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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
PRE-TOWN MEETING**

Monday, October 15, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

Bartlett High School, 2nd Floor Conference Room
52 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA 01570

MEETING OPENING: At 5:30 p.m., Chairman Andrew Jolda called the meeting to order. The following individuals were present: Chairman Andrew Jolda, Vice Chairman Randall Becker, Selectman Robert Miller, Selectmen Donald Bourque, Selectman Mark Dowgiewicz, Town Administrator Doug Willardson, and Executive Assistant Jennifer Cederberg. The Board stood and took the Pledge of Allegiance.

ZBA APPOINTMENT: Mr. Chris Daggett came before the Board requesting to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated that he was born and raised in Webster, lived in Dudley and participated on their Planning Board then relocated to Webster. He is interested in serving on the ZBA.

Motion by Sel. Dowgiewicz, seconded by Sel. Bourque, to appoint Chris Daggett to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion passed unanimously.

ONE-DAY ALCOHOL LICENSE:

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Miller, to approve the request for a one-day Alcohol License for Sacred Heart Parish for a banquet at the Parish Hall on 11 Day St in Webster on 10/27/18 from 5 PM – 9 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

BATTEN STREET DRAINAGE: Town Planner Ann Morgan appeared before the Board and reviewed the history of the drainage issue created by a prior developer who began moving earth for a subdivision in the area of the Batten St solar project. He did so without plans or prior approval which caused accumulation of water and damage to surrounding properties. Ms. Morgan stated that the developer has since passed away and the Town has been maintaining the trench he created to control water flow and prevent further damage. She reminded the Board that this is the area where the proposed solar field is to be located.

Ms. Morgan stated that the Planning Board is looking for suggestions on how to remedy this problem: for the Town to continue to maintain the ditch (which is in a gated area) or to install a drainage pipe which would be far

more costly. She noted that this trench is on Town-owned land and the owners of the solar property would be responsible for maintaining the ditch with direction from the Town.

Sel. Becker stated that the ditch is not working and that with rain build-up, residents' properties are being flooded. He stated that the installation of some form of drainage pipe might work better. Ms. Morgan agreed that the ditch is not working now but it would be re-sloped: if the owner's engineer properly maintained it, it would work. She stated that grading would be done first so that it would put the ditch at a positive grade to enable the water to slope downward. Sel. Becker stated that the best method would be to minimize the ditch as he has concerns about liability for the Town with children getting into that area. Ms. Morgan introduced Joe Fiori from Nexamp, an Engineer for the solar project, who stated that the site was reviewed with the Army Corp of Engineers and it seemed unlikely that they would approve putting a pipe in that area as there is potential for a vernal pool there and the size cannot be reduced. He stated that they need to improve the back-up situation and stabilize the ditch with an acceptable remediation effort. Several neighbors in the audience spoke, relaying that they have been in touch with Conservation Agent Mary Overholt concerning conservation related issues, one being the interruption of the ditch and a potential vernal pool.

Sel. Becker asked Ms. Morgan what the Planning Board's recommendation was. Ms. Morgan stated that they recommended a covered pipe but that either option would be acceptable.

Motion by Sel. Becker, seconded by Sel. Miller, to allow the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission to do whatever they feel is the safest approach based on their expertise. The motion passed unanimously.

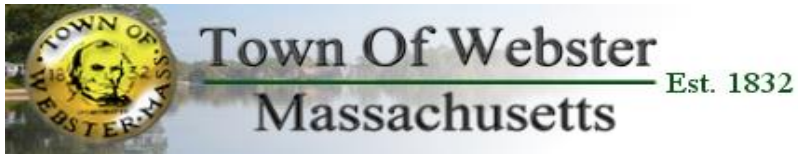
TOWN MEETING GUIDE: Mr. Willardson reviewed the Town Meeting Guide with the Board. He specifically reviewed the differences between the various articles addressing recreational marijuana, the first being to prohibit retail sales of marijuana in the Town. He stated that if this Article fails, we would have to schedule a Special Town Meeting and address zoning-related issues relative to where in Town recreational marijuana can be sold.

ADJOURN: At 6:59 p.m.,

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Miller, to adjourn to Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cederberg, Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen



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DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018, 5:30 PM**

1. BOS Agenda: 10/15/18
2. ZBA Letter of Interest: Chris Daggett
3. One-Day Alcohol Beverage Application from Sacred Heart
4. Batten Street Solar Project maps and current drainage concerns
5. Town Meeting Guide: 10/15/18
6. Regular Session Meeting Minutes: 9/17/18