

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020 at 3:30pm
Meeting held virtually due to Covid 19

- 1- **Call to Order:** First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. Also present were Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Emergency Management Director Sgt. Joe Miceli, Town Attorney Ira Bloom, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, members of the press and Weston Residents.

- 2- **Discussion/decision regarding reopening Town facilities to the public:** First Selectman Spaulding stated the High School track was opened up on Monday. Sgt. Miceli added that he has not received any complaints, and that he has observed social distancing being followed. Sgt. Miceli also spoke about going into phase 2, which calls for opening all Weston Public School fields today. He added that we need to all of the rules/restrictions to the sports programs. First Selectman Spaulding reiterated how important it is for residents and children to follow the guidelines, otherwise our number of infections will go up and we will have to re-close facilities. Sgt. Miceli and the Board of Selectmen agreed to open Morehouse and Bisceglie Park next Wednesday, May 20th. Sgt. Miceli added Parks and Recreation staff will help control/monitor those parks during the day. First Selectman Spaulding requested signage with guidelines to follow. Selectwoman Nestor feels we need to clearly communicate the rules and guidelines. Selectman Grozinger is concerned people will cluster at these parks but Sgt. Miceli doesn't feel we will be overburdened. Selectwoman Nestor would like to make sure we get feedback before opening the other two fields. Logistics of openings and supervision was discussed. Selectman Grozinger stated he felt no motion was needed as the previous resolution covers this decision.

- 3- **Discussion about how Governor Lamont's Covid 19 related executive orders have affected the Town's public decision making process:** Town Attorney Ira Bloom provided an overview of the Governor's Executive orders concerning annual budget adoption and holding Special Town Meetings. Attorney Bloom explaining that there does not exist an option to have a budget referendum this year. Mr. Bloom also explained Executive Order 7S and how it addressed several kinds of financial decisions (votes not involving the budget) that may require public meetings. It was stated that the Town must consult with their public health officials to see if it would be possible to hold a public meeting. The Board of Selectmen discussed other possible ways to get the public involved and hear their opinions. Selectwoman Nestor wants to provide every opportunity for people to be heard. Selectman Grozinger feels the same stating the BOS works better when we know what residents are thinking.

- 4- Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 4:29pm. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:

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