



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 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.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

2. For Approval: LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Requests

a) Pride Proclamation

b) Crosswalk Painting

Andy Robinson and Lisa Krinsky, Rainbow Commission Co-Chairs

Mr. DeCoursey presented the Pride Proclamation. Ms. Krinsky appeared before the Board to explain the crosswalk painting request. Ms. Krinsky explained that years past they have painted a rainbow flag crosswalk across from Town Hall. Given the construction taken place in front of Town Hall they are proposing to move the crosswalk painting to the intersection of Pleasant Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

The Board thanked Ms. Krinsky for this request and is grateful that the Town of Arlington gets to take part in pride month.

Mr. Diggins lost his feed at approximately 7:17p.m.

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)

3. Discussion & Vote: Select Board Designee to Youth and Young Adult Study Committee
Stephen W. DeCoursey, Chair

Mr. Helmuth nominated Mr. Diggins to be the Select Board Designee to Youth and Young Adult Study 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)

4. For Approval: Closing on 1207 Massachusetts Avenue Real Estate: Authorization and Memorandum of Understanding for Public Space
Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim gave a brief history of the property located at 1207 Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Heim noted that what is required to close of the Board tonight is a vote for final approval by the Select Board authorization execution of a quitclaim deed with a mixed use restriction consistent with the terms of the Purchase and Sale. The special permit granted by the Arlington Redevelopment Board and then from the 1207 DAV Post LLC a payment of \$750,000 to the Town. Mr. Heim noted that all the special permit additional required conditions will remain. There is an unresolved issue that the Board was unaware of regarding the special permit and building permit fees. After much discussion the Board felt it was best to table this discussion to the next Select Board meeting. Mr. DeCoursey noted that between now and the end of the fiscal year the property needs to be transferred because the proceeds of the sale need to be applied to the capital plan.

Mr. Helmuth moved to table to the next meeting.

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 stated that the Governor made a series of announcements earlier this week in terms of the timetable of reopening Massachusetts, many of those decisions having an impact directly on Arlington, and its operation of town government. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that they will be issuing a comprehensive statement on Thursday to align with recommendations being made by the state in terms of openings and wearing's of masks indoors and outdoors. Mr. Chapdelaine noted that they plan to bring all staff back to town offices as of June 1 and open to the public as of June 15 when the state of emergency has officially lifted.

Mr. Hurd noted that with the nice weather approaching and the restrictions lifting it would be nice to have a few areas in Arlington that is within the Boards control to grant outdoor dining events. Mr. Hurd stated that the gates of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery are in poor condition and would like to look into restoring them.

Mrs. Mahon noted the noise complaints from Dilboy Field in Somerville and a proposed solution as this has happened in the past.

Mr. DeCoursey stated that he had a meeting in the Select Board Chambers with Mr. Feeney, Mrs. Bongiorno and a representative from ACMI, Jeff Munro regarding the return of meetings to the chambers. Mr. DeCoursey noted their goal is to return on June 21st as that would be the first meeting after the lifting of the State of Emergency. Mr. DeCoursey congratulated Ms. Maher on her new position as Office Manager of the Select 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

5/19/2021

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
2	2021 Pride Proclamation Crosswalk Request
3	
4	Purchase and Sale Memorandum of Understanding Quitclaim Deed – Exhibit 1 Quitclaim Deed re: 1207 Mass Ave