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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2022 5:30 P.M.

Second Floor Meeting Room

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 5:33 p.m., Chairman Becker called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Conference Room, Bartlett High School, 52 Lake , Webster, MA. The following individuals were present: Chairman Becker, Selectman Lisa Kontoes, Selectman Earl Gabor, Selectman Thomas Klebart, Water/Sewer Superintendent Thomas Cutler, Ted Avlas, National Grid Representative Robert Green (via Zoom meeting), Finance Director Tim Bell, 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 National Grid Representative Robert Green attended via Zoom.

RE-ORANGIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectman Becker opened the floor up for nominations for Chairman. Selectman Klebart nominated Randy Becker as Chairman. Selectman Becker asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Selectman Becker closed the nominations.

**Motion by Selectman Klebart, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to appoint Randy Becker as Chairman
Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.**

Chairman Becker opened the floor up for nomination for Vice-Chairman. Selectman Kontoes nominated Earl Gabor as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Becker asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Chairman Becker closed the nominations.

Motion by Selectman Kontoes, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to appoint Earl Gabor as Vice-Chairman. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Chairman Becker opened the floor up for nominations for Secretary. Selectman Kontoes nominated Thomas Klebart as Secretary. Chairman Becker asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Chairman Becker closed the nominations.

Motion by Selectman Kontoes, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to appoint Thomas Klebart as Secretary. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2022. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: NATION GRID POLE HEARING:

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to open the Public Hearing for National Grid's request to install 1 JO Pole on Point Pleasant Road beginning at a point approximately 360 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Point Pleasant Ave. Install one new 40ft class 3 JO Pole on Point Pleasant Road (P8) approximately 30ft south of current existing P8 location. New pole & location needed for the removal of an existing guy wire in a tree on customer property. Old P8 pole to be removed by Verizon. New Anchor & guy wire for new P8 to be located on customer property and easement to be signed by customer. Pole in Right-of-Way only. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

National Representative Robert Green stated the petitions was straight forward. There was no questions from the public.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to close the Public Hearing for National Grid's request to install 1 JO Pole on Point Pleasant Road beginning at a point approximately 360 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Point Pleasant Ave. Install one new 40ft class 3 JO Pole on Point Pleasant Road (P8) approximately 30ft south of current existing P8 location. New pole &

location needed for the removal of an existing guy wire in a tree on customer property. Old P8 pole to be removed by Verizon. New Anchor & guy wire for new P8 to be located on customer property and easement to be signed by customer. Pole in Right-of-Way only. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

Motion by Selectman Klebart, seconded by Selectman Gabor, to approve National Grid’s request to install 1 JO Pole on Point Pleasant Road beginning at a point approximately 360 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Point Pleasant Ave. Install one new 40ft class 3 JO Pole on Point Pleasant Road (P8) approximately 30ft south of current existing P8 location. New pole & location needed for the removal of an existing guy wire in a tree on customer property. Old P8 pole to be removed by Verizon. New Anchor & guy wire for new P8 to be located on customer property and easement to be signed by customer. Pole in Right-of-Way only. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

WEBSTER SAILING ASSOCIATION 2022 RACE SCHEDULE:

Chairman Becker stated the proposed race schedule has been approved by the Police Chief.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to approve Webster Sailing Association’s 2022 race schedule. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

SERGIO MANZI – “ONE DAY” LIQUOR LICSEN REQUEST:

Chairman Becker stated the “One Day” Liquor License Application has been approved by the Police Chief and an officer will be hired for the event.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to approve the “One Day” Liquor License for Sergio Manzi, 138 Lake Street, Webster, MA for a fundraiser on June 11, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KLARISSA JOHNSON FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Johnson for her service on the Commission.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to accept the resignation of Klarissa Johnson from the Conservation Commission. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

APPOINT KAREN BARTHLOWMEW AS VOTING MEMBER TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to appoint Karen Bartholomew as voting member to the Conservation Commission. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

APPROVAL OF SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES:

Mr. Bell stated this is the roll-over of the current short-term bonds. He stated the goal is to look at long term borrowings maybe next year.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Kontoes,

Voted: to approve the sale of \$3,013,444 3.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the Town dated May 20, 2022, and payable May 19, 2023, to Piper Sandler & Co. at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$14,494.67.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated April 27, 2022, and a final Official Statement dated May 3, 2022, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Note and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the “Documents”), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a “.pdf” file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

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

REVIEW OF THE SPECIAL AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT:

Mr. LaFond stated the Board received an email of different scenarios and a proposed schedule if the Bartlett High School funding vote passes tonight and if it fails. He stated the Board of Selectmen will

need to call for a Special Election and Town Meeting before the end of June. The Board of Selectmen agreed to meet next Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to review the next steps necessary for the School Renovation vote.

Mr. LaFond stated there was an amendment to article thirteen. They have stricken the proposed Rain Garden at Memorial Beach.

Mr. Avlas stated the Veterans are looking to restore the WWII Observation Post. He said they will be looking for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. He stated Paul Brodeur and Victor Jankowski will be speaking on this issue.

The Board of Selectmen discussed article nineteen. Chairman Becker stated with the proposed changes he believes this should be reviewed by the Charter Review Committee. This should also be reviewed with the Town Clerk.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to recommend voting against this Citizen Petition. Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Communication – Mr. LaFond stated he was approached that communication was lacking on the Town Election and the Town Meeting. He stated there is a fine line between extending staff time and funds towards trying to get people out to vote. Selectman Kontoes stated that with the Selectmen running unopposed, there wasn't as many lawn signs reminding people of the local election. Chairman Becker asked to have this on Monday's agenda for further discussion.
2. PFAS Update – Mr, Cutler stated the Water/Sewer Commission have met and received figures for addressing the PFAS issues within the town. He stated Tighe & Bond has proposed 3 options:
 - a. \$19 million (Bigelow well alone)
 - b. \$30.4 million (PFAS Treatment in 2 separate facilities)
 - c. \$39 million (PFAS Treatment all in one facility)

He stated the State is requiring treatment at the Bigelow well and at Memorial Beach. He stated they there also should be a discussion on the 100-year Flood Plan. He stated the Bigelow well will need to be addressed. He stated they will be looking to fund this project in October. Selectman Kontoes stated in full transparency, the Board of Selectmen should add this to Monday's agenda for discussion. She said residents should know the whole financial picture of what is going on with the town.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to approve the Town Administrator's Report. Call Vote: 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
Cable Advisory Board	Full Members - 3

Selectman Becker asked all Selectmen to try to think of individuals willing to serve in the above capacities.

NEXT MEETING:

May 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570

June 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570

ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion by Selectman Klebart, seconded by Selectman Kontoes to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.
Call Vote: Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.**

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

EXHIBITS:

1. Draft Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting
2. Document: National Grid – Pole Hearing Petition
3. Documents: Webster Sailing Association 2022 Race Schedule
4. Correspondence dated 05/02/2022 from Philip Bastien Re: WSA Race Schedule
5. Correspondence dated 0 from Alfred Beland Re: Appointment to Trustees of Soldier Monuments
6. Document: One Day Alcohol License Application submitted by Sergio Manzi
7. Correspondence dated 4/28/2022 from Klarissa Johnson Re: Resignation
8. Correspondence dated 04/26/2022 from Karen Bartholomew Re: Letter of Interest
9. Document: Letter and Approval Form submitted by Tri-State Trek
10. Documents: Bond Closing Documents from Locke Lord LLP
11. Correspondence dated 4/05/2022 from Chief Shaw Re: Tri-State Trek
12. Document: Special and Annual Town Meeting Guide

