



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 9, 2024

Time: 7:15PM

Location: Members of the public may access the hybrid meeting via the Select Board Chambers, Zoom, or ACMI

Present: Mr. DeCoursey, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Mr. Diggins

Also Present: Mr. Feeney, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Maher

Absent: Mr. Helmuth

1) Legislative Provision for Remote Participation

Mr. Hurd opened the meeting by stating that tonight's meeting is being conducted via Zoom, is being recorded and is also being simultaneously broadcasted on ACMI. Because all members are present, votes will be taken by voice unless a roll call is required. Persons wishing to join the meeting by Zoom may find information on how to do so on the Town's website. Persons participating by Zoom are reminded that they may be visible to others and then if you wish to participate, you are asked to provide your full name in the interest of developing a record of the meeting. Further, all participants are advised that people may be listening who do not provide comment, and those persons are not required to identify themselves. Finally, both Zoom participants and people watching on ACMI can follow the posted agenda materials, also found on the Town's website using the Novus agenda platform.

PROCLAMATIONS

2) Hunger Action Day

Andi Doane, Executive Director of Arlington Eats on behalf of the Board, appeared before the Board, and expressed her gratitude to the hard-working staff and dedicated volunteers for their work at Arlington Eats. Ms. Doane thanked the Select Board for their work to raise awareness of the challenges created by food insecurity in our community and for the proclamation of declaring Hunger Action Day on September 10th. Ms. Doane noted that the Town of Arlington is a generous community that supports its neighbors in need of donations. The Town provides many social services and senior services, creating an important safety net for vulnerable residents.

Mr. DeCoursey read the proclamation before the Board and members of the public. The Board noted that the proclamation makes a critical point that this is a partnership of tremendous Town and private agencies in Town that work together to meet the needs of the residents. The Board thanked Arlington Eats for bringing this forward as it is an essential part of our community.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

FOR APPROVAL

- 3) Bikeway Block Party
Christopher Tonkin
Chair Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (ABAC).

Mr. Tonkin appeared before the Board and noted that they have applied for a license to have an event at Whittemore Park in connection with a much broader event that is happening along the bikeway on Sunday September 15, 2024. Mr. Caidenhead noted that they are turning seven parks along the bikeway into venues and everything they are offering is free which includes a number of performances and kid events.

Mr. Diggins moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes of Meetings: July 22, 2024; August 5, 2024
- 5) Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
Cavalieri Construction Company, Inc.
Paul Buckley
Wilmington, MA 01887
Darvin and Jack Masonry
Jack Rene Lopez
Lynn, MA 01902
- 6) Reappointment
Permanent Town Building Committee
Peter Martini (Term to Expire: 6/30/2027)
Allen Reedy (Term to Expire: 6/30/2027)
- 7) Approval: Switch Box Art
Lori Kenschaft
Energy Advocate, Electrify Arlington
- 8) Acceptance of Funds: Town Day Donations
- 9) The Hamentasch Run on March 9, 2025
Luna Bukiet, Program Director at Center for Jewish Life Arlington-Belmont
- 10) Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 09/14/2024 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for Stratton School Family Outing Fundraiser
Danielle Dean / Stratton School PTO

11) Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 09/21/2024 @ David Lamson
Way for Town Day Beer Garden
Matt Guernsey

12) Request: Oktoberfest at the Old Schwamb Mill, 10/5/2024, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Lynette Aznavourian, Museum Director, Old Schwamb Mill
a. Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License
b. Mill Lane (between Lowell Street and bridge over Mill Brook) - street closing

13) Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 10/05/2024 @ The Old
Schwamb Mill for Oktoberfest Event
Matt Guernsey

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

14) For Approval: Common Victualler License
The Vintage Tea and Cake Company LLC, Adel Donegan, 677 Massachusetts
Avenue

Ms. Donegan appeared before the Board stating that she is an Arlington resident as well as the owner of the Vintage Tea and Cake Company. Ms. Donegan noted that they are a catering company that has two locations in Belmont and Lexington.

The Board thanked Ms. Donegan for choosing Arlington and looks forward to visiting this location soon.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public spoke.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

15) Hearing: Public Shade Tree Removal for Stratton Safe Routes to School Project
John Alessi, Senior Transportation Planner
Amy Archer, Pare Corp

Mr. Alessi appeared before the Board and stated that the Safe Routes to School Project is based on a 2019 grant that the Town received from MassDOT and the purpose of the project is to create safe and accessible walking routes to the Stratton Elementary School. Amy Archer, the Town's consultant for the project appeared before the Board and noted that the project area is along 225' along Wheeler Lane from Dickson Ave to Mountain Ave; 300' along Mountain Ave from Wheeler Lane to Dickson Ave; 575' along Dickson Ave from Mountain Ave to Hemlock St; 1600' along Hemlock St from Dickson Ave to

Brattle St. Ms. Archer explained the project needs and goals to improve sidewalks and paths noting that there are various narrow sections, missing detectable warning panels, no sidewalks on certain streets, sections with steep grades and incomplete sidewalk networks to school's entrances. Ms. Archer further noted that there are missing crosswalks along desire lanes, lack of high visibility/consistent striping and sight line issues. The goal is to upgrade to ADA compliance which includes width, cross slop and ped ramps, extending the sidewalk network, restriping crosswalks and enhance signage as well as consider traffic calming measurers as appropriate. Ms. Archer explained that pedestrian crossings are long, and the excessive pavement allows higher vehicular speeds at intersections. The goal is to narrow the roadway intersections, add signing and markings to identify right of way. Ms. Archer noted that public shade trees will be impacted during this project and all existing trees are within the Town right of way. Ms. Archer noted that 12 total trees are impacted – 10 to be removed and 2 to be transplanted. Ms. Archer noted that 16 trees are to be planted which includes the 2 transplants and will total 4 more trees than the existing.

The Board thanked Mr. Alessi and Ms. Archer for the presentation. The Board noted that one of the trees that is to be removed and transported on Hemlock Street between Lansdown Road and Pine Street is to be transported in front of someone's home. Ms. Archer confirmed that is correct because there was conflict with utilities. The Board questioned in the DBH of the trees being removed and the trees being replaced are equal. Ms. Archer confirmed that they are similar noting that the current grown condition is 225 inches and the 16 final trees that will be put in place of the 12 that are removed are closer to 300 inches.

The following members of the public spoke:

Edward Wadman, 158 Mountain Ave

Brill Wadman, 158 Mountain Ave

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

16)Update: Double Poles

Stephen W. DeCoursey, Chair

Mr. DeCoursey noted that every six months the utilities are required to report to the Department of Public Utilities their progress on removing double poles and new double poles. Mr. DeCoursey noted that as of April 30, 2024, there are 51 new polls reported by Verizon. Verizon has responsibility to report new double polls in the Town of Arlington at the beginning of the time period, which is six months previously, that number was at 59. Mr. DeCoursey noted that the first report that Verizon made to DPU was for October 2019 at that time, there was 108 double poles in Arlington. Mr. DeCoursey noted that there is a statute that concerns the removal of double poles; Chapter 164 Section 34b that states: "A distribution company or a telephone company engaging in the removal of an existing pole and the installation of a new pole in place thereof shall complete the transfer of wires, all repairs, and the removal of the existing pole from the site within 90 days from the date of installation of the new pole; provided, however, that for any approved commercial or industrial construction project, the completion of which is expected to take longer than

one year, said company shall be required to remove such pole within six months from the date of installation of the new pole.”

As of today, all double polls in Arlington are beyond the 90-day removal period. Mr. DeCoursey noted that the bill that the Governor put forward earlier this year failed before the house and senate which would allow municipalities to impose fines on the utility companies if the double pole was not removed after the 90-days. Mr. DeCoursey stated that if there is an opportunity to speak to our delegation that this bears reporting.

17)Future Select Board Meetings

The Board voted the following meeting dates:

October 7, 2024

October 21, 2024

November 4, 2024

November 18, 2024

December 4, 2024

December 16, 2024

18)Discussion and Approval: Letters Regarding Proposed MBTA Development of Alewife Station/CSO Issues

Mr. Cunningham thanked Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Feeney as well as the help of local advocacy groups who provided information and assistance on the proposed letters.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of both letters with the addition the congressional delegation to both letters, adding the Executive Director, MBTA Advisory Board, Brian Kane. Including the additions of defining the actor of the redevelopment with the RFP for the redevelopment. Changing the language ‘potentially dangerous impact’ to ‘harmful public health’

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon noted that the Rotary Club dinner where Mr. Feeney will be receiving an award will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at St. Eulalia Church in Winchester. Mrs. Mahon also noted that the fire fighter retirement party will be held on Friday, October 25, 2024, at the Crowne Plaza in Woburn. The second annual Dan Kelly Foundation event will be held on October 27, 2024. Mrs. Mahon noted that the joint meeting between the Redevelopment Board and the Select Board will be held next week. Mrs. Mahon noted that the Alewife CSO, water quality decision came in.

Mr. DeCoursey confirmed that the joint meeting will be on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board September 23, 2024

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:56p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record attest.
 Ashley Maher
 Board Administrator

9/9/2024

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	
2	Hunger Action Day Proclamation
3	Special Event Application Boston Modular and Synth - Reference
4	Draft 7.22.2024 Minutes Draft 8.5.2024 Minutes
5	Contractor/Drainlayer Reference
6	PTBC Reappointments Reference
7	Switch Box Art –Memo from Planning Department
8	Acceptance of Funds Memo
9	Special Event Application Map
10	Special One-Day Reference
11	Special One-Day Reference
12	Special One-Day Reference
13	Special One-Day Reference
14	Application Inspection Reports
15	Presentation
16	Double Pole Reference Double Pole Reference 2 Double Pole Statue and Bill
17	October – December Calendar 2024
18	Draft letter to MBTA Draft letter to Governor

