



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 7:15PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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

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

Absent: Mr. DeCoursey

1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

Mr. Diggins opened the meeting by stating the Commonwealth passed on February 15, 2022, 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 July 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. Land Acknowledgment

Mr. Diggins read the land acknowledgement that the Board supported last Spring in Town Meeting approved through a resolution and which is also contained on the Town's website. We acknowledged that the Town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusetts territories today.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes of Meetings: March 21, 2022; March 28, 2022; April 4, 2022

Mr. Helmuth moved approval.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

4. Discussion and Approval: Draft Select Board Report to Town Meeting

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim noted that what is before the Board is the Draft Select Board Report to Town Meeting that reflects the votes and comments that the Board has already entered. Mr. Heim stated that there is one vote that the Board received feedback on which is Article 16 Bylaw Amendment/Noise Regulation for Gas Powered Leaf Blowers. After the Board's vote and comment on that article the resident petitioners were hoping it could be clarified. Mr. Cunningham, Deputy Town Counsel explained that the change is highlighted in the reference under Article 16 number 2. This change amounts to a difference of allowing commercial users to use gas powered leaf blowers during the transition phase from May 31st instead of June 15th. Mr. Cunningham also explained the clarification in the next paragraph that is consistent with the Boards vote but made clearer. Mr. Heim continued through the report explaining that the revolving funds need to be updated with this year's numbers. The final change that was added was a resolution to Article 77 that was formulated by the legal office in coordination with the proponent.

The Board spoke regarding the proposed changes to the Select Board Report to Town Meeting. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the date change for the gas-powered leaf blowers for commercial users and how that would impact their businesses. The Board agreed that the change highlighted does not change the substance of the article. The Board further made some administrative changes to article 77 including striking the word organic and then further striking the work natural.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the 2022 Select Board Report to Town Meeting with the original language for Article 16 as well as the administrative changes proposed by Mr. Helmuth.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. Discussion and Potential Vote: Authorization of Virtual Town Meeting

Greg Christiana, Town Moderator

Greg Christiana, Town Moderator appeared before the Board and summarized his reasoning on how he arrived at the decision to request a remote Town Meeting. Mr. Christiana explained that he spoke with Town Counsel and Board of Health Director,

Christine Bongiorno, last week regarding the options for Town Meeting and have decided that it is not possible to safely assemble in person for Town Meeting based on the increasing COVID cases locally and leading indicators that are trending in the wrong direction. Mr. Christiana explained that there is a lack of indoor space that is large enough to allow sufficient distancing and noted that there is poor ventilation at Town Hall, which is difficult to remedy. Mr. Christiana is asking for the Board's approval of a virtual Town Meeting to provide a safe venue for all participants in this unpredictable situation. Mrs. Bongiorno explained that the cases that we are seeing in Town, both the documented cases as well as the sewage data that is review daily, shows that there is in an increase in cases in this region. Mr. Chapdelaine noted that they did look into the new auditorium at the high school and the audio and visual equipment will not be ready in time for Town Meeting. Mr. Heim explained that if the Board were to vote in favor of Virtual Town Meeting tonight the first order of business at Town Meeting will be to take a vote of those members present on if they agree to conduct Town Meeting virtually. If they do not agree that the meeting proceeds that way, one option is to reconvene Town Meeting in a physical location and the other option would be to dissolve Town Meeting and to post town meeting at a new location. Mr. Heim noted that if the Board is inclined to move towards authorizing a remote meeting that the Board would also approve the Select Board office in consultation with the Legal Department to issue a notice regarding the change of venue from in person to virtual town meeting consistent with Chapter 22 the acts of 2022

The majority of the Board agrees with this request and thanked Mr. Christiana and Mrs. Bongiorno for their work and knowledge on this matter.

Mrs. Mahon moved to authorize a remote Town Meeting as well as to authorize
A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mr. Hurd: no
Mr. Helmuth: yes
Mrs. Mahon: yes
Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (3-1)

6. Discussion: Potential Date for Town Day
John V. Hurd, Select Board

Mr. Hurd moved to have Town Day on Saturday, September 17, 2022.
A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

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

SO VOTED (4-0)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

7. Petition Signatures in Support of the Mass Ave Vision Zero campaign in
Arlington
Phil Goff and Chad Gibson, Co-chairs

Everywhere Arlington Livable Streets (EALS) Coalition

Mr. Hurd moved to refer to the Town Manager.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon requested that the Board be provided with information on what the designated federal ARPA funds are that were submitted and talked with Congresswomen Clark.

Mr. Diggins noted that there may be a potential agenda item on April 20th regarding the Redevelopment Board warrant articles and the Select Board's input on them.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 8:20p.m.

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

Mr. Hurd: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board Wednesday, April 20, 2022

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Office Manager

4/11/2022

| Agenda Item | Documents Used |
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| 1 | Open Meeting Law Requirements Post State of Emergency |
| 2 | Land Acknowledgment |
| 3 | Draft Minutes 3.21.2022 Draft Minutes 3.28.2022 Draft Minutes 4.4.2022 |
| 4 | Draft Select Board Report |
| 5 | Letter from Town Moderator |
| 6 | |
| 7 | EALS Letter Re: Mass Ave Vision Zero campaign |