



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2022

Time: 6:45PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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

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

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. Mr. Diggins also asked for a moment to acknowledge the passing of Lieutenant Danny Kelly III, a lifelong dedicated member of the Arlington Police Department for over 30 years. Mr. Diggins also noted the awful events of this past weekend in our country and try to temper our own potentially negative responses to these acts of hate and violence so that we can act constructively and demonstrate that love really is stronger than hate.

FOR APPROVAL

2. Request for Temporary Parking Exemption for AHS Senior Prom Buses

Steve Angelo, Director of Transportation Arlington Public Schools

Mr. Diggins noted that when placing this on the agenda he had reached out to Officer Rateau who stated that the Board has approved similar requests in the past and did not feel it was necessary for him to be present.

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)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes of Meeting: May 2, 2022

4. Request: Annual Greek Festival, June 10, 11, 12, 2022

a) 3-Day Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License

b) 'One Way' designation of Appleton Place (from Mass. Ave. to Burton St.)

5. For Approval: Beer Garden @ Jason Russell House, Saturdays from June through September 2022

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

Mr. Burke appeared before the Board and explained that they did a trial beer garden in September of last year that was wonderful and are excited that the Arlington Historical Society has asked them to return for this year.

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)

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. For Approval: Szechuan's Dumpling, 1360 Massachusetts Avenue, Lin Chen

a) Common Victualler License

b) Wine and Malt License

Ms. Chen appeared before the Board and explained that they are seeking approval from the Board to open their restaurant located at 1360 Massachusetts Avenue.

Mr. Helmuth 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)

7. For Approval: Outdoor Restaurant and Retail Permit Application

The Heights Pub, 1314 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. O'Rourke appeared before the Board and stated that he is seeking approval to offer outdoor dining to guests. Mr. O'Rourke explained that it is very popular at his other restaurant and is hoping to bring that to Arlington Heights. Mr. O'Rourke clarified that he has two tables of six and three tables of four for a total of 24 seats. Mr. O'Rourke also noted that although they had requested for additional decking they are going to hold off on that request as the sidewalk is already pretty level.

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)

8. For Approval: Common Victualler License

Makalu Restaurant, 352A Massachusetts Avenue, Roshan Dangol and Amit Basnet

The Board thanked Mr. Dangol for choosing Arlington and look forward to a Nepalese restaurant to join the Town.

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)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discussion & Vote: Appointment of Interim Town Manager

Lenard T. Diggins, Chair

Mr. DeCoursey explained that in Section 12B of the Town Manager Act it controls the appointment of a successor to Mr. Chapdelaine upon his leaving on June 17th. Mr. DeCoursey noted that we have gone through the process where we have sought interest from individuals for the interim Town Manager position and Mr. Pooler has been identified as an individual to serve beginning on June 18, subject to negotiations. Mr. DeCoursey noted that that period may very well go passed September 15, which would be 90 days from June 17th. Mr. DeCoursey explained that the Town Manager Act talks about an appointment for the balance of the unexpired term, and where there is so much term remaining in Mr. Chapdelaine's contract there are some issues the Board will need to discuss with Mr. Pooler prior to appointing him for the balance of the unexpired term that would go to 2025. Mr. DeCoursey stated that he does not plan on staying in Arlington until 2025 however, there is a period of time that he would like to remain here, and the

Board would like to respect that. Mr. Heim explained in detail what Section 12b in the Town Manager Act means.

The Board thanked Mr. DeCoursey and Mr. Diggins on their work throughout this process and look forward to entering negotiations with Mr. Pooler.

Mrs. Mahon lost and regained signal at 7:22p.m.

Mr. DeCoursey moved to authorize the chair to enter negotiations with Sandy Pooler to serve as Town Manager pursuant to Section 12B of the Town Manager Act.

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)

10. Discussion & Approval: Fiscal Year 2023 Water/Sewer Rates

Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mike Rademacher, Director of Public Work

Mr. Chapdelaine gave a brief introduction stating that the Board is well aware that we will be in the third year that we are rolling off the MWRA debt shift. This is a program where the statutory allowance that the Town has used for many years to carry a portion of water/sewer debt on the tax rate. Mr. Chapdelaine explained that the Board decided several years ago in light of debt, rolling onto the tax rate from the High School, the Minuteman project, and the Gibbs construction, to begin to roll off that water/sewer related debt. Mr. Chapdelaine noted that this was so the Town could have some tax rate stabilization or mitigation with the understanding that water rates would need to be increased in a corresponding amount in order to college the revenue attributable to the amount that had been paid for by that water/sewer debt shift. Mr. Chapdelaine explained that this is the third and final year and that you will see that the percentages are larger than what would normally be asked for in a water/sewer rate increase. Mr. Rademacher stated that side from removing the debt shift, this is a fairly standard increase from year to year. Mr. DeCoursey explained that the recommendation is 11.31% rate increase on water and 11.14% on sewer and if the debt shift was not included the increase would have averaged 4.2%. Mr. DeCoursey stated that the bulk of this increase is because of this cost coming off the real estate bill and coming over to rates where it should be. Mr. Rademacher stated that this information has been available on the Town's website for three years as well as placing a notice on the bill.

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)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon noted that she has received some complaints from citizens in East Arlington regarding trucks being parked on Boulevard Road and Lafayette Street that are forced to park in Arlington due to the elimination of parking in Cambridge due to construction.

Mr. DeCoursey would like to wish Jack Bowler a happy 90th birthday! Mr. Bowler is a former town employee and the father of the Arlington High School Athletic Director. Mr. DeCoursey also had the pleasure of attending the Touchdown awards banquet for Arlington High School last week where they awarded Reid Malatesta and Grace Crosetti with the Ostregen Award. The guest speaker at this event was Barbara Stevens who was the former basketball coach at Bentley University. Mr. DeCoursey cited a quote that was said reading “there is no growth in the comfort zone.”

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:00p.m; and stated that the Board will reconvene with the commencement of Annual Town Meeting and will remain in session from 7:34p.m. to 11:00p.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 Thursday, May 26, 2022

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Office Manager

5/16/2022

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	Open Meeting Law Requirements Post State of Emergency
2	AHS Senior Prom Bus Request
3	5.2.2022 Draft Minutes
4	Safety Plan 2022 Special Event Permit Application Greek Festival Special Application
5	Beer Garden Reference
6	Szechuan Dumpling Inspection Reports CV Application B&W Application
7	The Heights Pub Inspection Reports ORRPA Application
8	Makaiu Restaurant Inspection Reports

	CV Application
9	Memo re: Appointment of Town Manager
10	S. Pooler Resume