

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:30pm**  
**Meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19**

1- **Call to Order:** Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Senior Center Director Wendy Petty, Weston Residents

2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was recited.

First Selectman Spaulding read a joint statement:

What happened in Minneapolis should never have happened and certainly must never happen again. Our police must serve as trusted partners whose core function is to serve and protect all citizens without exception. That trust and partnership is one of the primary forces holding our society together. The partnership between citizen and officer has always been a hallmark of Weston and we will ensure that this sacred trust will never be breached and the faith you put in leadership and the police is well rewarded.

Weston police officers take the term public servant literally. They strive to serve the public in a judicious and compassionate manner. Treating people fairly is not just a trend, it is deeply embedded into their way of life.

Over the past three years, the Weston Police Department has implemented a program to allow citizens to file complaints anonymously, instituted policies to help hire and retain minority officers, and have fair treatment policies that consistently evaluate and adapt to meet the needs of all people regardless of race or gender.

We understand polices are not enough, they are foundational steps. Please know, we strive to live these philosophies every day. Weston Police have an open-door policy and welcome progressive discussions with the people we serve.

Weston stands steadfastly committed to providing a safe and just environment for all of its citizens. Weston has always been a place of inclusion, compassion and understanding for all Westonites. We have zero tolerance for any form of discriminatory conduct or preferential treatment of any citizen. We are, as always, Westonites above all else.

*Chris Spaulding*  
*First Selectman*

*Captain Matt Brodacki (Interim Police Chief)*  
*Weston Police Department*

*Beth Gralnick*  
*Chairman, Board of Police Commissioners*

3- **Discussion/decision to establish a public hearing concerning the replacement of Ordinance Chapter 164 entitled “Solid Waste” and the replacement of Ordinance 225 entitled “Solid Waste and Recycling Regulations” with a proposed new ordinance entitled “Solid Waste”:** First Selectman Spaulding spoke about the need to update and revise the ordinance. Mr. Luiz

felt the two separate ordinances were repetitive and could be combined and updated. Attorney Nick Bamonte explained the goals of the new ordinance along with new protocols and policies as well as required statutes. Selectman Grozinger moved to establish a virtual public hearing at 7 pm on June 18, 2020 concerning the replacement of Ordinance Chapter 164 entitled “Solid Waste” and the replacement of Ordinance 225 entitled “Solid Waste and Recycling Regulations” with a proposed new ordinance entitled “Solid Waste” Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4- **Discussion/decision to establish a public hearing concerning the adoption of a proposed new ordinance that would allow Weston to become a member of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority:** Executive Director Jennifer Heaton-Jones explained how HRRRA provides a financially viable solution while being sustainably minded. First Selectman Spaulding explained that Weston applied to become a member, which has been approved subject to a public hearing. Selectwoman Nestor moved to establish a virtual public hearing at 7 pm on June 18, 2020 concerning the adoption of a proposed new ordinance that would allow Weston to become a member of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a proposed agreement with the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority pending the final adoption of a proposed ordinance that would allow Weston to become a member of the Authority.** First Selectman Spaulding stated he would be on the HRRRA Committee along with Mr. Luiz as an alternate. Selectman Grozinger moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a proposed agreement with the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority pending the final adoption of a proposed ordinance that would allow Weston to become a member of the Authority. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Discussion/possible decision regarding reopening Senior Center** – Ms. Petty, Senior Center Director, explained she is working on putting together a statement as to when they will re-open. She stated Westport made decision to be closed for summer and plan to open in September. Ms. Petty recommends a similar statement for Weston, while continuing to provide services over the summer. Selectwoman Nestor stressed it is important to mention that as a Town we will revisit this statement in case anything changes. Commission on Aging Charmain, Bruce Lorentzen, said the key word here is flexibility. Ms. Petty stated she will put out a formal statement.
- 7- **Discussion/ decision to authorize the First Selectman to sign an MOU with the Weston Police Department Union concerning carrying over vacation time, in consideration if the Covid 19 epidemic.** First Selectman Spaulding explained that according to the Police Union Contract, vacation time that is not used is lost. This MOU would allow the PD to roll over 5 days of vacation time, due to COVID-19. First Selectman Spaulding added the Police Commission voted to unanimously support this MOU. Selectwoman Nestor moved to authorize the First

Selectman to sign an MOU with the Weston Police Department Union concerning carrying over vacation time, in consideration of the Covid-19 epidemic. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8- **Discussion/decision to appoint Tom Failla as tree Warden effective July 1, 2020:** First Selectman Spaulding stated Bill Lomas is retiring at the end of the month and will be replaced by his assistant, Mr. Tom Failla. Mr. Failla then spoke about his experience and training. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Tom Failla as Tree Warden effective July 1, 2020. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Vickie Kelley and Ed Parker to the Lachat Town Farm Commission for terms to end June 30, 2023:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to reappoint Vickie Kelley and Ed Parker to the Lachat Town Farm Commission for terms to end June 30, 2023. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Sgt. Joseph Miceli to the Pre-disaster Mitigation Advisory Committee for a term to end June 30, 2022:** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Sgt. Joseph Miceli to the Pre-disaster Mitigation Advisory Committee for a term to end June 30, 2022. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Lynne Barrelle as our Town Historian for a term to end June 30, 2022:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to reappoint Lynne Barrelle as our Town Historian for a term to end June 30, 2022. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12- **Discussion/decision to reappoint David Coprio, Jon Rogers and Edmond Warchick to the Building Committee for terms to end June 30, 2022:** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint David Coprio, Jon Rogers and Edmond Warchick to the Building Committee for terms to end June 30, 2022, Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13- **Property Tax Refunds:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to approve property tax refunds totaling \$2,084.63, as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14- **Minutes Approval:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the May 21, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15- **Adjournment:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to adjourn at 8:32pm. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:

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