



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
Asphalt Services, Inc.
Rebecca Cutino
210 New Boston Street
Woburn, MA 01801

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)

APPOINTMENTS

3. Scholarship Fund Review Committee

Anne Moore (term to expire 1/31/2024)

Ms. Moore stated that her professional life is working at Tufts University as a fellowship advisor where she helps current undergraduates apply for nationally competitive awards. Ms. Moore stated that she is on the Board of the National Association of fellowship advisors and is extremely interested in how decisions are made regarding scholarships in Arlington. Ms. Moore stated that she is an Arlington parent and is excited to be more involved with the community.

The Board thanked Ms. Moore for her willingness to serve.

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)

LICENSES & PERMITS

4. For Approval: Change of Ownership - Common Victualler License

D'Agostino's Food Store, 1297 Massachusetts Avenue, Samuel Peter D'Agostino

Mrs. Mahon noted a housekeeping matter under days and hours of operation on the application. Mrs. Mahon stated that it should read Monday through Sunday 7a.m. – 9:00p.m.

Mr. Hurd 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)

5. For Approval: Common Victualler License

The Heights Pub, 1314 Massachusetts Avenue, James O'Rourke

Mr. O'Rourke, accompanied by his attorney Mike Bettencourt appeared before the Board to present their application for a Common Victualler License located at 1314 Mass Ave. The Board thanked the applicants for sticking through the bumpy road at the beginning. Mrs. Mahon noted that traditionally in Arlington there is an 11 o'clock closing

time, with the exception of special circumstances and would like to enforce that here. Mr. Bettencourt stated that they are amenable to this request. The Board noted that they will have further discussions regarding a later closing time in Arlington at another date.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval with an amendment to the hours being 11a.m. – 11p.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)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

6. For Approval: Arlington Farmers' Market 2021

Patsy Kraemer, Market Manager

Ms. Kraemer appeared before the Board and stated that last year they did have a successful year even through the pandemic. They received a lot of feedback that people felt comfortable shopping outside, and it really worked well. Ms. Kraemer stated that she met last week with Pat Martin from the Board of Health to begin to get a sense of what the food guidelines would be this year. Ms. Kraemer stated that she will continue working with the Board of Health regarding guidelines and recommendations from the State. One of the things that will be different this year is that people will be able to pick out their own produce last year, they had to point to it and then the vendor would put it in a basket and that slowed things up considerably.

The Board thanked Ms. Kraemer and stated they are excited to have the Farmers' Market back for another year!

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)

7. Request: Third Space, On Street Overnight Parking @ 18 Swan Place

Jessica Scowcroft

Ms. Scowcroft appeared before the Board and stated that she has lived at this location for 3 years and has 4 roommates. Ms. Scowcroft stated that they are allotted 2 spaces at this location and they are looking for a third space. The Board thanked Ms. Scowcroft for her request. The Board noted that they receive a number of overnight parking requests and would like to remain uniform on their procedures. The Board stated that they understand she doesn't have a driveway but is already allotted 2 parking spaces on the street.

Mr. Hurd moved no action on the parking request with a referral to study Swan Place to the Parking Advisory Committee.

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. Chapdelaine noted that today the long awaited federal guidance on the American rescue plan was released. There is an eight page summary facts sheet as well as 150 plus page detailed guidance document; Mr. Chapdelaine stated that he and Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager have already started looking at this. Mr. Chapdelaine noted that the National League of Cities and the Mass Municipal Association will also be analyzing to try to provide us a deeper understanding. Hopefully within the next few days, they will be able to more clearly articulate how these funds will be able to be expanded to the benefit of Arlington.

Mr. Diggins stated that he saw Mrs. Krepelka for the first time since December 2019 and noted that it warmed his heart.

Mr. Hurd questioned the guidelines for outdoor performances and asked if this could be on a future Select Board meeting. Mr. Chapdelaine noted that after working with Parks and Recreation Department there were no lands under the jurisdiction of the Select Board that it actually pertained too.

Mrs. Mahon stated that Town Day 2021 will not be happening this September. Mrs. Mahon questioned a reopening date of Town Hall to the public.

Mr. DeCoursey noted that he may schedule a Select Board Meeting next Monday and will notify the Board.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 7:58p.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 Wednesday, May 26, 2021

A true record attest
Ashley Maher
Administrative Assistant

5/10/2021

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
2	Asphalt Services Reference
3	A. Moore Reference
4	Inspection Reports Common Victualler Application
5	Inspection Reports Common Victualler Application
6	Farmers' Market Request
7	Meeting Invite Request J. Scowcroft Memo from Police Department