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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 27, 2022 5:30 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 5:33 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 Randy Becker, Selectman Lisa Kontoes (via Zoom meeting), Selectman Earl Gabor, Selectman Thomas Klebart (via Zoom meeting), Selectman Donald Bourque (via Zoom Meeting), 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 Selectman Kontoes, Selectmen Klebart, and Selectmen Bourque were attending via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes

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

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Bourque, to approve the meeting minutes of June 21, 2022. Call Vote: Selectman Bourque – yes, Selectman Klebart – abstain, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

CONSIDERATION AND VOTE TO DECLARE ARTICLE ONE (1) OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR JUNE 21, 2022, PERTAINING TO THE BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT APPROPRIATION, TO BE OF AN EMERGENCY NATURE

Chairman Becker stated the Board of Selectmen agenda item was to consider and vote to declare article one (1) of the Special Town Meeting for June 21, 2022, pertaining to the Bartlett High School Project Appropriation, to be of an emergency nature. He stated false information and misconceptions were being circulated on Facebook regarding the recent Town Meeting vote and how it related to the Town’s Bylaws. He said after speaking with the Town’s attorney, Attorney William Hewig, it was advised the vote was legally taken. He stated the Board of Selectmen’s meeting minutes of May 16, 2022 and May 31, 2022 reflect conversations of the importance and emergency nature of the June 21, 2022 Special Town Meeting. He stated out of abundance of caution Attorney Hewig advised the Board of Selectmen take a formal vote. Mr. LaFond added that the Town sent out a Code Red Alert this afternoon to all Webster Residents reminding them of tomorrow’s Town Election.

Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to resolve that the Webster Board of Selectmen determines that article 1 of the June 21, 2022 Special Town Meeting was of an emergency nature within the full meaning of Webster Bylaw c. 252 sec. 253-14. Call Vote: Selectman Bourque – yes, Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, Selectman Kontoes - yes, and Selectman Becker – yes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. LaFond did not have anything to report.

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 13, 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 5:42 p.m. Call Vote:
Selectman Bourque – yes, Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Gabor – yes, and Selectman Kontoes – yes,
and Chairman Becker – yes.**

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

EXHIBITS:

1. Draft Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting
2. Draft Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting

