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**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2020
Record**

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Chair Michael Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM via Zoom remote participation due to the State of Emergency COVID-19. Present were Select Board members Vice Chair Susan Verdicchio, Jacqueline A. Welch, Amy Shapiro, and Mariano Goluboff. Also present was Town Manager Lisa Wong. (Note - due to the remote participation all Select Board votes are roll call votes.)

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NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

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1. Monday, August 3, 2020 - Regular Session

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

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- *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, donations in the amount of \$33,333 to the Council on Aging from the Cummings Foundation for the first-year funding of a three-year initiative to promote cultural competency at the Jenks Center and \$280 to the Council on Aging Gift Account.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS

1. General Topics: Ms. Wong informed the Board that Brian Szekely, Town Planner, applied for a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to help stabilize microbusinesses (5 or fewer employees) that have been negatively impacted by the crisis, are in danger of going out of business, can demonstrate a loss and needs to be currently in operation. The funds can be used for technical assistance and working capital to cover business costs, such as rent, staffing and utilities. This was a 23-community grant application with the DHCD awarding to each community as little as \$50,000 to as much as \$400,000. Mr. Szekely applied for \$200,000 and Winchester was awarded \$140,000. He will be administering the grant and taking applications once he gets mor direction from the state.

Ms. Wong also told the Board that the Waterfield bridge completion is on time and the McCall Middle School project is almost complete.

MATTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

COMPTROLLER 'S REPORT

LICENSES

1. Common Victualler License - Neil DeRosa, Bagels 'n' Brew at 748 Main Street. Mr. DeRosa introduced himself to the Select Board. He is very excited to be opening his business in Winchester.

1 millions of dollars. He did inform the Board that everyone on the team has experience doing
2 40B development.

- 3 **5. Re-Opening Thompson Street - Letter from Chamber of Commerce** - Ms. Wong addressed
4 the letter stating that the initial context of closing Thompson Street was to have a draw to the
5 downtown, give some social distance for residents and allow businesses to set up outside.
6 This has not worked and she feels that we need a strategy in place when closing Thompson
7 Street. What we can do moving forward is do a review of what can be done to help individual
8 businesses, and get data from the businesses & restaurants about their experiences. The
9 consensus of the Board is not to make any changes until we get more data from the businesses
10 and continue discussions with the Chamber.
- 11 **6. Select Board Staff Appreciation Process Discussion/Working Group** - Chair Bettencourt
12 informed the Board members that he would like to create a working group to set up a more
13 formal process to recognize Town staff.
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- 15 **7. Discussion of Yard Maintenance/ Noise Ordinance** - Chair Bettencourt stated that the
16 ordinance will be part of a working session.
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- 18 **8. Schedule Work Plan Working Session** - Chair Bettencourt will send potential dates to the
19 Board members to meet in August.
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21 EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE

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- 23 **1. Discussion of Sachem Mascot** - School Committee members attended the meeting and the
24 discussion with the Select Board has been moved to a separate meeting to be scheduled after
25 the School Committee meeting on Tuesday.
- 26 **2. Working Group on Departmental Hiring Practices** - Chair Bettencourt continued to a future
27 meeting.
- 28 **3. Flags on the Common** - The Black Lives Matter and Pride flags were stolen off of the Town
29 Common flag pole and Liora Norwich, Network for Social Justice, is working with students in
30 replacing the flags.
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32 CONSENT AGE NDA

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34 *Motion: That the Select Board waive the service charge for any Winchester resident
35 who qualifies for the Low Income Water & Sewer rates. The income levels
36 that are used for qualifying for these rates are those of the fuel assistance
37 program.

38 Verdicchio - Welch

39 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

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41 *Motion That the Select Board forward the Third Amendment to Pilot Agreement that
42 extends the 1021 Pilot agreement through June 30, 2020 to Winchester
43 Hospital.

44 Verdicchio - Welch

45 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

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47 *Motion That the Select Board approve John Fleming and Thomas Carr as Special
48 Municipal Employees for the Recreation Department.

49 Verdicchio - Welch

50 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

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52 *Motion That the Select Board approve the minutes for April 6, 13 & 27, 2020 and
53 May 4 & 18, 2020.

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Verdicchio - Welch
Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

The Select Board cancelled the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT : 9:55 PM

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn for the evening.
Verdicchio - Welch
Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wong, Town Manager

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