



## Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 20, 2022

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Select Board Chambers for Select Board and Staff. Members of the Public may access the meeting by Zoom and ACMI.

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

Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim, Mrs. Costa

Absent: Mr. Hurd

### 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.

### 3. Discussion: General Safety

Lenard T. Diggins, Chair

Mr. Diggins mentioned his concerns regarding safety related to the recent MBTA incident where a man's arm got caught in the door of a train. Mr. Diggins noted how

dangerous this can be and if you are riding the T to use caution and make note of where the call box and emergency brake are. Mr. Diggins also mentioned he wants to have a more in-depth discussion regarding this at a future meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. Minutes of Meetings: March 30, 2022**

Mr. Helmuth moved approval.

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

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

### **TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **5. Request: Parking Reservation for Whittemore Park Phase 2 Construction**

Jennifer Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development

Kelly Lynema, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development presented this agenda item. Ms. Lynema stated that this is a request for a staging area in the Russell Common Lot for phase 2 construction of Whittemore Park.

Mr. DeCoursey moved approval.

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

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

#### **6. Presentation and Requested Adoption: Arlington Housing Plan**

Jennifer Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development

Kelly Lynema, Assistant Directory, Department of Planning and Community Development

Mr. Diggins wanted the Board to have a discussion on this since the plan had already been presented at a previous hearing.

Mr. DeCoursey stated that he and Mr. Helmuth had requested to receive more information in terms of what the Redevelopment Board did with Article 38. The Redevelopment Board had voted, and it was a 3 – 2 vote. Mr. DeCoursey stated he agrees with the comments made by Ms. Zsembery and Ms. Tintocalis in terms of the need for a more comprehensive plan if we are to allow two families as of right in R0 and R1 districts. Mr. DeCoursey is pleased with the Housing Production Plan overall but also wanted to ask that there be some language stricken administratively from the Redevelopment Board Report because of tone and unnecessary comments in the narrative.

Ms. Raitt agreed that those changes could be made administratively and more discussions on Article 38 will be had at Town Meeting.

Mr. Helmuth moved to adopt the plan subject to the administrative amendments discussed.

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

Mr. DeCoursey:     yes

Mr. Helmuth:       yes

Mrs. Mahon:        yes

Mr. Diggins:       yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Discussion & Endorsement: Revised ARPA Framework

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine presented the revisions to the ARPA Framework by going line by line to explain the discrepancies, if any.

The Board had a detailed discussion and overall were pleased with the revisions presented by Mr. Chapdelaine.

Mrs. Mahon moved to endorse the Revised ARPA Framework.

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

Mr. DeCoursey:     yes

Mr. Helmuth:       yes

Mrs. Mahon:        yes

Mr. Diggins:       yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

8. Parking Issues on Westminster Avenue

Doug Crevensten, 151 Westminster Avenue

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt and to refer to the Town Manager.

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

Mr. DeCoursey:     yes

Mr. Helmuth:       yes

Mrs. Mahon:        yes

Mr. Diggins:       yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. DeCoursey stated that thanks to a generous gift by Richard Duffy the Arlington Newspapers are being digitized.

Mrs. Mahon mentioned that the Veterans Services Director, Jeff Chunglo, will be having a female commander coming to the Ottoson Middle School to speak and wants to make sure the Select Board is represented.

Mr. Diggins stated that at the next meeting there will be an update on the Town Manager search process.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

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

Mr. DeCourcey: yes

Mr. Helmuth: yes

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board April 25, 2022

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Lauren Costa

Administrative Assistant

04/20/2022

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
2	Land Acknowledgement
3	
4	Draft Minutes 3.30.2022
5	Planning Memo Parking Request
6	Arlington Housing Plan ARB Report to Town Meeting
7	Draft Vote Copy of ARPA Framework Premium Pay Memo ARPA Requests ARPA HHS
8	CR D. Crevensten