



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 3, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Diggins, Mr. Helmuth

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

1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

Mr. DeCoursey 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. DeCoursey 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. DeCoursey 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. Approval of Sale of \$1,200,000 Water Bond to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for Local Water System Assistance Program Phyllis L. Marshall, Treasurer

Ms. Marshall appeared before the Board and stated that the Town has an opportunity with the MWRA to reconstruct our water mains in various locations in the Town. Ms. Marshall stated that this is an interest free loan of \$1.2 million with a 10 year schedule for payments. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the DPW and water sewer division will make sure that the project areas for the year are posted on a map on the website, and then before that work commences they will flyer the neighborhood notifying them whether or not they'll have any water impacts.

The Board thanked Ms. Marshall for her time and stated that 0% interest is a great deal.

Mr. Helmuth moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes of Meeting: April 26, 2021

Mr. Diggins moved approval.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Proclamation for Mason Conway

Stephen W. DeCoursey, Chair

Mr. Hurd stated that Mason was honored by the Arlington Police Department and Fire Department for an act of young heroism that he did on March 5th of this year. Mr. Hurd stated that Mason is a great athlete on an off the field and his act of heroism deserved to be recognized. Mr. Hurd read the proclamation that was before the Board.

The Board thanked Mason for his heroism and stated that this is what makes Arlington such a great Town; it has so many people who are great neighbors. The Board expressed how proud they were of Mason and encouraged him to continue being such a great citizen.

Mr. Hurd moved to approve the proclamation.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

5. For Approval: COA Designee Appointment to Replace Joseph A. Curro, Jr.

Stephen W. DeCoursey, Chair

Mr. DeCoursey noted that this is part of the subcommittee assignment process that the Board will be undergoing to replace designees on committees that Mr. Curro served on.

Mr. DeCoursey stated that the executive director of the Council on Aging requested that the Board name a new liaison.

Mr. DeCoursey was appointed to replace Joseph A. Curro, Jr. on the Council on Aging.

6. Discussion: Return of Meetings to Select Board Chambers

Stephen W. DeCoursey, Chair

Mr. DeCoursey opened the discussion by stating that he has had some conversations regarding the return of the Select Board meetings to the Chambers. Mr. DeCoursey noted that they are looking at ways to come back with at least the members of the Board and perhaps Mr. Chapdelaine and Attorney Heim. As regulations with the state loosen going forward we would transition to having the public come in as well. As it stands now this would also give us a chance to have remote participation within the chambers as well. Mr. DeCoursey stated that they are looking for this to happen after Town Meeting in June, but no later than July. The Board discussed the multiple options of how public participation can still happen remotely in the chambers.

7. Update: Appointment of Tenant Seat to Arlington Housing Authority

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim stated that we received some updated guidance regarding the first appointment of a tenant representative on the housing authority in a regular seat. The first step for the board is to provide a written notice of a vacancy to our local tenant organization. Mr. Heim stated that his recommendation to the Board would be to send the notice to the tenant organizations that do exist for the four properties, and then send a notice to all tenants of the remaining property that doesn't yet have a tenant association. Mr. Heim stated that Fiorella Badilla may continue to serve until the seat is occupied through this new process. Mr. Heim explained that after the Board has received the nominations, there will be a 60 day period and then come back and make a vote on who they would like to serve as the tenant member for a five year seat.

The Board thanked Mr. Heim for the memo.

Mr. Diggins moved receipt of the memo.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Helmuth noted there was a fire at Thai Moon in Arlington last week. Mr. Helmuth stated that this restaurant had donated over 100 meals at the beginning of the pandemic so in return a citizen has started a GoFund Me which has raised over \$17,000 in three days.

Mr. Diggins asked that at the next meeting the Board assign a member to serve as its liaison on the Youth and Young Adult Study Committee.

Mr. Hurd would like to thank the Arlington Fire and Police Departments who acknowledged Mason Conway for his acts of heroism on Friday.

Mrs. Mahon asked for a follow-up with the Board staff on the status of the payroll for the election.

Mr. DeCoursey noted that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund was created at the special town meeting back in November and going forward the Board will be seeking interested parties to serve on the trust.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 7:53p.m; and stated that the Board will reconvene with the commencement of Annual Town Meeting and will remain in session from 8:00p.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. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board May 10, 2021

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Administrative Assistant

5/3/2021

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
2	Approval of Water Main Bond MWRA Vote 2019 Certified Vote Loan Agreement Arlington Bond Form FAA May 21
3	Draft 4.26.2021 Minutes
4	Mason Conway Proclamation
5	COA Designee Request
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7	Memo from Town Counsel