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The email to Marie said to contact you. Can you please include this is Correspondence Received on the next Select Board agenda.
Thanks
Elizabeth

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From: Elizabeth Dray <elizabethdray7@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 2:07 PM
Subject: Select Board meetings and reading the land acknowledgment
To: Stephen DeCoursey <SDeCoursey@town.arlington.ma.us>
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Good Afternoon Steve,

I hope this email finds you well on this sunny day!

It recently occurred to me that while Town Meeting overwhelmingly passed this land acknowledgement resolution last Spring, I have never heard it read at any meetings I attend. I am wondering what your thoughts are about starting Select Board meetings by reading it.

I would appreciate it if you would please include this as Correspondence Received in the next Select Board agenda.

Thanks for your consideration,
Elizabeth Dray
Town Meeting Member Precinct 8

ARTICLE 85

RESOLUTION/ACKNOWLEDGING NATIVE LANDS

To see if the Town will vote to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by resolving to encourage the reading of this land acknowledgement statement at the beginning of all public meetings of the Town; or to take any action related thereto.

Accordingly, the text of such a land acknowledgement statement would read:

"We acknowledge that the Town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusett Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. We pay our respects to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusett Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusett territories today."

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

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