



## Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 4, 2022

Time: 7:15PM

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. Hurd, Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Helmuth

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

### 1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

Mr. DeCoursey opened the meeting by stating the Commonwealth passed on June 16, 2021, 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 April 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. Organizational Meeting for the Purpose of Electing a Chair and Vice Chair

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim called for nominations for the Select Board Chair for the 2022 Season.

Mr. Helmuth made a nomination to appoint Len Diggins as Select Board Chair.

Mrs. Mahon moved to close the nominations.

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

Mrs. Mahon:           yes

Mr. DeCoursey:       yes

Mr. Diggins:           yes

Mr. Hurd: yes  
Mr. Helmuth yes SO VOTED (5-0)

A roll call vote was then taken by Mr. Heim to nominate Mr. Diggins as Chair of the Select Board.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes  
Mr. DeCoursey: yes  
Mr. Diggins: yes  
Mr. Hurd: yes  
Mr. Helmuth yes SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Diggins moved to open nominations for Vice Chair.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes  
Mr. DeCoursey: yes  
Mr. Diggins: yes  
Mr. Hurd: yes  
Mr. Helmuth yes SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. DeCoursey made a nomination to appoint Diane Mahon as Vice Chair of the Select Board.

Mrs. Mahon moved to close the nominations.

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes  
Mr. DeCoursey: yes  
Mr. Diggins: yes  
Mr. Hurd: yes  
Mr. Helmuth yes SO VOTED (5-0)

A roll call vote was taken by Mr. Heim for the nomination of Mrs. Mahon as Vice Chair of the Select Board

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

Mrs. Mahon: yes  
Mr. DeCoursey: yes  
Mr. Diggins: yes  
Mr. Hurd: yes  
Mr. Helmuth yes SO VOTED (5-0)

### **FOR APPROVAL**

#### 3. Run to Remember Julia Miller

Michael Pescatore, 5 Lennon Road

Mr. Pescatore appeared before the Board and explained that he has organized this run for one of his friends who passed away a few months ago who was an avid cross country runner.

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)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4. Minutes of Meeting: March 7, 2022
  
5. Farmers' Market 2022  
Patsy Kraemer, Market Manager
  
6. Request: AHS Ice Cream Fundraiser for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI)  
Whittemore Park, May 14, 2022 (rain date May 15th), 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Emilie Bell and Katya Shubochkin  
The AHS Scoops Club
  
7. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License  
Richard Gordon  
Bay State Engineering Corp.  
330 Hopping Brook Road  
Holliston, MA 01746
  
8. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License  
Robert Hanss  
Robert Hanss Inc.  
207 Suffolk Road  
Newton, MA 02467

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)

**LICENSES & PERMITS**

9. Outdoor Restaurant and Retail Permit Application

Tryst, 689 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Kim appeared before the Board and explained that he is requesting outdoor furniture to be placed in front of his restaurant located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue.

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)

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS**

10. Discussion: Potential 40B Application Located at 1021-1027 Massachusetts Avenue

Paul L. Feldman

Mr. Feldman appeared before the Board and stated that he is an attorney with the law firm Davis Malm in Boston. Mr. Feldman represents the applicants that are proposing the 40B Application. Mr. Feldman explained that within the next few weeks they will be filing with Mass Housing for a site approval letter and would like to take this opportunity to explain their project to the Board before then. Mr. Feldman gave a brief overview of the proposed project located at 1021-1027 Massachusetts Avenue and explained that both of these properties are under contract with the Maggiore's. Mr. Feldman stated that the development opportunity at these locations would be to raise these two structures and build a new building 5 stories tall. They are proposing 50 units where 25% of them would be affordable which totals 13 affordable units. Mr. Feldman explained that there will be 50 indoor parking spaces with just under 1000 square feet of retail. There will also be amenities for the residents which include a fitness center, a concierge's office, and elevator access as well as a second-floor common courtyard with green roof and patio space. Mr. Feldman noted that they have sent out an abutter notification notifying them of the proposed development.

The Board thanked Mr. Feldman for the presentation and questioned when they plan on filing with MassHousing as that starts a timeline for the Board to provide feedback. Mr. Feldman stated that they plan on filing their application within the next 14 days where the Board should be ready to have a response within the next 6-8 weeks.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt.

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)

11. Discussion: Town Manager Search Process

Stephen W. DeCoursey, Select Board

Mr. DeCoursey gave an update to the Board regarding the upcoming process for the Town Manager search in light of the receipt from Mr. Chapdelaine’s resignation. Mr. DeCoursey stated that he has been working with Caryn Malloy, Director of Human Resources and he is in the process of receiving quotations from various firms that would be interested in running the search process. Mr. DeCoursey noted that we have received interest from three firms and it is important for the Board to designate a liaison to work with Ms. Malloy in reviewing the quotations and developing a process to determine timing, the naming of an interim Town Manager

12. For Discussion: Future Select Board Meetings

The Board selected the following dates for future meetings:

April 11, 2022, at 7:15p.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 7:00p.m.

April 25, 2022, at 7:00p.m.

May 2, 2022, at 7:00p.m.

May 16, 2022, at 7:00p.m.

June 13, 2022, 7:15p.m.

June 27, 2022, at 7:15p.m.

**WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS**

13. Special Town Meeting Articles for Review:

*Article 6 Appropriation/Taking Stratton School Safe Routes Program*

Mr. Heim stated that this was placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant as a placeholder and no longer needs to be on the Warrant. Mr. Heim explained that this project is being funded mainly by MassDot and since the Town does not have solid figures on the amount of the project and exact locations this will be taken off the warrant for Town Meeting’s consideration. No vote was needed at this time.

**FINAL VOTES & COMMENTS**

Articles for Review:

Article 7 Bylaw Amendment/Youth and Young Adult Advisory Board

Article 11 Bylaw Amendment/Domestic Partnerships

Article 13 Bylaw Amendment/Prohibit the Use of Face Surveillance

Article 14 Vote/Establish a Committee on Insurance Costs and Issues

Article 15 Bylaw Amendment/ Noise Abatement

Article 16 Bylaw Amendment/Noise Regulations for Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

- Article 18 Bylaw Amendment/Phase Out of Certain Toxic Rodenticides on Public/Private Property, with Reporting Requirement and Public Education
- Article 21 Vote/Extension of Youth and Young Adult Advisory Board, Commission, or Committee Study Committee
- Article 23 Vote/Board of Youth Services Updates
- Article 24 Home Rule Legislation/Financial Estimates & Budget Documents
- Article 27 Revolving Funds
- Article 47 Endorsement of Parking Benefit District Expenditures
- Article 75 Resolution/Commitment to Increase Diversity in Town Appointments
- Article 77 Resolution/Establishing an Integrated Pest Management Policy for Town Land, Prohibitions, and Public Education about Rodenticide Hazards

Mr. Heim presented to the Board the final votes and comments article by article for the Board’s review and recommendation. Mr. Heim noted any changes that were made and noted any comments the Board had regarding each warrant article.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the final votes and comments as amended by the Board’s comments.

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)

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

14. Letter Concerning Utility Poles  
Peter Majeski  
26 Baker Road

Mr. Hurd moved receipt and referred to the Town Manager.

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**

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that last Wednesday at Town Hall the Police Department hosted a ‘Coffee with a Cop’ event for senior citizens that was well attended by both the Arlington

Police Department and the members of the community. Mr. Chapdelaine also shared that Chief Julie Flaherty will be speaking at an ICMA regional conference in Boston, this Thursday on innovative practices that have been implemented over the past several years by the Arlington Police Department. Mr. Chapdelaine also stated that the Annual Report is available electronically on the Town's website. The Annual Budget and Financial Plan is being printed and will also be shared on the website.

Mr. Hurd noted that the annual Police and Fire hockey game will be this Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Arlington Rink.

Mr. Helmuth would like to congratulate Greg Christiana on being elected Town Moderator and thanked John Leone for his fifteen years of dedicated service to the Town of Arlington. Mr. Helmuth would also like to note that the Town's COVID Booster Clinic will be on Thursday Morning located at the Town Hall; you can find more information regarding the clinic on the Town's website.

Mrs. Mahon noted that the Board's recommendations and or proposals regarding the MWRA save the Alewife brook are being worked on in unison with the Town Council and Town Manager. Mrs. Mahon also noted that there was another car accident at the Wollaston Avenue intersection and would like to have an update on that soon. Mrs. Mahon asked if at a future Select Board meeting the Manager could come back with final figures regarding the ARPA money spending for premium pay for essential workers.

Mr. Diggins thanked the Board for their nominations in electing him Chair of the Board for the next year.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:19p.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 April 25, 2022

A true record attest

Ashley Maher  
Office Manager

4/4/2022

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1	Open Meeting Law Requirements Post State of Emergency
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3	Special Permit Application – J. Miller
4	Draft Minutes 3.7.2022
5	Farmers Market Memo
6	AHS Ice Cream Fundraiser Request
7	Contractor/Drainlayer Bay State Engineering Reference
8	Contractor/Drainlayer Robert Hanss Reference
9	Inspection Reports – Tryst Tryst ORRPA Application
10	
11	
12	April – June Calendar
13	
FV&C	Draft Final Votes & Comments
14	Correspondence from P. Majeski