

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Monday, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 PM
Meeting Conducted Remotely via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

This meeting was recorded by ACMi.

PRESENT: Rachel Zsembery (Chair), Eugene Benson, Kin Lau, Melisa Tintocalis, Steve Revilak

STAFF: Jennifer Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development and Kelly Lynema, Assistant Director

The Chair called the meeting to order and notified all attending that the meeting is being recorded by ACMi.

The Chair explained that this meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the Governor's March 12, 2020, order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20. This order from Governor Baker allows for meetings to be held remotely during this time to avoid public gatherings.

The Chair introduced the first agenda item, Finalize Report to 2022 Special Town Meeting. Ms. Raitt reviewed the Board's suggested comments and edits to the report starting with Article 2.

Mr. Benson said that he does not agree that home childcare belongs in the industrial districts.

Mr. Lau said that he agrees that home childcare can be left out of the industrial districts.

Ms. Tintocalis said that she is fine leaving as is and asked Ms. Raitt to confirm that there is currently no home childcare operating in the industrial districts. Ms. Raitt confirmed that there are not.

The Chair introduced Article 3 and requested the Board's comments regarding the discussion points.

Mr. Benson said that he is not sure that the advertisements do not fall under the zoning bylaw without reading the entire bylaw. Ms. Raitt said that the suggested amendment is appropriate when regarding the content of the advertising.

Mr. Benson said that according to the bylaw, advertisement does fall under the zoning bylaw and the bylaw makes a distinction between commercial and non-commercial advertisements.

The Chair said that she agrees with Mr. Benson that the intent is clear without the suggested modifier.

Mr. Revliak said he has no objections to strike the suggested modifier.

Ms. Raitt reviewed the suggested changes to the non-conforming single and two-family homes Article 4.

The Board collaborated to amend the wording for Article 4.

Mr. Lau moved to approve the Arlington Redevelopment Board's 2022 Report to Special Town Meeting, Draft Zoning Bylaw, as amended, Mr. Benson seconded, approved 5-0.

The Chair explained that the Report to Special Town Meeting will be officially submitted Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Lau moved to adjourn to Town Meeting, Mr. Benson seconded, approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.