



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Diamond Chamallas, Arlington's Eldest Living Resident

Mr. Hurd read the proclamation in honor of Ms. Chamallas. Ms. Chamallas appeared before the Board to thank the Board and the Town of Arlington. Ms. Chamallas stated that she is extremely appreciative and honored and loves the Town of Arlington. Ms. Chamallas stated that family and friends are very important to her! The Board thanked Ms. Chamallas for appearing before the Board and wished her a happy birthday and many more years of love, happiness and prosperity. The Board stated that it was an

honor to have her with us tonight and asked her to write down her secrets that got her to 106. The Board thanked her for being a devoted citizen of Arlington and look forward to properly acknowledging her on her 107 birthday after the pandemic.

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)

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Minutes of Meetings: November 30, 2020 Joint Meeting with Arlington Housing Authority

- 4. Minutes of Meetings: November 30, 2020

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)

OPEN FORUM

No participants appeared before the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

- 5. Discussion: Future Select Board Meetings

The Board voted the following Select Board Meetings:

- January 4, 2020
- January 25, 2020
- February 8, 2020
- February 22, 2020

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 6. Traffic Concerns re: Westminster Avenue, Downing Square and Lowell Street Areas
Becca Charlier-Matthews, 265 Lowell Street

- 7. Speed Limit Enforcement in Crosby Street Neighborhood
Laura Fuller, 219 Crosby Street

- 8. Harold Brothers HVAC Bid re: Arlington High School Project

- 9. Town Manager Vacation Buy Back Memorandum
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Curro moved receipt of the correspondence and referred items 6 and 7 to the Transportation Advisory Committee and item 8 to the Arlington High School Building 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)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chapdelaine thanked everyone involved with the successful Virtual Town Meeting. Mr. Chapdelaine would like to mention that on December 14th at 7p.m. there will be a public forum that is called the Connect Arlington Public Forum for our sustainable transportation planning effort. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that this will be an opportunity for people to hear about the planning effort and give feedback. Mr. Chapdelaine gave an update in regards to the Town's response with the pandemic. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that case numbers have been surging not only nationwide but in the state as well as in Arlington. Mr. Chapdelaine spoke on behalf of himself as well as the Director of Health and Human Services in regards to how quickly and widely it is being transmitted in Arlington. Mr. Chapdelaine is part of a coalition that asks for both actions and assistance of the state and federal government where they have talked about and considered some limited rollbacks to flatten the curve while the vaccine is beginning to arrive. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that there was a positive case of COVID of an employee at the Robbins Library and based on that the library will be closed for the next two

weeks. Mr. Chapdelaine announced today that they are piloting another testing opportunity for residents starting tomorrow and running through Thursday in partnership with Armstrong Ambulance. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that you can register on Town's website there is a charge associated with this testing. There is a lot of work left to do and urges everyone to keep wearing masks and abiding by the CDC guidelines.

Mr. Diggins is extremely thankful for the effort that went into Virtual Town Meeting. Mr. Diggins stated that there are other opportunities for feedback and strongly suggests citizens to utilize that tool.

Mrs. Mahon asked for a cautious reopening plan for Arlington at the upcoming meetings. Mrs. Mahon stated that the Town received federal CDBG funding that the Select Board had voted on in the end of November to get the applications out for business and low-income residents to apply and is concerned that they need to get done. Mrs. Mahon would like to see at the upcoming meeting the vaccination distribution plan for the Town of Arlington as well the plan for increased testing for 2021. Mrs. Mahon questioned if we had locked the December 19th date with the Director of Veteran Services for an event called 'Wreaths Across America' which will be held at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that he has not yet confirmed but will check with him in regards to this event.

Mr. DeCoursey would like to thank everyone that worked at Virtual Town Meeting and made it such a success. Mr. DeCoursey would like to thank Mr. Chapdelaine for his words and accuracy regarding the pandemic update. Mr. DeCoursey stated that and we really need to look to the state and the state needs to look to the federal government for relief.

Mr. Hurd would like to reiterate his thanks to all involved in the successful Virtual Town Meeting. Mr. Hurd thanked Mr. Chapdelaine for this update regarding the pandemic and urges people to continue wearing their masks and continue to be responsible.

Mr. Curro moved to adjourn at 7:54p.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 December 21, 2020

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Administrative Assistant

11/30/2020

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
2	Diamond Chamallas Proclamation
3	Joint Meeting Minutes 11.30.2020
4	Select Board Meeting Minutes 11.30.2020
5	January – March Calendar
6	B. Matthews CR
7	L. Fuller CR
8	Harold Brothers CR
9	TM Vacation Buy Back