



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2020

Time: 7:15 PM

Location: Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Curro, Mr. Hurd, Mr. DeCoursey

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

Absent: Mr. Dunn, Vice Chair

1. Approval of Sale of \$200,000 Sewer Bond to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

Phyllis Marshall, Treasurer & Collector of Taxes

Mrs. Marshall appeared before the Board seeking approval for the \$200,000 Sewer Bond. This Bond is in accordance with Town Meeting Warrant Article 61 in 2019. This would authorize the participation in the MWRA Grant Loan Program for repair to infiltration of our sewer system. Mrs. Marshall explained that this grant is a substantial amount of money and the borrowing is a \$200,000 interest-free loan that will be payable over the course of 10 years.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

2. For Approval: Arlington Jazz Festival Banners

Daniel Fox

Mr. Fox, Director of the Jazz Festival, spoke before the Board in regards to their request to hang two Jazz Festival Banners on the west side of Route 60 or any part of Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Fox told the Board that they moved the date for the festival to mid-May so any date in April would work best for the banners to be hung.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes of Meetings: January 27, 2020

4. Patriots' Day Committee Events, April 19, 2020

a) 56th Annual Patriots' Day Fun Run at 8:45 a.m. along Massachusetts Avenue;

b) Menotomy Reenactment at 12/Noon at the Jason Russell House;

c) Patriots' Day Parade at 3:00 p.m.

Christine Bongiorno, Patriots' Day Committee Chair

Director of Health and Human Services

5. Reappointments

Board of Youth Services

Lori Pescatore (term to expire 1/31/2023)

Library Board of Trustees

Heather Calvin (term to expire 6/30/2021)

Jonathan Gates (term to expire 6/30/2022)

Library Board of Trustees, to correct term ending date

Adam Delmolino (was 1/31/2022 should be 1/31/2021)

Amy Hampe was (1/31/2022 should be 1/31/2021)

6. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 3/7/20 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall for a Private Event
Haris Domond and Jessica Grant
7. Request: Special (One Day) Beer & Wine License, 3/14/20 @ Lesley Ellis School for a Private Event
Jeanette Keller, Auxiliary Programs Director, Lesley Ellis School]
8. Appointment of New Election Workers: (1) Celia J. Doremus, 9 Harvard St., D, Pct. 12; (2) Beverly A. Panettiere, 438 Massachusetts Ave. #243, R, Pct. 7; (3) Juliet A. Fuhrman Wolf, 52 Grandview Rd., D, Pct. 18; (4) Stanley F. Wolf, 52 Grandview Rd., D, Pct. 18

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7:15p.m. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Eversource Petition/Massachusetts Avenue
Jacqueline Duffy, Supervisor, Rights and Permits
(all abutters notified)

Ms. Duffy, Supervisor for Eversource appeared before the Board to describe their project to install one hip guy to a support pole 847 over 29 on Massachusetts Avenue. Ms. Duffy described a "hip guy" to be a bar that goes straight across and then down to support the poles and help avoid people walking into it. This hip guy is located at the back of the sidewalk near the grass.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

10. National Grid Petition/Browning Road
Barbara H. Kelleher, Permit Representative
(all abutters notified)

Mr. DeCoursey recused himself from this discussion as he does work for National Grid. Ms. Kelleher, Permit Representative for National Grid appeared before the Board to describe their project located on Browning Road. She stated that work would be to install 25 feet of six inch gas main to the existing gas main in order to provide gas to other houses on the street.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

After the vote Mr. DeCoursey returned to the meeting.

LICENSES & PERMITS

11. For Approval: Common Victualler License

Happy Belly Eats, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Jason Carter

Mr. Carter appeared before the Board to describe his new restaurant that he plans to bring to Arlington. Mr. Carter stated that his restaurant would have a similar concept to the restaurant that is there now. He said that they would be adding fun over the top burgers, gourmet hot dogs and shakes to their menu. They plan to beautify and redo part of the kitchen to bring it to code with the Health Department. Mr. Carter hopes to be opening Happy Belly Eats in mid to late April.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

12. Articles for Review:

Article Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Outdoor Lighting – Uplighting

Mr. Schlichtman appeared before the Board to state that at last year's Town Meeting the warrant article he proposed had a last minute amendment to change the uplighting. Mr. Schlichtman is requesting that this vote go back to Town Meeting for approval. He stated that a lot of the lighting that they banned in the Warrant Article last year mostly impacted funeral homes and churches. Mr. Schlichtman wants to give Town Meeting a chance to clarify the vote from last year. Mr. DeCoursey stated that in the language for the proposed warrant article it uses the word structure and there is no definition of structure in the bylaw that concerns uplighting. Mr. DeCoursey suggested that the word structure be changed to buildings in the warrant article.

Mr. Curro moved favorable action with the amendment that structures be replaced with the word buildings in both instances.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article Bylaw Amendment/Minuteman Bikeway Hours

Christopher Tonkin, Chairman of the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee spoke on behalf of this article. He stated that the bikeway has official hours that are the same as the standard park hours in Arlington. Lexington and Bedford our neighboring towns do not have standard hours and many of the users of the bikeway especially in East Arlington arrive from Alewife and get on the bikeway which is breaking the law. They are looking to bring Arlington in harmony with the other two towns. He stated that they held consultations with the Police Department and they are in favor with this change as well as meetings with the Planning Department who are also in favor. Mr. Chapdelaine added that he also spoke with the Police and Planning Departments and stated that one additional thing that these discussions will lead to is lighting on the Bikeway in the future. Mr. Curro stated that all aspects of the Bikeway are under the jurisdiction of the Town Manager, so essentially removing it from the bylaw would allow administrative flexibility. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that if they wanted to change it next year then they would not have to keep coming back to Town Meeting so that would be appropriate to consider. He also stated that he is in favor of changing the hours to 5:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. with revisions to be made as necessary.

Mr. Curro moved to change the relevant bylaw such that the jurisdiction over the hours of the Minuteman bikeway are given to the Town Manager.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article Vote/Appropriation/School Committee Member Stipends

Ms. Susse read a statement written by Christa Kelleher that outlined three key reasons why School Committee Members should receive stipends. One reason being the incredibly significant contributions made by the School Committee Members. The second reason is that each Select Board member receives a \$3000 annual stipend as well as many other boards and commissions in the Town. The third and final reason is that the opportunity to serve should be open to all including those who might receive a relatively small stipend. Christa Kelleher stated that many other surrounding communities offer stipends to School Committee Members as well as other forms of compensation. Ms. Kelleher noted that the cost for the 7 School Committee Members in the Town of Arlington would cost \$21,000 annually and they are seeking a funding source. Ms. Susse read her comments regarding how the School Committee is responsible for a lot including the budget. She stated that the School Committee Budget is under the jurisdiction of the School Committee Members which may cause a conflict of interest if the money is coming from the school budget. She recommended that the money be taking from the warrant money. Mr. Heim clarified that this warrant article has two parts to it, stating that the Select Board is only responsible for the vote part of the article. Mr. Heim stated that the Board may vote tonight but may also wait for input from the Finance Committee. Mr. Heim explained that School Committee Members would not be eligible for health insurance or retirement. Mr. Chapdelaine wanted to let the Board know that they should feel comfortable taking a vote on policy, which then the Finance Committee would have their discussion about funding that policy. Mr. DeCoursey stated that this stipend would not take effect until fiscal year 2022. He stated that this would be subject to an appropriation every year and thinks that they are coming to the Board early because there really would not be anything to put before Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Mr. DeCoursey thinks that the Finance Committee should be the body that determines what the amount is but certainly thinks he could support going to Town Meeting and recommending compensation. Mr. Heim stated that he thinks that this year's Town Meeting can take an action to say that we want the school committee to receive compensation and that would set the table for the following year. Mr. Heim clarified that the law states that Town Meeting has to vote to provide compensation and to say what the amount of such compensation will be. Many of the members on the Board discussed how hard the School Committee works and how they should be compensated for their long hours and dedicated time to the Town. Mr. Chapdelaine confirmed that the Finance Committee would always be the body that determines where funds are to be raised from.

Mr. Curro moved that the Select Board express its support for the proposition of compensating School Committee Members under the provisions of MGL Chapter 71 Section 52 subject to annual appropriation as jointly determined by the Finance Committee and the School Committee.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that they were concluding the final Police Chief interviews today and will be announcing very soon who the permanent Police Chief is. Mr. Chapdelaine also stated that they have been getting a lot of requests for a third recreational marijuana license that they will be bringing forward at another meeting.

Mr. DeCoursey noted that he attended the Fire Department badge pinning ceremony. He would like to commend the new firefighters on the department.

Mr. Hurd met with surrounding Town's regarding Patriots Day in 2025. He stated that he would like to have it on a future agenda item for further discussion.

Mrs. Mahon stated that similar to the medical marijuana requests she has been receiving calls in regards to the liquor store in the heights closing and what the next steps are. She stated that this will also be a future agenda item for discussion.

Mr. Curro moved to adjourn at 8:18p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board February 24, 2020

A true record attest

Ashley Maher
Administrative Assistant

2/10/2020

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	Approval of Sewer Bond to MWRA
2	Request and Banner Images Banner Schedule
3	Draft Minutes 01.27.2020
4	Patriots Day Committee Event Request
5	Reappointment Reference Library Board of Trustees Terms Ending Change
6	Domond and Grant Special Beer and Wine Application
7	Lesley Ellis School Special Beer and Wine Application
8	Election Worker Master Record Reference
9	Memo from Engineering – 271 Massachusetts Avenue Eversource Application
10	Memo from Engineering – Browning Road National Grid Application
11	Inspection Reports – Happy Belly Eats Common Victualler Application
12	Warrant Article Text Town Counsel Comments P.Schlichtman Regulation of Outdoor Lighting – Uplighting J. Flaherty Minuteman Bikeway Hours Minuteman Bikeway Hours A. MacNeill C. Kelleher School Committee Stipends