



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 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. Open Meeting Law Requirements & Remote Participation Post State of Emergency

Mr. DeCoursey opened the meeting by stating that 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. COVID-19 Update

Christine Bongiorno, Director of Health and Human Services

Mrs. Bongiorno gave a brief presentation that summarized that past 20 months of the pandemic in Arlington. The Board of Health enacted a mask order which is in place for any person going into indoor public spaces within Town. The mask mandate was put in place in the beginning of August as a result of what the Board of Health saw as a significant increase in cases across the Town, State and Country. This was a result of the Delta variant which was hitting both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. This order will expire when the Middlesex County has had two consecutive weeks of low or moderate transmission. Mrs. Bongiorno stated that they have seen a slight decrease in cases in out county and gave a quick rundown of the Town's numbers since June. Mrs. Bongiorno explained that they are working with the schools to hit the ground running when the vaccine becomes available for children ages 5-11. The Board of Health over the course of the pandemic was essential in helping the Council on Aging, the Medical

Reserve Corps and Food Pantry provide food deliveries to residents. The Board thanked Mrs. Bongiorno along with her team for all the work and help they have provided over the course of the pandemic.

Mr. Diggins moved receipt.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes of Meetings: September 13, 2021; September 20, 2021; September 27, 2021
4. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
Milltown Plumbing & Heating Inc.
Fred L. Webster
131 Steadman Street Unit 6
Chelmsford, MA 01824
5. Request: Special (One Day) All Alcohol License, 10/16/21 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event
Amy Mullen & Kevin Cole
6. For Approval: Arlington Open Studios Lawn Signs November 1-13, 2021
Tom Formicola, ACA Executive Director

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

7. Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee (term to expire 6/30/2024)
Lesley Chuang

Ms. Chuang appeared before the Board and stated that she has been an Arlington resident since 2014 and is an attorney by trade. Ms. Chuang stated that she has served as a nonprofit board member for about four years at a local art center and wanted to do something for the Town. Ms. Chuang stated that she has some experience with

diversity inclusion where she served on the Asian American professional organization for about eight years as a volunteer and then a board member. Ms. Chuang is hoping to promote diversity inclusion in the talent and Town hiring and contracting processes. The Board thanked Ms. Chuang for her willingness to serve and look forward to the work she will bring to the committee.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

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

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Veterans Council (terms to expire 6/30/2024)

Les Banks

John Fitzpatrick

Mr. Banks appeared before the Board and stated that he has been an lifelong Arlington resident and working with Mr. Chunglo it became apparent that he to him he should volunteer. Mr. Banks is a 9-year active duty and lifelong veteran of the United States Airforce. The Board thanked Mr. Banks for his years of service as well as his willingness to serve on this committee.

Mr. Diggins moved approval Mr. Banks.

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

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Helmuth moved approval Mr. Fitzpatrick and invite him to come to another meeting.

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

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

SO VOTED (5-0)

OPEN FORUM

Kristin Anderson, 12 Oakland Road West, stated that during six rainstorms, between July 2 and September 2 of this year, Somerville and Cambridge discharged 24 million gallons of sewage contaminated water into Alewife Brooke. Ms. Anderson stated that it is time again to put pressure on the cities of Somerville and Cambridge in order to

encourage them to start developing a new long term control plan to separate their sewers and reduce pollution.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discussion and Vote: Mass Ave/Appleton Design Modification

John V. Hurd, Select Board

Mr. DeCoursey recused himself from this discussion. Mrs. Mahon is now Chair of the meeting.

Mr. Hurd gave a brief background regarding the updated plan after the last meeting. The Board was given two competing plans and before the Board tonight is a combination of those plans. Mr. Hurd stated that this is a good compromise based on the competing interests. Mr. Hurd stated that ultimately the Board is going to have to revisit this intersection to put a signal in and at that point there will be new plans that will make these markings obsolete. Mr. Hurd stated that he is asking his colleagues to potentially amend their previous vote to adopt this plan in lieu of the other plan. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that if this option is approved tonight, they will be ready to paint this option. Jason Gauvin, Architect stated that everything from Appleton Place going west will remain the same as the previous option that was approved.

What this hybrid option allows us to do is carry the eastbound bike lanes all the way through this area, up to Forest and Burton where it will then terminate and pick up the existing shared lanes that continue east. This provides 6 on street parking spaces that were previously removed. This option also provides a varying buffer between the bike lane and the parking spaces on the eastbound side. On the westbound side there will be shared lanes for bikes and cars.

The following people spoke regarding the design modifications:

Petru Sofio, 8 Elmore Street

Mustafa Varoglu, 26 Shawnee Road

Brian Ristuccia, 73 Rhinecliff Street

Phil Goff, 94 Grafton Street

Scott Mullen, 68 Henderson Street

Mr. Diggins moved approval and revisit this intersection no later than February 2022.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: recused

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. DeCoursey returned to the meeting.

10. Discussion & Vote: Reprecincting Requirements and Proposed Reduction in Number of Precincts

Mr. DeCoursey stated that this issue comes before the Board as a result of the census that takes place every ten years. As a result of the census and the change in population it is a requirement for the Town to look at precinct boundary lines. Mr. DeCoursey explained that we have received multiple presentations from the Town Clerk regarding the proposal to reduce the number of precincts from 21 to 16. The legislative maps have now been drawn which concerns the reprecincting process. Mr. DeCoursey stated that the Board has 30 days after the legislature selects their maps to submit maps to the state. The process itself must be completed by December 15th. Ms. Brazile, Town Clerk gave a brief presentation regarding the proposed reduction in the number of precincts from 21 to 16.

The following people spoke regarding the proposed reduction in the number of precincts:

John Worden, 27 Jason Street

John Leone, Town Moderator

Don Seltzer, 104 Irving Street

Jo Anne Preston, 42 Mystic Lake Drive

Charles Foskett, 101 Brantwood Road

Jon Gersh, 24 Kipling Road

Jennifer Susse, 45 Teel Street

Judith Garber, 130 Massachusetts Avenue

Elizabeth Dray, 130 Jason Street

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the possibility of reducing the precincts from 21 to 16 and ultimately decided that at this time it would not be in the best interest of the Town to reduce the number of precincts.

Mr. Hurd moved to maintain the number of precincts at 21.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Diggins: no

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

SO VOTED (4-1)

11. ARPA Funding Presentation

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine reviewed the changes he has made based on the feedback provided by the Board as well as comments from the public over the course of the past several months. Mr. Chapdelaine explained that the hope is they can come back to the Board on October 25 to pursue Select Board endorsement on the framework. Mr. Chapdelaine explained in detail by line each change that was made to the framework.

The Board thanked Mr. Chapdelaine for his detailed presentation and look forward to further discussion at the Board's next meeting.

Mr. Diggins moved receipt.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Mrs. Helmuth moved to adjourn at 11:08 p.m.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

SO VOTED (5-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board Monday, October 25, 2021

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Office Manager

10/13/2021

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	Open Meeting Law Requirements Post State of Emergency
2	
3	Draft 9.13.2021 Minutes Draft 9.20.2021 Minutes Draft 9.27.2021 Minutes
4	Milltown Plumbing & Heating Reference
5	Mullen Cole Special Application Reference
6	Open Studios Lawn Signs Reference
7	L. Chuang Reference
8	L. Banks Reference J. Fitzpatrick Reference
9	Planning Memo Modified Alt 2 Map Citizen Public Comment
10	Citizen Public Comments
11	ARPA Framework Presentation

	Updated ARPA Framework Water & Sewer Memo AHA Request Broadband Proposal from EATS AHA Request for ARPA Funding Food Link Memo Housing and Economic Development Memo HHS Draft Proposal
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