair

Mr. Muise, Chair of TAC, asked the Select Board to authorize installation of STOP signs on both approaches of Mystic Lake Drive and Maynard Street to Hayes Street. The original request suggests that Stop signs could be used to slow traffic travelling on Hayes Street, although a speeding issue has not been established. Mr. Muise stated that this is an inappropriate use of

Stop signs. Stop signs control right-of-way at intersections and MUTCD guidance notes that "Yield or Stop signs should not be used for speed control." Volume data collected by the APD shows that approximately 106 vehicles travel eastbound on Hayes Street towards Medford Street each morning in the peak hour between 8-9 a.m. The highest morning peak hour volume was 156 vehicles on Wednesday, October 17, and the lowest was 70 vehicles on Friday, October 19. Similarly, about 106 vehicles travel eastbound on Hayes Street during the evening peak hour between 5-6 p.m. Westbound traffic volumes traveling on Hayes Street towards Mystic Valley Parkway are considerably less, with fewer than 20 vehicles on average during the morning and evening peak periods.

b) Thorndike Street at Magnolia Park Entrance

Howard Muise, Chair

At its October 22, 2018 meeting, the Select Board voted to forward to TAC a request for traffic calming on Thorndike Street at the Magnolia Park entrance. Bill Palmteer, a resident of Thorndike Street, made the request. Dan Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner with the Planning Department met with Mr. Palmteer to better understand his concern, which primarily involved making drivers more aware of the park entrance, especially for drivers who may not use the street regularly.

Based on Mr. Amstutz's site visit and meeting with Mr. Palmteer, the TAC voted to recommend the following:

1. The Select Board should establish a no parking area 20 feet either side of the park entrance on the southbound side of Thorndike Street. This would eliminate parked cars blocking driver's view of people exiting the park entrance.
2. The Department of Public Works should install playground warning signs on both approaches to the park entrance.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture Annual Report 2018

Adria Arch, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, ACAC Co-Chairs

Ms. Arch stated the mission of the new Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture is to promote and develop programs that integrate arts and culture into daily life, expand creative opportunities, and foster a vibrant, sustainable arts scene to engage a diverse range of artists, residents, businesses and visitors. Ms. Arch stated that this has been a significant transitional year for the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture (formerly, Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture). While the bylaw was being reviewed by the State Attorney General's Office, applications to join the new ACAC poured in. ACAC is excited to welcome many new members to the Commission and to our Action Committees. The expanded Commission launched in September of 2018.

The Board thanked Ms. Arch and everyone who volunteered to work on the Arts and Culture Committee.

Mr. Curro moved receipt of said report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. For Approval: Chairful Where You Sit at Uncle Sam Plaza, June 8

Adria Arch

Chair, Arlington Public Art

Co-Chair, Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture

The Arlington Public Art, a committee of the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture requests permission to use the Uncle Sam Plaza as their site for this year's fundraiser and community public art event, Chairful Where You Sit.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Discussion & Vote: Override and Debt Exclusion
Daniel J. Dunn, Select Board

Mr. Dunn and Mr. Curro presented revisions to the original commitments that were proposed. The Board discussed these revisions and will come back to vote on the Override and Debt Exclusion at the meeting on April 17.

12. Discussion: Future Select Board Meetings

The Board moved to schedule the following Select Board Meetings:

April 17, 2019

April 22, 2019

May 6, 2019

May 20, 2019

June 3, 2019

June 17, 2019

July 22, 2019

August 12, 2019

13. Vote: Approval of Town Manager's Evaluation
Daniel J. Dunn

The Board members overall are extremely pleased to have Adam Chapdelaine as Town Manager and look forward to working with him as Town Manager for many years to come.

Mr. Chapdelaine thanked the Board for all their kind remarks and stated he thinks it is helpful for him to receive this kind of positive feedback and critical feedback so he can continue to see where he can focus and improve.

Mrs. Mahon also thanked Caryn Malloy for doing an excellent job in preparing Adam's performance review.

Mr. Dunn moved approval of said performance evaluation.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)*

*Mr. DeCoursey did not vote since he was not a member of the Select Board.

DRAFT VOTES FOR SELECT BOARD REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

14. Articles for Approval:
- Article 27 Bylaw Amendment/Town Meeting Speaking Times
 - Article 28 Bylaw Amendment/Recycling Committee Membership and Mission
 - Article 29 Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Polystyrene
 - Article 31 Bylaw Amendment/Rename Community Preservation Committee
 - Article 32 Bylaw Amendment/Tree Protection and Preservation
 - Article 33 Bylaw Amendment/Notice of Demolition
 - Article 34 Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Outdoor Lighting - Dark Skies Bylaw
 - Article 35 Bylaw Amendment/Short-Term Rental Regulations
 - Article 36 Bylaw Amendment/Election Modernization Study Group
 - Article 37 Vote/Remove Police Chief from Civil Service
 - Article 41 Vote/Arlington Redevelopment Board Membership and Terms
 - Article 42 Home Rule Legislation/Town Treasurer
 - Article 44 Home Rule Legislation/CPA Surcharge Exemption for Senior Homeowners
 - Article 45 Extending Local Voting Rights to All Legal Permanent Arlington Residents
 - Article 47 Acceptance of Legislation/ PEG Access Fund
 - Article 50 Local Option/Short Term Rental Impact Fees
 - Article 53 Endorsement of Parking Benefit District Expenditures
 - Article 78 Resolution/Indigenous Peoples' Day

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)*

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FINAL VOTES & COMMENTS

Articles for Review:

- Article 26 Bylaw Amendment/Billboards and Signs
- Article 30 Bylaw Amendment/Waterline Replacement (tabled from 3/25/19 meeting)
- Article 38 Vote/Set Senior Tax Deferral Limit
- Article 39 Vote/Authorization to Deaccession Town Property-Library Art Prints
- Article 40 Vote/Robbins Library Parking Costs
- Article 43 Home Rule Legislation/Mean-Tested Senior Tax Relief
- Article 46 Acceptance of Legislation/Establishment of a Commission on Disabilities Fund
- Article 51 Endorsement of CDBG Application
- Article 52 Revolving Funds
- Article 79 Resolution/Overnight Parking Exemption Program for Medical and Financial Hardships

Please find reference under Agenda Item 14

Mr. Dunn moved approval except for Article 30 - Bylaw Amendment Waterline Replacement.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)*

*Mr. Decourcey did not vote since he was not a member of the Select Board.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

15. Request for a Cross Walk on Grove Street
Carla Rice, 35 College Avenue

Mr. Curro referred Ms. Rice to the TAC for review and recommendations.

Mr. Curro moved receipt of “Correspondence Received”

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeCoursey stated he attended the Arlington High School Performing Arts Musical 'Me & My Girl' on Friday, April 5th. It was a great performance and a sellout crowd.

Mrs. Mahon asked if the Manager could contact Verizon regarding the X marks on several poles throughout town and ask what can take off said marks.

Mrs. Mahon asked Town Counsel to prepare for the Cannabis procedures and applications along with the new alcohol license hearings after Town Meeting is over.

Mr. Curro moved to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board Wednesday, April 17, 2019

A true record attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

4/8/19

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