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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, July 31, 2023 6:00 P.M. Via Vonage

MEETING OPENING At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Gabor called the meeting to order via Vonage. The following individuals were present: Chairman Earl Gabor, Vice-Chairman Thomas Klebart, Selectman Randy Becker, Selectman Lisa Kontoes, Selectman Mark Rogers, Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director Courtney Friedland, Executive Assistant Kelly Lyman, and Joseph Cammarata.

Chairman Gabor 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 March 29, 2023 Governor Healy signed an extension of this law. The new law, an Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, includes an extension until March 31, 2025, of the remote meeting provisions of the Governor's March 12, 2020, Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Chairman Gabor announced the names of the Selectmen participants as stated above. Mr. Cammarata was present and Ms. Shivers was not yet online. Chairman Gabor stated that there were no other participants.

Chairman Gabor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT JOSPEH CAMMARATA TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chairman Gabor thanked Mr. Cammarata for volunteering and Mr. Cammarata stated that he is happy to be able to support the Town in this way. Selectman Becker asked if the Conservation Commission Chairman, Joey Wigglesworth, was consulted. He was and he supported appointing Mr. Cammarata to the Commission.

Motion by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Klebart, to appoint Joseph Cammarata to the Conservation Commission as a full member for a 3-year term expiring on June 30, 2026. Call Vote: Selectman Kontoes – yes, Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Rogers – yes, Selectman Becker – yes, Chairman Gabor – yes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT CANDACE SHIVERS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Candace Shivers was not online, but the Selectmen received her application and qualifications in the meeting packet. Chairman Gabor explained that Ms. Shivers previously served on the Webster Personnel Advisory Board and that she brings a lot to the table and has drive. Selectman Becker asked if the Conservation Commission Chairman, Joey Wigglesworth, was consulted. He was and he also supported appointing Ms. Shivers to the Commission.

Motion by Selectman Klebart, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to appoint Candace Shivers to the Conservation Commission as a full member for a 3-year term expiring on June 30, 2026. Call Vote: Selectman Kontoes – yes, Selectman Klebart – yes, Selectman Rogers – yes, Selectman Becker – yes, Chairman Gabor – yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Kontoes to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Lyman, Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen**

EXHIBITS:

1. Correspondence: Letter of Interest from Joseph Cammarata, 7/24/2023, 1 page.
2. Document: Online Application Form from Candace Shivers, 7/14/2023, 2 pages.