



## Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 7, 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. Diggins, Mr. Helmuth

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

Absent: Mr. Hurd

### 1. Legislative Provision for Remote Participation

Mr. DeCoursey 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.

### 2. Discussion: ACMi Funding

John Leone, President, ACMi

Norm McLeod, Operations Manager, ACMi

John Leone, President of ACMi, Norm McLeod and Jeff Munro, appeared before the Board and stated that they have a contract with the Town that is in the process of being renewed. ACMi provides the Town with services through the local cable broadcast companies, RCN, Verizon and Comcast where they receive a maximum 5% of the resident's cable bills by federal law. Mr. Leone explained that due to the number of residents cutting their cable ACMi has seen a significant loss in their funding. Mr. Leone noted that ACMi equipment, facilities and staff are responsible for a number of livestream and hybrid meetings, coverage of major town events and content for the Town. Mr. Leone noted that according to their contract they are only obligated to provide coverage for the Select Board, School Committee and Town Meetings. Mr. Leone expressed that ACMi is requesting a combined \$200,000 from the school and town budgets to help compensate ACMi.

The Board thanked ACMi for their presentation and noted that there clearly is a problem throughout the state for local access cable providers. The Board noted that the 5% fee



**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 8. Comcast Petition/ Medford Street  
David R. Flewelling, Comcast

Mr. Flewelling appeared before the Board on behalf of Comcast to request permission to construct a line starting at Comcast manhole to place one 4-inch PVC conduit 31 feet to the existing Astound manhole on Medford Street.

Mrs. Mahon moved to approve.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Cunningham.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

SO

VOTED (4-0)

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 9. Library Board of Trustees  
Lily Rao (term to expire:06/30/2026)

Ms. Rao appeared before the Board and stated that she moved to Arlington in 2022 and loves the libraries in the Town. Ms. Rao stated that she has children that attend the public-school systems in Town, and they frequent the library and excited to be able to serve the community in this capacity.

The Board thanked Ms. Rao for her willingness to serve and look forward to working with her in the future.

Mr. Diggins moved to approve.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Cunningham.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

SO

VOTED (4-0)

- 10. Arlington Commission of Arts and Culture  
Anne Thomson (term to expire: 06/30/2027)

Mrs. Mahon moved to approve.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Cunningham.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes



Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:47p.m.

SO VOTED (3-0)

A true record attest.

Ashley Maher  
Board Administrator

10/07/2024

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	
2	ACMi Presentation
3	Mill Cafe Special One Day Reference
4	Draft 9.9.2021 Minutes
5	Spooky Walk Application Recreation Comments Police Comments
6	Veterans Parade Request
7	Free Parking Small Business Saturday Memo
8	Engineering Memo and Comcast Petition, Location, Map Letter to Abutters
9	L. Rao Reference
10	A. Thompson Reference
11	Application Inspection Reports
12	21 Pond Lane Memo from Planning Department
13	ACE Contract Renewal Memo from Planning Department