



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 9, 2021

Time: 7:15 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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

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

1. Update: Open Meeting Law Requirements & Remote Participation Post State of Emergency

The Commonwealth passed on June 16, 2021 an act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, which among other things, allows public meetings to be conducted remotely until April of 2022. Tonight's meeting is being conducted via Zoom, is being recorded and is also being simultaneously broadcasted on ACMI. As such, all business will be conducted by roll call vote. Persons wishing to join the meeting by Zoom may find information on how to do so on the Town's website. Persons participating by Zoom are reminded that they may be visible to others and then if you wish to participate, you are asked to provide your full name in the interest of developing a record of the meeting. Further, all participants are advised that people may be listening who do not provide comment, and those persons are not required to identify themselves. Finally, both zoom participants and people watching on ACMI can follow the posted agenda materials, also found on the Town's website using the Novus agenda platform.

2. Arlington Housing Authority Tenant Member Appointment Stephen W. DeCoursey, Select Board Chair

Mr. DeCoursey gave some background information regarding the Arlington Housing Authority Tenant Member Appointment. Mr. DeCoursey stated that back in December, along with the Housing Authority, the Select Board selected an individual; Fiorella Badilla, to fill an open seat on the Arlington Housing Authority. Following that appointment, the legislature enacted Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020 that was signed into law on January 14, 2021. This law required that Housing Authorities have a tenant board member, this effective date was May 15th and following that act that superseded any other appointments that were made. Which calls for a procedure by the Select Board to select a tenant member representative. Mr. DeCoursey stated that we have received eight individuals that have applied for this position, and each will be given a minute to present to the Board. The following people applied and or spoke:

Fiorella Badilla

Dylan Dalton, was not present at meeting
Pat Dunleavy, unable to make it tonight but submitted written materials for consideration
Pamela Houser
Alicia Jones, withdrew her name from consideration
Cynthia McGinty, was not present at meeting
Julia Moden, was not present at meeting
Vanessa Resell, withdrew her name from consideration
Mr. Hurd stated that he has a familiar relationship with the operations manager of the Housing Authority who is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director. Mr. Hurd stated that to clear any potential appearance of conflict of interest and in the interest of full disclosure; Mr. Hurd recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Mrs. Mahon moved to open nominations.

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

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

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon stated that the Board has received a number of qualified candidates and would like to thank all the citizens that have applied for this position.

Mrs. Mahon moved to nominate Ms. Fiorella Badilla and close nominations.

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

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

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to nominate Fiorella Badilla.

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

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

SO VOTED (4-0)

The Board would like to congratulate Ms. Fiorella Badilla and are looking forward to working with Ms. Badilla over the next two years!

3. Approval of Sale of \$162,225 Sewer Bond to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for Inflow and Infiltration Local Financial Assistance Program
Phyllis Marshall, Treasurer

Mrs. Marshall appeared before the Board seeking approval of this \$162,225 bond. Mrs. Marshall stated that this is the loan portion of the project that was submitted by Mr. Rademacher. Mrs. Marshall stated that there is also a grant from the MWRA in the amount of \$486,675 for 75% of that project. Mrs. Marshall stated that project and the scope was submitted to the Board for design, bid and award for improvements to rehab and reconstruction of the sewer system and related facilities. Mrs. Marshall explained that this was also for post construction flow evaluation from a previous phase of project. Mrs. Marshall stated that this is a great opportunity for the Town it is an interest free loan. The Board thanked Mrs. Marshall for the presentation.

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. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Presentation: Bus Network Redesign

Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner

Melissa Dullea, Senior Director of service for the MBTA went through her presentation regarding the Bus Network Redesign. Ms. Duella explained that the bus network redesign is a complete reimagining of the MBTA bus network to better reflect the travel needs of the region and create a better experience for current and future riders. Ms. Duella stated that what they are looking to achieve is better frequency service that's fast and reliable and making sure that they're connecting to key destinations and creating a legible network that's simple and easy to use.

The Board thanked Ms. Dullea on her detailed presentation and timeline and look forward to more discussions and public outreach as the project develops.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt.

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. Net Zero Action Plan

Ken Pruitt, Energy Manager

Jenny Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development

Ms. Raitt appeared before the Board and presented their presentation regarding the Town of Arlington's Net Zero Action Plan. Ms. Raitt stated that Arlington has a long history of greenhouse gas mitigation efforts through a variety of initiatives, plans and campaigns. The most recent of them originated with the Select Board, when in 2018 the Board authorized joining the Metro Mayor's Coalition and committed to net zero by

2050, which led to the creation of the Clean Energy Future Committee. One important measure effort that relates to our mitigation efforts is the hiring of a Clean Energy Manager, which will require a full time individual to do the work. Ms. Raitt stated that the Town filed a Home Rule petition to ramp up decarbonization new and substantially rehabbed buildings, related to the reduction of fossil fuels in those buildings. Ms. Raitt explained that there are three things; will, advocacy and partnership. The Netzero Action Plan Project was funded by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and a town match of time and resources. The Town has received technical support from the metropolitan area Planning Council and MAPC. When the Town received the funding, it was actually to do two things; the first was to develop a Netzero playbook and the second was to work with, Arlington, Natick and Melrose, to develop more specific and prescriptive plans into the future.

Ken Pruitt, Energy Manager for the Town of Arlington briefly explained the Net Zero Action Plan. Mr. Pruitt stated that as part of this project they completed a greenhouse gas inventory which represents greenhouse has emissions. Mr. Pruitt explained that the goal of this plan is to get Arlington on a path to net zero. Mr. Pruitt presented the different measures it must take to get to net zero.

The Board thanked Ms. Raitt and Mr. Pruitt for their work and presentation and report.

Mrs. Mahon moved to endorse the Net Zero Action Plan.

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)

FOR APPROVAL

6. Annual Dock Permit Review

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim stated that these are the Boards regulations for something that doesn't affect a lot of people but, they are basically to approve floating docks in places like Spy Pond and the Mystic Lakes. Mr. Heim explained that there are two changes that he is asking the Board to make. One is that it explicitly authorized the conservation planner, which is currently Emily Sullivan, to be the designee to administer this program. Secondly, is to change "Board of Selectmen" which is currently reflected in the policy to Select Board.

Mr. Helmuth moved approval of changes and to appoint Emily Sullivan as the Board's Designee.

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

7. Minutes of Meeting: June 21, 2021
8. For Approval: Boston Women's Market @ Uncle Sam Plaza, Saturday, September 11, 2021, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Ali Carter, Economic Development Coordinator
Cara Loffredo, Directing Organizer, Boston Women's Market
9. Reappointments (all terms to expire 06/30/2024)
Council on Aging
Anne Brown
Disability Commission
Michael Rademacher
10. For Approval: Annual Walter V. Moynihan Town Day Run, September 18, 2021
Joseph Connelly, Director of Recreation
11. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 9/11/21 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event
Amy Keating & Brian Silva
12. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 9/18/21 @ Ed Burns Arena for Town Day Run

Mr. Helmuth moved approval of items 7 – 11 and asked that item 12 be removed from the consent agenda.

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)

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the Special One Day License at the Ed Burns Arena for Town Day Run.

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

13. Community Preservation Act Committee

Alexander Franzosa

(term to expire 6/30/2023)

Susan Doctrow

David Swanson

(terms to expire 6/30/2024)

Mr. Franzosa appeared before the Board and stated his interest in serving on the Community Preservation Act committee comes from his interest in serving the Town. Mr. Franzosa has been a lifelong resident of Arlington. Mr. Franzosa ran for Town Meeting this past year and has enjoyed his time serving during town meeting. When he ran for town meeting he promised the constituents that he would support the interests of our Towns infrastructure, preservation of historic buildings, and affordable housing, and when he found that this committee would be serving in all those capacities, he was very enthused and submit an application. Mr. Franzosa stated that he would be honored to serve on this committee.

Ms. Doctrow appeared before the Board and stated that she became interested in this opportunity, not because of any specific expertise in the three areas of interest but because of her enthusiasm for the CPA projects that have already been funded, and how they touch our lives in Town. Ms. Doctrow has been a citizen of the Town for 18 years and has been involved in several Town and community volunteer activities, including being a member of Town Meeting.

Mr. Swanson appeared before the Board and expressed his interest in wanting to join the CPAC and would like to highlight his passion for public service and an interest in. Mr. Swanson has been a Town Meeting member for the past four years. Mr. Swanson stated that the mission of CPAC is something he is very enthusiastic about and that is what first drew him to this particular opportunity. Mr. Swanson stated that he is a lawyer by education and training. Mr. Swanson serves as Chief of Staff and General Counsel to our state senator and has a level of familiarity with the State's authorizing act the Community Preservation Act. Mr. Swanson hopes to bring that body of knowledge to the Committee and hit the ground running.

The Board thanked the three appointees for their willingness to serve and look forward to working with them in the future.

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)

14. Symmes Memorial Fund Board of Directors - Update from Board of Directors

Allen Reedy

(term to expire 6/30/2024)

Mr. Maher chair of the Symmes Memorial Fund appeared before the Board to give a brief background of the Symmes Memorial Fund. Mr. Maher stated that Charlie Lyons a longtime chair of the committee has recently retired from the Board thus the vacancy before them tonight. Mr. Reedy serves as vice chair on the program billing committee and will make an excellent addition with his medical administration background. Mr. Maher stated that the Board invests through Rockland Trust. Mr. Maher stated that he is before the Board tonight to advise them that Beth Israel Lahey has concluded that the original purpose of the separate \$1 million dollars which was for medical record retention pension benefits the purpose of that has been fulfilled. Mr. Maher stated that they seek to distribute these funds and are proposing that one half of the million dollars goes to the Simmons Memorial Fund and Beth Israel Lahey will take control of the other \$500,000.

Mrs. Mahon moved that the Town of Arlington acting by and through its Select Board and Town Manager authorizes and encourages the Symmes Memorial Fund Board of Directors to do all things necessary and appropriate including without limitation filing all necessary motions with the Supreme Judicial Court or other court of competent jurisdiction in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General to effect a distribution of funds remaining from the dissolution of Symmes Hospital Inc. or any of its related entities to the Symmes Memorial Fund to further its corporate purpose of aiding medical use or related organizations be they public or private in the Town of Arlington.

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)

Mr. Reedy appeared before the Board and expressed his interest in the Symmes Memorial Fund and stated that he looks forward to joining the Board of Directors. The Board thanked Mr. Reedy for his willingness to serve and look forward to working with him in the future.

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)

OPEN FORUM

John Ward, Winslow Street, expressed his concerns regarding the process for a tenant member of the Arlington Housing Authority and stated that he delivered a letter to the Board regarding this process.

Rebecca Gruber, Pleasant Street, stated some concerns regarding the proposed re-presenting.

Petru Sofio, appeared before the Board regarding an issue with the new signal at Lake Street. Recently, cars have been driving onto the path at an alarming rate some even going down towards Alewife or to Linwood Street and is very dangerous. Mr. Sofio stated that he would like to see the DPW make it a priority to make changes so it's not possible to drive on the Minutemen Bikeway.

Lynette Culverhouse, would like to note that she is impressed regarding the Net Zero Plan but has some concerns and urges the Town leadership to publicly campaign and urge residents to recognize the urgency of our environmental crisis and take individual responsibility for improving it.

Beth Melofchick, Russell Street, stated her concerns regarding Net Zero Action Plan and expressed her want for more trees to be planted instead of taken down.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

15. For Approval: Beer Garden @ Jason Russell House, Saturdays in September 2021

Brian Burke, President, Burke's Brewing Co, Inc.

Mr. Burke appeared before the Board stated that he owns a small brewery down in Hanover Massachusetts on the South Shore. Mr. Burke was introduced to Patsy and the Jason Russell House. Mr. Burke stated that he felt it would be a great place for people to spend some time outside listen to some music. Mr. Burke expresses that in light of the last year and a half in perhaps with what's starting to go on now with COVID that just a place to go outdoors, family, community, community sort of focused event would be something that would be nice. Ms. Kraemer stated that they will be following the advice of the Board of Health in regard to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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)

16. Request: On Street Overnight Parking Waiver
Adlar Su, 106 Paul Revere Road

Mr. Su appeared before the Board and stated that he spoke with the Board in 2013 and at the time, it was just after they had their first child. Mr. Su stated that they have a single car garage that only holds one compact car. Since then, their family has grown, and job situations have changed and in order to be able to get to work and also be able

to do various pickups and drop offs for the children they need a second car. Mr. Su stated that he does not have a parking waiver currently. The Board after much discussion stated that this does not change the current policy as to issuing overnight parking permits and that this is one specific application. The Board agreed that since this was previously approved and a unique situation they would grant approval for the additional parking on street.

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)

17. Welcome to Dr. Elizabeth Homan Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Homan appeared before the Board and thanked them for having her tonight. Dr. Homan explained that she has been official for a month now and is busy planning for the fall return of school. Dr. Homan explained that she has had a warm welcome in Arlington and has had the opportunity this summer to meet with families and staff but is excited about getting into the classroom and meeting the kids. The Board thanked Dr. Homan for meeting with the Board and are looking forward to the work she will bring to Arlington this school year and many more.

18. AHS Building Project Presentation

Jeff Theilman, Chair of AHS Building Committee

Mr. Theilman appeared before the Board to present the Arlington High School Project to date. The Building Committee is pleased to report that the project is on budget, and on schedule. The total cost is \$289.8 million, with approximately \$84.6 million coming from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or the MSBA that the school is designed as all of you know for 1755 students, but it can serve more than that if necessary. Mr. Theilman made a special note about the current grant amount from the MSBA after the Town locked in lower construction costs from strong bids. The MSBA lowered its grant accordingly, the MSBA also adjusted based on some design changes that the committee approved, and the grant is reduced by \$1.4 million. Mr. Theilman stated that the process started in 2016, and it will continue until the building is completed in 2024 with final sight work scheduled for the spring of 2025. The opening of phase one, which is the science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics and the performing arts wings will be open right after the February break of 2022 and the auditorium being ready for students in April of 2022. Mr. Theilman thanked everyone that has been instrumental to this point in helping with the rebuilding of the high school.

The Board thanked Mr. Theilman for the detailed presentation and all the work that has been done as well as arranging the tours. The Board looks forward to the first phase of the construction to be open in 2022.

Mr. Hurd moved extension of the 11:00p.m. rule.

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)

19. Discussion & Vote: Select Board Designee to Remote Participation Study
Committee

Stephen W. DeCoursey, Chair

Mr. DeCoursey stated that this was a committee that was created at Town Meeting earlier this year and they had discussions of returning to the Chambers. Mr. Helmuth has done a lot of work on the this and will open it up to the Board for a statement of interest or nomination.

Mr. Hurd moved to nominate Mr. Helmuth.

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)

20. ARPA Funding Presentation

Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that they would like to kick off public feedback on the expenditure of these funds. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that he will film a presentation that he otherwise would have given tonight and release that this week. This would then open up a public survey later this week which will last until the first or second week of September, come back to the Board on September 13 to present the framework that will have been presented in the video with some updates. Updates based on what was received in the public, and then come back at the Board's meeting at the end of September, and hopefully request final endorsement for the framework. Mr. Chapdelaine would like to ask the Board for positive consideration on our three discrete items, one vote to formally accept these funds. That's the actual, the primary action the board needs to take to then authorize further expenditures. Mr. Chapdelaine would then then ask for the Board's endorsement to immediate expenditures, even while we go through this public vetting process. One, an approval of up to \$1.6 million being expended for water and sewer investments. Second, a discrete item of a \$50,000 award to the Housing Corporation of Arlington, so that they can fund a portion of their homelessness prevention program and actual make awards to qualified people in need of that aid.

Mr. Helmuth moved approval of Mr. Chapdelaine's requests.

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)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

21. Director of Inspectional Services Recruitment Process
Caryn Malloy, Director of Human Resources

22. Unsafe Crosswalk on Ridge Street
Viviana Cremasco, 70 Ridge Street

23. Dangerous Town Trees on Mount Vernon Street
Nancy Chew and Atwood Cheung, 86 Mount Vernon Street
Rick and Joan Barbosa, 82 Mount Vernon Street

24. Concerns Re: Arlington Housing Authority Appointment Process
J. Stephen Ward, 4 Winslow Street

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of the Correspondence Received.
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

Mrs. Mahon asked if Mr. Heim could call her regarding Open Meeting Law Preamble.

Mrs. Mahon made a motion to move to Executive Session and adjourn executive session and open session at the same time.

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. To discuss the Open Meeting Law complaint of Mr. Christopher Loreti pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A sec.21 (a)(1).

- B. To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements: Approval of Executive Session Minutes of:
 January 27, 2020
 January 4, 2021
 March 22, 2021
 June 9, 2021

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board Monday, September 13, 2021

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
 Office Manager

8/9/2021

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Open Meeting Law Requirements & Remote Participation
2	List of Applicants F. Badilla Letter of Interest P. Dunleavy Letter of Interest P. Hauser Letter of Interest A. Jones Letter of Interest C. McGinty Letter of Interest
3	Memo from Town Treasurer Reference
4	Bus Network Redesign Presentation
5	Net Zero Action Plan Presentation
6	Annual Floating Dock Rules and Regulations
7	Draft Minutes 6.21.2021
8	Boston Women's Market Proposal
9	Reappointment Reference
10	Town Day Run Request Town Day Run Application
11	Special (One Day) Application
12	Special (One Day) Application
13	CPAC Appointment Reference
14	Symmes Appointment Reference
15	Beer Garden Special Application
16	Parking Request January 28, 2013 BOS Minutes February 11, 2013 BOS Minutes
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20	Memo from Town Manager

	ARPA Framework Draft Proposal HHS DPCD Memo
21	Memo from C. Malloy
22	V. Cremasco CR
23	N. Chew CR
24	J. Stephen Ward CR