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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 10, 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., Selectman Becker called the meeting to order. The following individuals were present: Chairman Randall Becker, Selectman Andrew Jolda, Selectman Earl Gabor, Selectman Lisa Kontoes, Town Administrator Douglas Willardson, and Executive Secretary Courtney Friedland. Selectman Don Bourque was absent. The Board stood and took the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING-IN DEREK MROCZEK-PATROLMAN: Chief Shaw came forward. He stated the Webster Police Department is very fortunate to have Officer Mroczek as part of the department. He stated he brings over twelve years of experience and has specialized training. He stated Officer Mroczek is a lateral transfer from Framingham. He stated he will have a brief field training to get him oriented with the Town. He stated Officer Mroczek was the Neighborhood Liaison in his previous department and will be very beneficial to Webster. Town Clerk Robert Craver swore Officer Mroczek in. The Selectmen welcomed officer Mroczek and congratulated him in joining the Webster Police Department.

SWEARING-IN AARON DESANTIS – SERGEANT: Chief Shaw stated with the recent Chief's retirement, there were some vacancies for some positions. He stated Sergeant Desantis also came to Webster as a lateral transfer back in 2017. He stated Sergeant Desantis took the exam and was on top of the list. He stated he brings a lot of experience and a wealth of knowledge. Town Clerk Robert Craver swore Sergeant Desantis in. The Selectmen congratulated Sergeant Desantis on his promotion.

Chief Shaw expressed his gratitude to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for their support throughout the transition.

AARON ZALEWSKI – YOUNG MARINES: Mr. Willardson stated Mr. Zalewski is with the Young Marines and is at the meeting to speak with the Selectmen regarding a proposed project he has for Memorial Beach. Mr. Zalewski thanked the Board for having him. He stated he is a Master Sergeant for the Young Marines. He stated for his project he would like to clean and beautify the Senior Park at Memorial Beach. He stated he will be doing general landscape, planting flowers and shrubs, install a sign and plaques and put a table and chess set in the Senior Park. He stated he is working with Home Depot, Graphics Unlimited, and The Park Catalog to obtain all of the materials. He expects the estimated cost to be two thousand three hundred dollars. He stated he will

seeking funding through local businesses and start fundraising. Mr. Willardson stated Mr. Zalewski will be working closely with Carol Marchand on this project. The Board commended him on his proposed project.

ONE DAY BYOB&W APPLICATION: Mr. Willardson stated last year the Board of Selectmen approved a “One Day” Bring Your Own Beer and Wine Application for the summer play at the French River. He stated this year BrownBox Theatre will be holding their Shakespeare Play on August 15, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the French River Park and they were seeking the same “One Day” BYOB&W license. He stated the Insurance Company has given its approval.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor to approve the “One Day” BYOB&W Application for the Shakespeare Play on August 15, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the French River Park. The motion passed unanimously.

CANNAVENTURE – RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA PRESENTATION: Jack Madigan introduced himself and his team. He stated CannaVenture is the best choice for Webster. He stated they have a comprehensive security plan, inventory control, all products are lab tested, customer traffic plan and designated store hours and responsibility. He stated one of the largest concerns is about traffic to the neighborhood. He stated each customer will be in the store for approximately two minutes. He stated most customers will pre-order through a mobile app. He stated the store will be set up with three checkout stations; express, priority and regular. He stated security will be vetting through the Webster Police Department and the Webster Fire Department. He stated there will be internal and external controls for security. He stated inventory will be held in a locked room only accessible by authorized employees. He stated no inventory is accessible to customers. Selectman Gabor asked how many employees will be hired at this location. Mr. Madigan stated the store will have approximately 14-20 employees. Chairman Becker asked what the expected traffic would be the first month of opening. Mr. Madigan stated another site opens every week, so by the time that this store opens the need goes down. He stated if traffic becomes a problem they can do by appointments only. Chairman Becker asked what the projected number of customers a day would be. Mr. Madigan stated they will be able to serve 200-300 customers a day. Mr. Willardson asked where it is being cultivated. Mr. Madigan stated it is being cultivated in Fitchburg. Selectman Gabor asked how many times a week inventory will be delivered. Mr. Rabinovitz stated they estimate only making deliveries once or twice weekly. David Rabinovitz stated all inventory in the retail store will be locked in cabinets, those cabinets will be wheeled into the back room and locked in a cage every night. He stated they are also thinking about putting heavy bollards in front of the building.

SOLAR FIELD ARRAY – 13 RAY STREET: Christopher Robert stated he was looking to put solar panels on the roof of the Samuel Slater Museum but the panels were too heavy so he was seeking to have a solar array behind the back of the building. He stated the cost to run the museum was approximately two hundred thousand dollars a year. He stated he would like to offset that cost through the solar credits he would receive. He stated most museums close because of the cost of operation. He stated this would put something in place of offset these costs. He stated he has a great partnership with the Town and looks forward to this museum to be around for a long time. Chairman Becker stated the Town's By-laws do not allow solar over 250kw on residentially zoned parcels. Mr. Robert believes the solar array is under 250kw and that the land is incorporated in the signed lease agreement. He stated there is plenty of parking for school buses. Mr. Willardson stated he will check the lease agreement and update the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Robert stated there are a lot of good things happening in town. He stated he is working with Ruthann Goguen to set up a scholarship fund and North Village to build a reading room.

ADOPT OPEB TRUST AGREEMENT: Mr. Willardson stated the OPEB Account currently has thirty thousand dollars in it. He stated Town Counsel has drafted the agreement. Chairman Becker asked how much money will be put

into the trust this year. Mr. Willardson stated \$400,000-\$500,000 dollars is the Town's pay as you go amount. He included \$100,000 in the FY20 Budget. .

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor to approve the OPEB Trust Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor to appoint Mr. Willardson as the Board of Selectmen's designee to the OPEB Trust Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR TOWN CHARTER:

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor to move to seek the following special legislation to formalize and integrate in a single document recent amendments to the Town Charter, in the form on file with the Town Clerk, entitled, "Charter of the Town of Webster, Prepared for 2019 ATM"; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill with approval from the Board of Selectmen for such amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHARTER FOR THE TOWN OF WEBSTER.

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 455 of the acts of 2008 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10(c) of chapter 43B or of any general or special law to the contrary, the charter of the town of Webster which currently is on file in the office of the town clerk under the title, "Charter of the Town of Webster, Prepared for 2019 ATM", and pursuant to which the town has been operating since the May 7, 2018, annual town election, including amendments to the town charter approved at the June 5, 2018 special town meeting, and ministerial revisions to bring the text of such charter into accord with the form voted at the October 30, 2017 special town meeting, is hereby ratified, validated and confirmed as the charter of the town of Webster. Following the effective date of this act, the town clerk shall file copies of such charter with the offices of the attorney general, secretary of the commonwealth and the department of housing and community development in accord with section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws. The charter may be amended or revised from time to time as provided in the constitution or the General Laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Willardson stated the Carnival will be held on June 20th-23rd at Memorial Beach hosted by the Fire Department. The Independence Day celebration will be held on July 3rd with fireworks starting at dusk. The Police Department is aggressively pursuing the 12-year-old girl kidnapping case. Sergeant Desantis and Officer Ela presented ALICE training to area churches. The Auxiliary Coast Guard will be holding a vessel safety check at Memorial Beach on June 15th. The Jet Ski races were held on June 1st and 2nd and had a great turnout. The FY19 end of year budget process is underway. Health Insurance conversion process is moving along smoothly. Two properties located on Maynard Avenue and Prospect Street have been recently foreclosed on. The Town will be holding an auction soon. The Town is looking to put out an RFP for town-owned property located a 0 Cudworth Road for a cell tower. The Dugan building mural is underway and hanging pots have been hung along Main Street. He attended the Economic Development Meeting sponsored by the Governor's Office. He met with Kevin Kuros who is the Regional Director of the Massachusetts Office of Development. Over 100 letters were mailed to Worcester County business encouraging them to look into expanding to Webster. The Downtown Meeting will be set up for September, which will include representatives from Hudson. The water filtration plant is on budget but behind schedule. The Town Meeting survey is complete and they are currently reviewing response. The 2nd digital sign will be installed at the end of June by the Fire

Station. There are several committee openings. Selectman Kontoes suggested publicizing the openings on Facebook and the Website. This would encourage residents with qualifications to submit a letter of interest.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Chairman Becker stated the Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2019, have been submitted to the Board for review. Selectman Kontoes stated she had some wording and grammatical changes but nothing that would change the substance of the minutes.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2019, with the proposed changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Jolda stated he would be abstaining from voting on the St. Joseph's Parish "One Day" Liquor License Request.

Motion by Selectman Kontoes, seconded by Selectman Gabor to approve the "One Day" liquor license request for St. Joseph Parish for June 22, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Jolda abstained.

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to the remaining consent items as listed on the Board of Selectmen's agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:27 p.m.,

Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares for the purpose of discussing SEIU Clerical, SEIU DPW & MassCop. Call Vote: Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Chairman Becker – yes.

ADJOURN: At 8:02 p.m.:

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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