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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 29, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

Webster Town Hall, Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570

MEETING OPENING: At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Jolda called the meeting to order. The following individuals were present: Chairman Andrew Jolda, Vice Chairman Randall Becker, Secretary Mark Dowgiewicz, Selectman Bourque, Selectman Robert Miller, Town Administrator Douglas Willardson, and Executive Secretary Courtney Friedland. The Board stood and took the Pledge of Allegiance.

POLISH AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB, INC. – LIQUOR LICENSE VIOLATION:

Mr. Dowgiewicz stated he was not in attendance to some of the hearings so he would recuse himself from the topic. Mr. Willardson stated the Chief of Police wrote the Board of Selectmen a letter to the Board of Selectmen that was included in their packet. Attorney Hewig stated the Board may go up to but not exceed the 30 days suspension. Selectman Becker made a motion to suspend PACC's liquor license for 14 days. He stated the 14-day suspension was very lenient. He stated he took into account that the club is trying to be proactive. Selectman Miller stated he partially agrees. He recommended 10 days to be served concurrently. Selectman Becker amended his motion.

Motion by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to suspend the Polish American Citizens Club's liquor license for ten concurrent days. The motion passed unanimously.

WATER & SEWER RATES FY20: Mr. Willardson stated this will be the last year the Board of Selectmen sets the Water & Sewer Rates. He stated next year the rates will be set by the Water-Sewer Commission. He stated last year there was a large increase in the water and sewer rates. He stated this year the Board has a few options. He stated a 3% increase would allow them to have two million dollars go towards a project every three years. He stated a 7% increase would allow them to have two million dollars go towards a project every other year. He stated they are looking at future improvements to First Street, Lincoln Street, Nelson Street, Whitcomb Street, School Street, and Lake Street. He stated water mains will be replaced on Worcester Road and Old Worcester Road. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if there was more ice pigging going to happen this year. Mr. Willardson stated they are holding off on any additional ice pigging until the new Water Filtration System comes online. He stated there might not be a need for ice pigging. He stated this money could be used for relining. Mr. Gabor

stated the Commission is looking at a fee per meter, large projects and other alternatives. He stated the Water Sewer Commission did recommend a 3% increase.

Motion by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to increase the water rates by 3% for FY20. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Willardson stated the Sewer upgrades are required by the DEP/EPA. He stated the Sewer Department is currently going through filtration inflow evaluation. He stated the town will have more details after the study is complete.

Motion by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to increase the sewer rates by 2% for FY20. The motion passed unanimously.

LAKESIDE BOAT RAMP - DISCUSSION:

Mr. Willardson stated a year ago there was a drowning. He stated this caused the State to reevaluate the safety at the Lakeside ramp. He stated the Town has had multiple discussions with the State regarding the State boat ramp. He stated there is a lot of boats, weeds and people parking everywhere. He stated the State has asked the Town to staff Lakeside on weekends and holidays. He stated the State has expressed their desire to close the State boat ramp. He stated the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were involved in all of the discussions. Selectman Becker stated it is very dangerous with both swimmers and people launching boats. He stated when they met with DCR they were concerned about invasive species. Selectman Miller stated the Town can't count on receiving any money from the State. He stated the State should regulate Lakeside on their own. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Town should take care of its own beach and let the State take care of Lakeside. Mr. Willardson stated it is better than the Town monitor it and could charge an access fee. He stated resident's deeded rights does not include boat launching rights. Bob Huton stated the State should shut the beach down when the lot is full. Jody Collette stated she has guest over and they shouldn't be charged for launching their boats. She said they should be treated like kids. Selectman Becker stated the Town should be thinking about the safety of swimmers. Mr. Willardson stated he would like direction from the Board on where the Town should provide staffing to let the State handle the problems.

Motion by Selectman Becker to staff Lakeside boat ramp on weekends and holidays. The motion was not seconded.

Motion by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to tell the State to monitor Lakeside and replace the swimming area buoys. The motion passed unanimously.

RYAN DICKINSON – CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION:

Motion by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller, to approve the Class II license application for Ryan Dickinson for 14 Prospect Street, Unit 1. The motion passed unanimously.

SANDY BRADLEY – APPOINTMENT AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ADA COMMITTEE:

Motion by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to appoint Sandy Bradley as an Associate Member of the ADA Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT:

Motion by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to renew the Town Administrator's Contract for three years. The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Willardson stated the Opioid Taskforce received \$25,000.00 from the State. The Board of Health voted on new marijuana regulations. He stated the Recreation Department held a successful Earth Clean-up Day. He stated James Chauvin is retiring at the beginning of next month. He stated the Joint Purchase Group has tentative approval with all unions. He stated the Water Shutoff Policy will be implemented in the spring. He stated Myrtle Ave relining is underway. He stated the Town Meeting Guide will be released this week.

Motion by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller, to approve the Town Administrator's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Motion by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 7:42 p.m.:

Motion by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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