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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 5:45 P.M.

Second Floor Class Room B227

Bartlett High School, 52 Lake Parkway, 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"

MEETING OPENING: At 5:55 p.m., Chairman Becker called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Class Room B227, Bartlett High School, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA. The following individuals were present: Chairman Randy Becker, Selectman Lisa Kontoes, Selectman Earl Gabor, Selectman Thomas Klebart, Selectman Donald Bourque, Thomas Ralph, Attorney William Hewig, Town Administrator Richard Lafond 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. As further explained 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. On February 15, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law a new session law extending certain COVID-19 related measures. The new law, Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, includes an extension until July 15, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of the Governor's March 12, 2020, Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Chairman Becker announced that no one attended via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to table approval of the meeting minutes of June 13, 2022. Call Vote: Selectman Bourque – yes, Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN MEETING ARTICLE:

Attorney Hewig stated this article is in order and requires a 2/3 vote to pass. Mr. LaFond stated the auditorium has a capacity of 800 people. He said the Town of Webster has 700 voting fobs. He said they

have set up the band room as an overflow room just in case the capacity in the auditorium is reached. He said they have prepared for a secret ballot, if someone requests it. Mr. LaFond asked Attorney Hewig if there were enough fobs can someone still request a secret ballot. Attorney Hewig stated that technology is still cutting edge. He said it would be at the moderator's discretion. He stated the moderator might want to consider it since it is a contentious vote.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Personnel – Mr. LaFond stated Kelly Lyman has been hired to the position in the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen's Office. He said the town is looking to hire a full-time Conservation Agent and a part time clerk as her replacement. The transition would start in mid-July. The Conservation Agent position will be posted outside. He stated he has spoken with Department Heads and Conservation Chair Wigglesworth along with the Clerical Union Representative regarding Ms. Lyman's current position going down to part-time. She does not seem to have any concerns as a full-time union position will be added at the Senior Center.

Chairman Becker recused himself from the next discussion.

2. Marijuana License – Mr. LaFond stated he spoke with Attorney Adamopoulos a couple of weeks ago. He had indicated they are seeking to transfer the license to another community. He said he will be meeting with Mr. Bowman from Munro Associated to discuss a plan to move forward with obtaining a retail license for 4 Town Forest Road.
3. Water/Sewer Commission – Mr. LaFond stated new information is coming out about PFAS. Selectman Gabor stated the Federal Government is coming out with new regulations that will supersede Massachusetts regulations. He stated MassDEP is scrambling to release information. Mr. LaFond stated they are still working on a letter to the Town of Dudley regarding the True-up. He stated the True-up has not been completed in ten years. Chairman Becker stated he would like to clarify what letters were sent in the past and to whom they were sent. He stated he wanted to make sure the information in his letter was consistent with the Town's correspondence with the Town of Dudley.

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Finance Committee	Full Member - 1
Personnel Advisory Board	Full Member - 1
Water & Sewer Commission	Full Member - 1
Zoning Board of Appeals	Alternates - 2
Economic Development Committee	Full Member - 2
Historical Commission	Full Members - 2
By-Law Committee	Full Members – 2
ADA Committee	Full Members – 2
Recreation Committee	Full Members - Open

FUTURE EVENTS

- June 28, 2022, Special Election, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA
- July 3, 2022, Fireworks Celebration, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Memorial Beach, Webster, MA
- July 6, 2022 - August 10, 2022 (Wednesday Nights) Summer Concert Series, 6:00 p.m. French River Park, Webster, MA

PROPOSED FUTURE MEETING DATE:

July 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectman Klebart, seconded by Selectman Kontoes to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Call Vote: Selectman Bourque – yes, Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, and Selectman Kontoes – yes.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland, Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen**

EXHIBITS:

There were no exhibits provided for this meeting.

