

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2019
7:15 PM

Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Farmers' Market 2019
Patsy Kraemer, Market Manager
2. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
Knight Excavation Company, Inc., 410 Lebanon Street, Malden, MA
3. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 4/28/19 at Whittemore Robbins
House for 'Japanese Sister City Dinner'
Sue Sheffler
4. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 5/4/19 @ Arlington Masonic Hall for
the Arlington Center for the Arts 'Jugband Festival'
Linda Shoemaker, ACA
5. Appointment of New Election Workers: (1) Sean Brogan, 20 Old Mystic Street, U, Pct. 3;
(2) Evelyn Ginsparg, 370 Gray Street, D, Pct. 14

Mr. Curro 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.

No one appeared before the Board for Citizens Open Forum.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

6. For Approval: MBTA Bus Stop Signage Installation and Replacement Initiative,
Wachusett Avenue @ Florence Avenue

Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner
(tabled from 2/25/19 meeting)

The bus stop under additional review is on the southbound side of Wachusett Avenue approximately 125' south of the intersection with Wachusett Avenue and Florence Avenue. An MBTA bus sign is currently located on a utility pole in front of the residence at 131 Wachusett Avenue. This pole is approximately 25' south of the driveway leading into 131 Wachusett Avenue. As a result, the bus stop appears to be only 25' long if the driveway is not taken into account.

The MBTA proposes to place a second bus stop sign 25' north of the driveway at 131 Wachusett Avenue to delineate the bus stop zone in this area. This would extend the bus stop to be approximately 60-70' long, which is the MBTA's minimum stop length for a far-side bus stop based on their 2018 Bus Stop Planning Design Guide. This stop is considered to be on the "far-side", where the stop is located after the intersection, and the standard stop configuration is diagrammed in the Bus Stop Planning and Design Guide under 4-2.

The MBTA has communicated to the Town that extending the bus stop zone is a critical aspect of ensuring that all bus stops in the MBTA system are accessible to persons with disabilities and for the safety of bus riders, drivers, and residents.

The Arlington Disability Commission at their March 20, 2019 meeting voted to unanimously support the MBTA's request to lengthen bus stop zones, including this stop at Wachusett and Florence Avenue. Staff request that the Select Board approve the new bus stop sign at this location and the associated parking restrictions be put in place. This change will improve safety and accessibility for bus riders, drivers, and residents, the Disability Commission supports this change; the parking impact of this request is minimal; adjacent properties have private driveways; additional on-street parking is available within a short distance from this location; and parking utilization for this street is generally low on a day-to-day basis.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. For Discussion and Approval: Calling a Special Election on June 11, 2019, and Approving Override and Debt Exclusion Questions
Diane M. Mahon, Chair

Town Counsel presented the legal requirements for a Special Election Override and Debt Exclusion Ballot Questions.

The Board voted to put the following two questions on the Ballot for Special Election to be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019:

1. "Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond or bonds issued for the purposes of paying costs of a project to demolish, design, construct, reconstruct, remodel, add to,

and originally equip the Arlington High School, including replacing , the existing facility located at 869 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES _____ NO _____

2. "Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to assess an additional \$5,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2019?

YES _____ NO _____

Motion to place the two ballot questions includes the adoption of the commitments by the Select Board to the residents of Arlington.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Town Counsel Heim stated the Host Community Agreement Applications will be available on line Thursday, April 18th, due on Friday, May 3 at 12:00 Noon.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he attended the Patriots' Day Parade with his family and thanked the Committee for a wonderful Parade.

Mr. Chapdelaine also reminded the Board that the Truck Pull will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Camillus Parking Lot and all members are welcomed.

Select Board Member DeCoursey congratulated all forty-seven runners from Arlington who participated in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15th.

After discussion with other Board Members, Select Board Member Dunn stated that the process for the additional Package Store License will be discussed at a meeting in July.

Select Board Member Hurd attended the Parade and thanked everyone who participated in the Parade as well as all the organizers.

Select Board Member Curro congratulated the staff and the Committee for a wonderful Parade. He also congratulated Grand Marshall of the Parade, Veteran Elias Katsos.

Mr. Curro moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board April 22, 2019

A true record attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

4/17/19

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