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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 20, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

Webster Town Hall, Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570

**MEETING OPENING:** At 6:00 p.m., Selectman Jolda called the meeting to order. The following individuals were present: Selectman Andrew Jolda, Selectman Randall Becker, Selectman Don Bourque, Selectman Earl Gabor, Selectman Lisa Kontoes, Town Administrator Douglas Willardson, and Executive Secretary Courtney Friedland. The Board stood and took the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

Selectman Jolda opened up the floor for nominations for Chairman.

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Gabor to nominate Selectman Becker as Chairman. Selectman Jolda asked if there were any other nominations, hearing none he closed the floor to nominations.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Becker opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Gabor to nominate Selectman Bourque as Vice-Chairman. Selectman Becker asked if there were any other nominations, hearing none he closed the floor to nominations.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Becker opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Becker to nominate Selectman Jolda as Secretary. Selectman Becker asked if there were any other nominations, hearing none he closed the floor to nominations.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Becker thanked Robert Miller and Mark Dowgiewicz for their dedicated services as Selectman. He also thanked Thomas Ralph for serving as Moderator. He said he was the driving force behind electronic voting which has been a great addition to Town Meetings.

#### **GOALS FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

Chairman Becker stated Board members submitted their thoughts and ideas on goals moving forward. He suggested holding a separate meeting to go through all of the suggestions/ideas. Selectman Bourque stated he agreed that a separate meeting should be held. He said Doug's goals that he presented the Board back in April should be included in the discussion. Mr. Willardson agreed. He said this will be a fairly lengthy discussion and should be held on a separate date. Selectman Kontoes stated this should be a focus discussion and needs to have its own meeting. The meeting will be held on June 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Chairman Becker stated he forgot to welcome Lisa Kontoes and Earl Gabor to the Board of Selectmen. He congratulated them on their win.

#### **BF WHOLESALERS – CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION:**

Bradley Fontaine came forward. He stated him and his wife are now retired and are looking to get a little extra money by buying car wholesale and selling them at auction. He stated he would have an office space but would not be housing cars at that location.

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the Class II license application for BF Wholesalers located at 14 Railroad Avenue #55, Webster, MA. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ACCEPT SHARON MCMAHON RESIGNATION FROM THE EDC:**

Mr. Willardson stated Mrs. McMahon has been Chairman of the EDC and it is a loss for the Town to see her go.

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to accept Sharon McMahon's resignation from the Economic Development Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **DISCUSSION OF EDC COMPOSITION:**

Mr. Willardson stated that Mrs. McMahon had some suggestions as to the composition of the EDC before she left. She stated it was very difficult to get a full Committee with certain destinations. He stated they are requesting extended terms and open it up to other people. Selectman Kontoes asked what specific changes to the compositions would be changing. Mr. Willardson stated they would not require a member to have an Engineering background and would open a seat for a WDO Alliance Liaison. They would also offer two additional residents seats.

**Motion by Selectman Gabor, seconded by Selectman Bourque, to accept the recommendations as presented by Sharon McMahon with members to have staggered terms, as so they do not end at the same time. The motion passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSED FUTURE MEETING DATES:** Selectman Kontoes stated she had a conflict with one of the proposed dates. She said she will be unavailable August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Kontoes to approve all of the proposed Board of Selectmen's Meeting dates except for August 12, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Willardson stated the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019. He stated Bartlett Graduation Commencement will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019. He stated the Webster Police Department has a drug bust in which 53 grams of crack/cocaine; .68 grams of heroin, 24 suboxone were recovered. He stated the Jukebox Revolution, Safety Day and the Tri-State Fireman's meet were held this past weekend. He stated the Jet Ski races will be held June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. He stated the FY20 budget was approved at Town Meeting. He stated State Aid has increased an additional \$285,000 in the Senate proposal. He stated he has notified DOR of the newly adopted local excises. He stated the Town has foreclosed on the property located on Maynard Street and is in the process of evicting the tenants. He stated letters were mailed to delinquent water/sewer customers today. He stated the Dugan building mural is underway. He stated flower pots have been placed around town and hanging pots will be delivered this week. He stated he visited Hudson with the Economic Development Team to see how they reinvigorated their town. He stated the filtration plant is on budget but behind schedule. He stated the Lake Parkway/Klebart Ave project has been moved to FY20. He stated the Town Meeting survey is available online and second digital sign will be installed at the Fire Station in June.

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the Town Administrator's Report. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Bourque, to approve the meeting minutes of April 8, 2019, and April 29, 2019.**

**Discussion: Chairman Becker stated that during the discussion with the School Department and Finance Committee the Board voted to recommend a 3% increase for the School Department with any additional money going towards the schools up to \$40,000.00 then it will be 30/70 split (Town/School) for any money over that amount.**

**The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Kontoes and Selectman Gabor abstained.**

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Jolda, to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to appoint Mark Konicki to the Recreation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the "One Day" liquor license request from Donald Lemieux for a fundraiser located at the Ray Street Fields, Webster on Saturday, July 13, 2019, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**

**Discussion: Selectman Jolda stated this is a softball tournament fundraiser for Officer Tarentino. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURN:** At 6.46 p.m.:

**Motion by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Kontoes, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney M. Friedland, Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen