



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2020

Time: 7:00 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

1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

Mr. Hurd 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. The Chair asked participants that would like to speak, to use their full name rather than a nickname.

Mr. Hurd wanted to go 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; Mr. Hurd 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.

Mr. Hurd asked for a moment of silence to remember Chief Warrant Officer 2 Marwan S. Ghabour was one of five United States Army soldiers who died in a helicopter crash on November 12, 2020 while serving in Egypt. Marwan grew up in Arlington and graduated from Arlington High School in 2010.

2. Reconsideration of Warrant Article 13 Home Rule Legislation/Ranked Choice Voting

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim stated that the proponents of this article have changed their vote due to the vote at the state level and would like to recommend the Board to move no action at this

time. Mr. Heim stated that the proponents would like to take some time to assess their position and would like to discuss before coming back to the Board.

Mr. Curro stated that the committee met and had conversation about resubmitting this but there is a need for a bit more education and would be best served if the Select Board voted to change their vote to no action so they would have the opportunity to come back during the Annual Town Meeting in the spring.

Mr. Curro moved to change the Boards recommended vote to no action.

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

SOVOTED (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes of Meetings: October 19, 2020; Emergency Addendum October 19, 2020

Mrs. Mahon moved approval on October 19, 2020 minutes.

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

SOVOTED (5-0)

Mr. Curro recused himself from the Emergency Addendum Minutes of October 19, 2020.

Mr. Diggins moved approval on Emergency Addendum October 19, 2020 minutes.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes
Mr. DeCoursey: yes
Mr. Diggins: yes
Mr. Hurd: yes

SOVOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the community suffered a great loss of Marwan Ghabour and would like the Board and community to know that Jeff Chunglo, Director of Veteran Services is working with the family to organize a procession that will come through

Arlington to escort and honor him. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that he will notify everyone when he receives the details.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 7:15p.m. and stated that the Board will reconvene with the commencement of Special Town Meeting and will remain in session from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m.

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 Select Board November 30, 2020

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Administrative Assistant

11/16/2020

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
2	
3	Draft 10.19.2020 Minutes Draft 10.19.2020 Emergency Addendum Minutes