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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 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"

MEETING OPENING: At 6:02 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, Richard LaFond, Town Accountant Timothy Bell, Kevin Paicos, Ruthann Goguen, Monique Pierangeli, Ken Guyette, Kent Kavacs 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.

Chairman Becker announced that no individuals joined via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2022 as presented. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT:

Monique Pierangeli and Ruthann Goguen went through the PowerPoint Presentation along with Ken Guyette, OPM and Kent Kavacs, Architect. Ms. Goguen stated the education, students and job markets have changed. She stated this project will bring classroom sizes up to the State standard along with many other necessary updates and improvements. There would be no MSBA funding available if the school was just brought up to code as noted on the Proposed Design slide. Chairman Becker stated the Board of Selectmen offer their support for the project and applauded the Building Committee's presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:54 p.m.,

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to enter Executive Session in order to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel, and the Chair so declares.

- **Richard LaFond - Town Administrator Contract Negotiations**

Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

The Board re-entered open session at 8:02 p.m. Motion by Selectman Kontoes, seconded by Selectman Gabor to adjourn. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

APPROVAL OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT WITH RICHARD LAFOND:

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes to approve the Town Administrator's contract with Richard LaFond as presented. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes to appoint Richard LaFond as Town Administrator. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

The Board congratulated Mr. LaFond and welcome him to the Town. Mr. LaFond thanked the Board and the Search Committee and looked forward to many successful years serving the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Selectman Klebart, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

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 18, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting
2. Bartlett High School Building Committee – PowerPoint Presentation
3. Draft Contract for Richard LaFond

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