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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2022 5:00 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"

MEETING OPENING: At 5:00 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 Lisa Kontoes, Selectman Earl Gabor, Selectman Thomas Klebart, Town Accountant Timothy Bell, Kevin Paicos, Nicholas Adamopoulos, Mark Rogers, Sarah Sansom, Cynthia Ellen (via Zoom meeting), Donna Becker (via Zoom meeting), Elaine Davies, Ken Mandile (via Zoom meeting), Michelle Boulay (via Zoom meeting), Town Accountant Timothy Bell, Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis and Executive Assistant Courtney Friedland. The Board stood and took the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Becker referred to the March 12, 2020, Governor Baker 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 June 16, 2021, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency. This Act includes an extension, until April 1, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020, Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

The Board of Selectmen Secretary announced the name of each attendee who attended via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Selectman Klebart, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to approve the meeting minutes of January 5, 2022 with one amendment to include that a reminder note will be sent to all Boards/Commissions to include a list of attachments to their minutes. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

JENNIFER CALLIHAN - CANDIADTE FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR - INTERVIEW:

Chairman Becker welcomed Ms. Callihan for the interview. He went over the format of the interview and all of the members of the Board of Selectmen introduced themselves. Ms. Callihan then provided an introduction of herself. Board members followed with a series of questions for Ms. Callihan. Following the completion of questions, Ms. Callihan provided a closing statement and thanked the Board of Selectmen for their consideration. Chairman Becker thanked her for her time.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – CANDIDATE DISCUSSION:

Each Board member shared thoughts and observations about the candidate. Mr. Paicos also shared his thoughts and observations of the interview with the Board of Selectmen. He noted some key words and statements used by the candidate.

RICHARD LAFOND - CANDIADTE FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR - INTERVIEW:

Chairman Becker welcomed Mr. LaFond for the interview. He went over the format of the interview and all of the members of the Board of Selectmen introduced themselves. Mr. LaFond then provided an introduction of himself. Board members followed with a series of questions for Mr. LaFond. Following the completion of questions, Mr. LaFond provided a closing statement and thanked the Board of Selectmen for their consideration. Chairman Becker thanked him for his time.

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SIGN PERMIT FEES:

Mr. Balukonis distributed a local survey of fees put together by Ms. Friedland and himself. Chairman Becker stated the Board of Selectmen will table this agenda item until the next regular Board of Selectmen’s Meeting.

AFRO FUSION RESTURANT – REQUEST TO APPROVE WINE & MALT ALCOHOL LICENSE:

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to approve the Wine & Malt alcohol license application for Afro Fusion Restaurant, 548 South Main Street, Webster, MA. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

SELECTMEN REPRESENTATIVES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE ADA COMMITTEE:

Motion made by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes to appoint Thomas Klebart as the Selectmen Representative to the Economic Development Committee. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Motion by Selectman Klebart, second by Selectman Gabor to appoint Lisa Kontos as the Selectmen Representative to the ADA Committee. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectman Kontoes, seconded by Selectman Klebart to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

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

February 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Webster Town Hall, Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570

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

EXHIBITS:

1. Draft Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting
2. Document: Jennifer Callihan Cover Letter and Resume
3. Document: Richard LaFond Cover Letter and Resume
4. 12/15/21 Correspondence from Afro Fusion Restaurant, Wine & Malt Alcohol Application