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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday July 13, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA
via conference call in accordance with Governor Baker's
emergency "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20"
6:00 p.m.

MEETING OPENING: At 6:03 p.m., Chairman Becker called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA. The following individuals were present: Chairman Becker, Selectman Andrew Jolda, Selectman Lisa Kontoes, Selectman Earl Gabor, Selectman Thomas Klebart (via Zoom Meeting), Micheal Stoliker (via Zoom Meeting), Candace Shiver, Patricia Nectow, Jessica Valby, Suzette Raun, Police Chief Michael Shaw, Town Administrator Doug Willardson, and Executive Assistant Courtney Friedland. The Board stood and took the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Becker stated on March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law, to enable public bodies to carry out their responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations regarding social distancing as fully stated on the agenda. The Executive Order relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body through adequate, alternative means.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Selectman Kontoes, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2020. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2020. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

CHIEF SHAW – BI-ANNUAL WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Shaw thanked the Board for having him to give his bi-annual update. He stated there are currently four vacancies within the department. They interviewed three candidates for sub-patrolman. They hired Davis Brooks and he is slated to start the academy

in the fall. Officer Michael Reardon transferred to Millbury. Bruce Hamm transferred to the detective department. The first entry level exam is taking place in September. Saleema DeSantis and Bryan Blombrem completed training. He stated Webster Police Department activity patrolling Webster Lake. He said they are down to one boat, but the Environmental Police have been patrolling the lake also. Officer Spencer Donovan was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk driving (MADD) as Officer of the Year. There were many noteworthy events within the last couple of months. On February 18th, they made an arrest in the stabbing at Mario's. On February 27th, they made a narcotics arrest. On March 6th, they were part of a pursuit with the Douglas Police. On March 13th, Jashua Besaw pled guilty of the May 2019 kidnapping from the May Street playground. On March 24 they participated in a pursuit with the Douglas Police. On May 11th, they made a stolen vehicle arrest. On May 12th, they executed a narcotic's search warrant on Elm Street. On May 22nd, they made an arrest of a gentleman at Memorial Beach making lewd acts. On June 4th, they made a narcotics arrest. On June 6th, the Black Lives Matter Protest was held. He stated he was proud of how the event came out and thanked everyone who helped out. He stated there were over 80 Police Officers helping at the event. He thanked the Board of Selectmen for their support.

The Webster Police Department held several community events during the last couple of months. They continued to do Coffee with Kids, Hoops for Hope, Big Time Wrestling, Easter Bunny Parade, Autism Awareness Month, Numerous Birthday and Thank-you Parades, and the Annual Duck Off. Statistic from last year during this time and this year as of follows:

	2019	2020
Offense Reports:	692	609
Arrests:	631	677
Citations:	1561	817
Accidents:	209	139

The Webster Police Department has made some changes since COVID-19. He stated they modified patrols, increased sanitation, and limited unnecessary contact with the public. He stated they was great teamwork between the Police, Fire and EMS. He stated Gary Milliard was able to secure them a proper amount of PPE's. He stated the Police Department was just awarded a COVID-19 Grant from the Department of Justice. This allowed them to purchase additional PPE's for use in the future. They were also able to purchase electrostatic cleaners. This is a two-year grant in the amount of \$33,000.00 to prevent, prepare and respond against COVID-19. Mr. Willardson stated the Webster Police Department is doing very well under Chief Shaw's leadership. He stated he appreciated how he ran the department. Selectman Gabor stated there seems to be less needles and syringes around town. Chief Shaw stated the outreach workers are definitely helping. He stated they are making improvements with finding users recovery. Selectman Jolda stated there is an interest in increasing patrols on the lake after sunset. Selectman Kontoes added that when she was down at Memorial Beach the other night there was very surprising behavior. Chief Shaw stated he will add more patrols to the area after sunset. Selectman Kontoes stated she received a lot of great feedback about the protest and is very proud of the Webster Police Department and Chief Shaw. Chairman Becker stated the Webster Police Department truly defines teamwork.

DECLARE 2011 CROWN VICTORIA SURPLUS: Chief Shaw stated the Police Department is looking to declare a 2011 Crown Victoria surplus with 100,000 miles on it. It runs, but there are some significant mechanical issues on the horizon. He stated he is hoping to sell the vehicle for two to three thousand dollars and put it towards a new cruiser.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to declare the 2011 Crown Victoria surplus. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN CHURCH – “ONE DAY” LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST: Micheal Chito stated the church has held their annual Gyro Festival for the last three years. He said they have spoken with the Board of Health Agent and have guidelines for the event. He said Beer & Wine will only be served inside. He stated they will keep the crowd under 100 people and require mask and social distancing. He stated they might need to change the date if it rains. Chairman Becker stated the Board will need to re-vote if they change the date. He stated someone will be designated to review how many people are in attendance.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to approve the “One Day” liquor license request for Beer & Wine only from Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster for their Gyro Fest on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION – MJH AUTOMOTIVE, LLC: Mr. Willardson stated this proposed property has been a nuisance. He recommended approval for this site as they will put conditions on it and it will be subject to approval by the Building Inspector. He believes this might clean up the property.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the Class II license application submitted by MJH Automotive, LLC 22 Cudworth Road, Webster subject to the Building Inspector’s approval and limited to ten (10) cars. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION – ROUTE 193 AUTO SALES DBS WAKEFIELD AUTO SALES: Mr. Willardson stated 8A Wakefield Street has a very large lot, the owner was seeking twenty-six (26) cars but after speaking with the Building Inspector they believe ten (10) cars is appropriate for that area. He spoke with the owner and he is ok with ten (10) cars.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the Class II license application submitted by Route 193 Auto Sales Inc. dba Wakefield Auto Sales, 8A Wakefield Street, Webster subject to the Building Inspector’s approval and limited to ten (10) cars. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

INDIAN RANCH RECREATION – REQUEST TO AMEND 2021 CONCERT SCHEDULE: Suzette Raun came forward. She stated she is trying to book and rearrange the 2021 concert schedule and a couple of her artists have a conflict with the restrictions the Board of Selectmen have in place about no back to back night concerts. She is looking for approval for a back to back night concert on July 23rd and July 24th. She is also looking to have a back to back concert either on August 26th and August 27th or on August 27th and August 28th. She said this is not normal circumstances. She is trying to rearrange so they can help the artist schedule for next year. She stated they will still be under six-night shows limit. She stated the situation is very frustrating. She stated they have made calls to help the business re-opening to full capacity.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to amend Indian Ranch Recreation entertainment license to allow a back to back night show on July 23, 2021 & July 24, 2021 and August 26, 2021 & August 27, 2021. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

B. KIND CAFÉ – DOWNTOWN ALL ALCHOL LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST: Erica Labonte came forward. She stated she would like to expand and start to serve a couple of dinners during the week. She wouldn’t have a bar, just

offer a drink with the meal. She stated she is looking to eventually move to another location downtown that is larger.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the downtown all-alcohol liquor license for B.Kind Café, 8 Davis Street, Webster. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

VACATE FINAL JUDGEMENT – 19 NELSON STREET: Mr. Willardson stated the town received the payment in full. He said the property has nuisance issues but those have been addressed.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor, As provided under MGL Chapter 60, Section 69, I, Selectman Jolda, hereby move to vacate the final judgment entered on February 11, 2020 in tax lien foreclosure case no. 19 TL 000890, Town of Webster v. Christian A. Kruger, Trustee of the Kruger Revocable Realty Trust, covering the property located at 19 Nelson Street (Assessors' Parcel 27-E-15-0) upon payment by Christian A. Kruger on or before July 10, 2020 of all amounts due to redeem the tax taking covering the property, which include, but are not limited to, taxes and interest to the date of payment, all charges and fees associated with the foreclosure case and any costs incurred by the Town in the care, custody and control of the property after the entry of the judgment. Upon payment to the Town of the full redemption amount the Town will take the necessary action to vacate the foreclosure judgment and withdraw the foreclosure case in the Massachusetts Land Court. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

JULY 2020 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to appoint Jerome Cooper to the Cable Advisory Committee. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to appoint Candice Shivers & Patricia Nectow to the Personnel Advisory Committee. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to appoint Jessica Valby to the Economic Development Committee. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to appoint Michael Stoliker as an alternate member on the ADA Committee. Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Bartlett's High School Graduation will be held this Saturday at the soccer field.
- Wednesday Concerts in the Park now through August.

1. Public Health and Safety
 - a. Fire Department delaying 175th anniversary.
 - b. BOH
 - i. Coronavirus—cases have plateaued—average of 4 per week over last two weeks (less a single long-term care facility)

- ii. In the single long-term care facility
 - iii. Panera Bread—followed established testing protocol
 - iv. Businesses have been cooperative
- 2. Financially Responsible
 - a. Closing FY2020
 - i. Running last warrant/encumbrances
 - ii. State Aid- following up with DOR on why not all of our revenue was received
 - iii. Auditors in to do preliminary work end of July
 - b. FY2021
 - i. DOR has determined to provide FY20 levels of State Aid until a final FY21 state budget has been passed.
- 3. Economic Development
 - a. COVID-19 Adjustments: outdoor dining, sidewalk sales, etc.
 - i. Applied for and received \$25,000 for “parklets” and other outdoor dining improvements
 - ii. Potential funding for pavilion, landscaping and parking at town-owned lot near Mama’s Kitchen
 - b. Two businesses applied and were approved for our vacant storefront program
- 4. Maintain Infrastructure
 - a. Lake Parkway/Klebart Ave project will start in August.
 - b. Memorial Beach—reviewing final proposal on Thursday with staff. Will bid out the project in August.
 - c. Municipal lot behind Mapfre reconstruction to start soon.
 - d. East Main Street sidewalk started today
 - e. High School Boiler project moving forward
 - f. Paving of Main Street from railroad tracks to bridge completed.
 - g. Paving of Thompson Road as part of water main/water filtration plant project today.
 - h. South Main, Lower Gore, Blueberry Hill, Steven Drive, Victoria Drive will be overlaid beginning end of the month.
 - i. Received \$55,000 in grant funding for Town Hall roof repairs. Full projects is \$650,000.
- 5. Effective Delivery of Services/Operations
 - a. Water filtration plant open house this Saturday at 9:00 AM
 - b. Library offering curbside pickup. Will open to browsing starting August 3rd.
 - c. Michael Gaulin retired last Friday after many years with the Water Department.
- 6. Transparent, Open and Friendly government
 - a. Election and town meeting successfully completed

Mr. Willardson stated he will be on vacation the second week of August. He is looking to see if the Board available to meet August 3rd for their next regular scheduled meeting. It was agreed that the Board of Selectmen will meet August 3rd and August 24th. Chairman Becker requested that the Board members received a copy of proposed Memorial Beach upgrades. Selectman Gabor asked if the Selectmen’s policies would be on the next agenda. Mr. Willardson stated he would send them to Selectman Klebart for review and add it to the next agenda.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the Town Administrator's Report.
Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

ADJOURN: At 7:44 p.m.,

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to adjourn.
Call Vote: Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney M. Friedland, Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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