

**LAURA M. WIENER**  
**Senior Planner**  
**Town of Arlington Planning Department**

I am a professional Planner, with 20 years of experience in municipal planning, plus 4 years experience working for a State quasi-public agency on urban redevelopment projects. I have worked 9 years for the Town of Arlington, and before that, a decade for the Town of Watertown. My work has focused on zoning, affordable housing, and more recently, transportation planning. For the past 3 years I have been the project manager for the redesign of a one-mile stretch of Mass. Ave. in Arlington, a \$4.8 million dollar project that will improve access for bike riders, pedestrians, and transit users, and is currently programmed on the 2012 TIP. I also represent the Planning Department on the Town's Transportation Advisory Committee, and in that capacity, participate in decisions on all transportation projects in the Town. I represent the Town on the Green Line Extension Advisory Group as well.

I have represented the Town of Arlington on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for about 3 years. During that time I have tried to advocate for the needs of municipalities, and for a multi-modal approach to transportation planning. In general I support alternatives to single occupancy vehicle use, and in particular pedestrian, bicycle, and transit modes. I believe that people don't need encouragement to drive in their cars, but they do benefit from encouragement to walk, bike or take the T.

**Professional and Civic Organizations:**

- Vice Chair, Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, representing Town of Arlington . Chair, Membership Committee; Chair, TIP Committee. Member since 2006.
- Chair, MAPC Inner Core Committee (2008—present).
- Green Line Advisory Committee, representing the Town of Arlington (2007—present)
- Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee (2006—present).

**Education:**

- M.A. in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Tufts University.
- B.A. in American Studies, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY.

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**Steve Olanoff**  
**Statement of Candidacy**  
**Regional Transportation Advisory Council**  
**Vice-Chair**

I respectfully submit my candidacy for election as vice-chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Council for the coming year.

I have been serving as the Town of Westwood representative on the Regional Transportation Advisory Council for 15 years. I have been the chair for two years and vice-chair for another two years. For the last 8 years I have regularly attended TPPC and MPO meetings, and have for these years represented the Advisory Council on the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program Committee and the Suburban Mobility and Transportation Demand Management Committee.

In addition, I have represented my town for 4 years on the MBTA Advisory Board, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for 16 years, and on MAPC's Three Rivers Inter-local Council. I am the chair of the Westwood Planning Board where I have served for 18 years.

I believe that the Advisory Council must make its views known loud and clear to the MPO. For the Advisory Council to be effective, the chair or vice-chair must first know exactly where we stand on all issues, secondly, make those viewpoints known to the MPO, and finally, take action to promote our objectives at the MPO and its committee meetings.

This is how I have been representing the Advisory Council. Most recently, I took action at the MPO's UPWP Committee to promote a freight follow-up study to the state freight study. I nominated the study for inclusion on this year's UPWP and when it fell below the cutoff point for project selection, I took action and succeeded in moving it up the list to receive the funding.

Attendance at meetings is necessary to keep well informed on the many projects and issues in our regional transportation planning. I almost never miss a meeting. Experience in this time of state transportation reorganization and our transportation-funding crisis is invaluable in making the Regional Transportation Advisory Council an effective organization. I have that experience, I have the commitment to continue serving the Advisory Council, and I would appreciate your support.

## Biographical Sketch

### **Schuyler G Larrabee RA, NCARB, LEED AP**

Throughout my life and career, I have been keenly aware of transportation systems and how the movement of goods and people affects the quality of life in a region. It is evident to me that the physical development of a region is structured by the configuration of its transportation systems. I have been personally involved in large scale planning of office and industrial developments including privately-funded planning at the town level. Since properly-designed access and connections are critical to the success of such developments, I have had extensive interaction with civil and traffic engineers, providing me with a solid understanding of the criteria for good transportation design. My planning work has led me to understand how critically important all forms of transportation are in planning and development at all scales: states, regions, cities and towns.

I believe that the Commonwealth needs a more broadly-based approach to transportation systems with a greater emphasis on freight rail, heavy and light commuter rail systems, and buses, moving Massachusetts toward a more sustainable future. These essential systems in concert will provide the fluid movement of people and goods to make our region continue to be a thriving, high quality place to live and work.

I believe it is incumbent on the RTAC to promote sensible decision making by the MPO regarding priorities among the different systems, and proposed improvements to them. As Vice Chair assisting Laura Wiener, and later as Chair, I will work to clearly articulate advisory opinions representing the consensus of the Council.

*I graduated from Syracuse University in 1972 with AB, Bachelor and Master of Architecture degrees. After college, I lived in Colorado and California, then returned to the east coast, settling in the Boston area. My architectural experience began in Colorado and continued in California, where he obtained his first professional license. In Boston, I worked in several firms before forming Larrabee Associates Architects Inc, which I operated for eighteen years. After closing LAAI in 2002, I went into public service at DCAM, the Commonwealth's Division of Capital Asset Management. At DCAM my responsibilities have included planning some of the largest state building projects in the Commonwealth. I am a licensed architect in California, Massachusetts and New York. I was named to the Council as an alternate representative of the Boston Society of Architects in 2007.*

**Public Service**      *Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – AIA representative  
Crystal Lake Task Force – City of Newton  
Crystal Lake Conservancy – President*

**Memberships**      *The National Trust for Historic Preservation  
SIA, the Society for Industrial Archeology  
Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Inc – Board Member*

***Registration***

*Registered Architect in Massachusetts, California and New York  
NCARB certificate holder, permitting reciprocal registration nationwide  
LEED AP*