

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, April 16th, 2020 at 7:30pm
Meeting was held remotely

- 1- **Call to order:** First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also in attendance were Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Tax Collector Cathy Neblett, Social Service Director Allison Lisbon, members of the press and Weston Residents.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Selectman Nestor led in the pledge
- 3- **Discussion/decision to adopt a resolution pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Orders 2020 7S and 7W:** First Selectman Spaulding explained the resolution regarding tax relief. Tax Collector Cathy Neblett discussed two options that were presented to the town for adoption. One is a tax deferral, which is an extension to the grace period. Other option is a low interest rate program (no qualification needed). The board agreed that having residents complete the application form would be enough and no backup documentation would be needed. The Board discussed how the deferment option would likely affect town revenues. Selectman Grozinger moved for any taxes due on personal property, motor vehicles or any sewer charges or assessments coming due, during the period of April 1, 2020 through and including July 1, 2020, the Town of Weston shall participate in a deferral program that shall be offered to eligible residents, businesses, non-profits and tax payers, a payment deferment of three months of the time such taxes become due and payable. Eligible residents, businesses, non-profits and tax payers are those that attest or document significant economic impact by Covid-19, or those that document they are providing relief to tenants significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Town shall follow guidance as issued by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management as to which residents, businesses, non-profits and tax payers shall be considered eligible for the deferment program Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Discussion/decision to modify the 2020 budget adoption schedule so that the public hearing will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2020 instead of Saturday, April 25, 2020:** First Selectman Spaulding stated this is technical issue, as Mr. Luiz is working on a proper technological platform to use for the hearing. Mr. Luiz is also planning on sending a postcard to residents including information on how they can send in comments. He also stated the Board of Finance was fine with rescheduling. Selectwoman Nestor moved to modify the 2020 budget adoption schedule so that the public hearing will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 9 am instead of Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 9 am. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion about the 2020 Memorial Day Parade:** Jon Dillon, member of WVFD. First Selectman Spaulding stated it is not realistic for us to be able to hold the parade as usual. Jon

Dillon, Chairman of the Parade and member of Veterans committee would still like to do something for the town. Mr. Dillon mentioned the possibility of doing something virtually, involving the schools, veterans, fire department etc.

- 6- **Discussion/decision to approve the unapproved Board of Selectmen minutes of April 2, 2020:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved Board of Selectmen minutes of April 2, 2020, as presented. Selectwoman Nestor seconded and asked to amend the minutes to show she asked about delaying vote and absentee ballot. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7- **First Selectman's Update on Covid-19:** First Selectman Spaulding stated Weston is now at 42 positives, but we our condition appears to be more fortunate than other towns around us. People are following social distancing guidelines. He also said we are working on getting more PPE supplies. First Selectman Spaulding recommends people wear protective masks. He then gave a huge thanks to all First Responders, Dispatch and EMS.
- 8- **First Selectman's Update on the Connecticut Department of Transportation's proposal to install new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons on Weston Road:** First Selectman Spaulding explained the Department of Transportation is putting in an official crosswalk from the school fields to Weston Center. He said we will coordinate the sidewalk project with this DOT project.

Selectwoman Nestor moved to add to the agenda the appointment of Kirby Brendsel to Lachat Town Farm Commission to the agenda. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9- **Discussion/decision to appoint Kirby Brendsel to Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term to end December 31, 2022.** The Board interviewed Mr. Brendsel. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Kirby Brendsel to Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term to end December 31, 2022. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motions carried unanimously.
- 10- **Adjourn:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 8:55pm. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:

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