



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2020

Time: 7:15 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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

Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim, Ms. Maher

Douglas Heim, Town Counsel opened the meeting by stating he serves as Chair pro-temp until a new chair is chosen.

1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

Mr. Heim opened the meeting by explaining that due to the current State of Emergency, to lower the risk of the spread of COVID-19, the Town has been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such the Governor's orders suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a public and accessible location. Public bodies may meet entirely remotely as long as the public can access the meeting. The meeting reference materials and how to access the remote meeting are posted on the Town's website. Mr. Heim asked participants that would like to speak, to use their full name rather than a nickname.

Mr. Heim went over some business ground rules for effective and clear conduct of the meeting and to ensure accurate meeting minutes:

The Chair will introduce each speaker on the agenda, after they conclude their remarks; The Chair will ask each member of the Board for their remarks or a motion. Please wait until your name is called. Please remember to mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking and to speak clearly. For any response, please wait until the Chair yields to you and state your name before speaking. Anyone wishing to speak to someone must do so through the Chair.

2. Organizational Meeting for the Purpose of Electing a Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Heim called for nominations for the Select Board Chair for the 2020 Season.

Mr. Curro moved to open nominations for the Chair.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

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Mr. Heim turned the meeting over to Mr. Hurd, the Select Board's newly appointed Chair.

Mr. Hurd thanked his fellow Board members for appointing him as Chair. He also congratulated Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Diggins for being elected. Mr. Hurd thanked Michaiah Healy for running a clean and positive campaign.

PROCLAMATIONS

3. a) Proclamation to Declare June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Arlington

- b) Request Pride Banners on Mass Avenue

Julia Forsythe, Chair

Andy Robinson, Vice Chair

Mr. Hurd read the Proclamation to declare June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Arlington.

Julia Forsythe thanked everyone for the Proclamation and their continued support for the Rainbow Commission. Ms. Forsythe explained that the banners will be going along Massachusetts Avenue due to the difficulties of painting the crosswalk and other events due to COVID-19.

Andy Robinson also was thankful for the support of Pride virtually and for supporting the Proclamation. He showed the banners that will be displayed and explained what they will look like.

Board members expressed their thanks for the hard work that was put into this with the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mr. Curro moved approval of the Proclamation as presented and the placement of Pride Banners on Massachusetts Avenue.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of New Election Workers: (1) Jennifer Caruso, 11 Westmoreland Avenue, D, Pct. 8; (2) Susan Caruso, 11 Westmoreland Avenue, D, Pct. 10; (3) Joseph Cook, 13 Egerton Road, U, Pct. 4; (4) Caroline Harrington, 74 Columbia Road, U, Pct. 11; (5) Bernadette Murphy, 60 Pleasant Street, D, Pct. 19

Mr. Curro moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

5. For Approval: All Alcohol Package Store - Easy Convenience

3 P Corp, Paresh Patel Owner/Manager, 935 Massachusetts Avenue

Attorney Mary Winstanley O'Connor

Mrs. Winstanley O'Connor appeared before the Board and stated that this was a request by EPW LLC, which was the Meat House located at 1398 Massachusetts Avenue, to transfer the license to 3 P Corporation which is Easy Convenience located at the corner of Grove Street and Massachusetts Avenue. Mrs. Winstanley O'Connor stated that she is representing both parties in this transaction and they have waived the conflict. Mrs. Winstanley O'Connor understands that the Select Board would like to space out the locations of these licenses and this license was located in Arlington Heights. Unfortunately, Prime was forced to go out of business because of the rent structure. Mrs. Winstanley O'Connor submitted a number of letters and a petition that have been signed by customers of Easy Convenience.

After much discussion, members of the Board expressed their support for this package store license.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Don Seltzer, Irving Street, wrote to the Board last week regarding the delayed sale of 1207 Massachusetts Avenue. The Select Board has never given their required approval to the purchase and sale in regards to this building. 2017 was the last time it was voted on and it was to authorize the Town Manager to enter into negotiations and then to return to the Board for approval of the purchase and sale. The purchase and sale promises exemption from building permit fees that are written into the Town's Bylaws. In 2015 when Town Meeting approved the disposal of this property, it was based on the promise of \$1,000,000 to pay for the Stratton School renovation. Mr. Seltzer stated that the nature of this sale does not look very good because in 2012 a Town Official moved in to buy the adjacent lot at 1211 Massachusetts Avenue. The final closing of the sale has been delayed over and over again due to the buyers failure to provide the required materials to the Redevelopment Board. Mr. Seltzer suggests to the Board to reconsider the whole matter and decide whether they do want to proceed with the sale or whether they want to revisit the whole process.

Margie Bell, a Town citizen concerned about the local restaurants that have lost a lot of revenue over the past few months. Ms. Bell is asking the Town to remove friction to get this done, maybe use Town parking lots and other businesses, and she hopes the Town makes this a priority and says we need to help the businesses survive and thrive.

Farhat Jilalbhoj, discussed violence and racism against our black community and people of color and wanted to know what the Town is doing for policy change in regards to this and what systemic changes is the Town thinking about proposing and what are they going to do. Ms. Jilalbhoj explained the 8 can't wait policy recommendations. She asked to consider what kind of policy changes can be made to ensure community is safe for everyone.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

6. For Approval: Arlington Preservation Fund Loan

Patrick Guthrie, President, Arlington Preservation Fund

Mr. Heim spoke in regards to the loan without having specific details on this particular loan. He stated that in order for the loan to be processed it has to be presented before the Board.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. For Discussion & Vote: Waiver of Certain Interest and Penalties on Property Tax Bills pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the Board asked for this to come back on a future agenda item. He explained that this has to do with the property tax bills due to COVID-19. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that only 500 people out of 15,000 have not paid their tax bill and the Town Treasurer asked for this to come before the Board if they didn't have to pay interest for late payment.

Mr. DeCoursey moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. For Discussion & Endorsement: Placement of 'Black Lives Matter' Banner on Town Hall

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that they would like to talk about the Black Lives Matter Banner and associated efforts and talk about the proclamation that's been drafted by the Human Rights Commission for the Board's consideration. Arlington has a very long history of working towards inclusivity and working toward being a welcoming community. Just earlier this year we kicked off a relationship with the National League of Cities and their Race Equity and Leadership Division to provide training to the elected leadership of the Town as well as leadership and supervisory staff in the Town.

Eight can't wait refers to eight police policies being recommended as part of Campaign Zero. Prior to this campaign, the Arlington Police Department already had seven of those policies in place and the Chief is already working on the ones they do not have in place which is the duty to intervene and are working on strengthening the others and when the last one is finalized there will be a press conference released. Today they raised a Black Lives Matter Banner on Town Hall. Mr. Chapdelaine feels as though this was made to make a statement of solidarity as well as an acknowledgement of the commitment to the work. Mr. Chapdelaine sees this as a positive step, not a final step, but a step in the right direction.

Mr. Hurd read the proposed proclamation.

After much discussion the Board expressed their thanks for the hard work and effort that has gone into this issue.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. For Discussion & Approval: Charlie Proctor Bike Memorial @ Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Street

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine envisions the Board moving favorable action on this request tonight subject to Mr. Proctor's family working with himself and other appropriate Town officials in regards to placement of the memorial.

Tom Proctor, Charlie's brother, explained the memorial they want is a bicycle painted white with some signage about Charlie and mention where he died there.

Mr. Hurd added that the Board will be endorsing the placement of the memorial and then working with Mr. Chapdelaine they can decide with DPW a safe place for the memorial.

After much discussion, the Board fully endorses this and expressed their condolences to the family.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. For Discussion & Approval: Creation of Design Review Committee

Massachusetts Avenue @ Appleton Street

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that ABAC has been working very hard and has made very good short term recommendations thus far. They also have interest in making more long-term significant improvements to that intersection. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that in conversation with the Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, they agreed that the quickest and most effective way to focus on this was to set up a special design review committee to focus on just this intersection. Mr. Chapdelaine is requesting the Board to establish this Design Review Committee with a representative from TAC, a representative from ABAC, a representative from the Arlington Police Department, a representative from the Planning Department which would be the Senior Transportation Planner, a representative from the Engineering Division, a representative of the local businesses in the area, a representative of St. Athanasius Parish, and three residents.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Curro: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. For Discussion: June - August Select Board Meetings

The following meetings were voted:

June 15, 2020 @ 5:00p.m., June 29, 2020 @ 7:15p.m., July 20, 2020 @ 7:15p.m.,
August 17, 2020 @ 7:15p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

12. Fatal Bicycle Crash @ Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton Street
Family of Charles Proctor, A. Piasecki, Christopher Tonkin, Chair,

Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee, Scott Mullen, Linda Epstein, Anna Waldeck, Ariel Weinberg, Amanda Zangari, Blaine French, Chris Bliss, Cristina Casado, Catherine Farrell, Christine Fort, Christian Klein, Charlotte Lellman, Christina Mork, Demetri Harrington, Diane Manganaro, Elizabeth Buschert, Edward Faulkner, Erich Ludwig, Geoff Birmingham, Guilhem Ribeill, Julia Fuller, Jordon Hemingway, Jock Hoffman, Jennifer Litowski, Jeff Roth, Kate Byrd, Kevin Guiney, Leo Boneschansker, Lily Lichtenstein, Lane Zimmerman, Michael Barry, Matthew DeRemer, Misha Sidorsky, Mustafa Varoglu, Noam Reuveni, Nitin Sonawane, Ozzie Street, Pam DiBona, Philip Goff, Parke Wilde, Sandhya Manohar, Sean Murray, Timothy Grove, Thouis Jones, Tyler Mackey

13. Shared Streets Pilot Program and Fatal Bicycle Crash
Brian Ristuccia, 73 Rhinecliff Street

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt with the referral to the Design Review Committee.
A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon:	yes	
Mr. DeCoursey:	yes	
Mr. Diggins:	yes	
Mr. Curro:	yes	
Mr. Hurd:	yes	SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of the Select Board, June 15, 2020

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:40p.m.
A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mr. DeCoursey:	yes	
Mr. Hurd:	yes	
Mr. Curro:	yes	
Mr. Dunn:	yes	
Mrs. Mahon:	yes	SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Administrative Assistant

6/8/2020

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
2	
3	2020 Pride Proclamation Pride Banner Design Banner Application Banner Schedule

4	Election Worker Master Records
5	Inspection Reports All Alcohol Package Store Application Easy Convenience Floor Plan Letters of Support Petition
6	Preservation Fund Loan
7	Session Law Acts of 2020 Chapter 53 H4598 Final Bill Summary
8	BLM Proclamation
9	C. Proctor Memorial
10	Memo DRC Mass Appleton
11	June – August Calendar
12	Various Citizens Reference
13	B. Ristuccia CR