The Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Tuesday, June 22, 2020 began at 6:30 p.m. Remote participation due to COVID-19.

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Members Present: Manuel Silva, Chairman, Derek DeBarge, Antonio Goncalves, and William Rosenblum.

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

Visitations:

6:30 p.m. – M. Szosek, Town Moderator

The Board met with Mike Szlosek, Town Moderator to discuss the reduction of quorum by 50% based on the 114 positions for the June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings in case issues arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, and seconded by Mr. DeBarge to reduce the number needed by 50% for a quorum for the Annual Town Meeting from 58 to 29 precinct members. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, and seconded by Mr. Goncalves to reduce the number needed by 50% for a quorum for the Special Town Meeting from 58 to 29 precinct members. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Correspondence:

146. Cheryl Messer, Director Board of Health Nurses – request to hold the "drive by" mask give away event.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. DeBarge to allow the Board of Health, more particular Cheryl Messer, Director of Nursing to hold the "drive by" free mask event on Saturday, June 27th. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

147. Residents. – letter requesting a BLM Banner be allowed to be placed on Town property at the Putts Bridge and requesting that the Board make a statement. Tabled until the conference call scheduled for 5:45 p.m. at the June 30th meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Villano stated Article 12 is to appropriate free cash for COVID which was drafted before the CARES Act was passed.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to take no action on Article 12 of the June 22nd Annual Town Meeting. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Ms. Villano confirmed the dollar amount of Article 7 of Special Town Meeting for police overtime in the amount of $100,000 to be included in the motion to be read by Mr. Rosenblum.

Moved by Mr. Rosenblum, seconded by Mr. Goncalves to reinstitute and designate the Board of Public Works as Special Municipal employees effective immediately. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Goncalves advises to check on neighbors due to the heat at this time.

Mr. DeBarge made no comments.

Mr. Rosenblum made no comments.

Mr. Silva agreed with Mr. Goncalves comment.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Vote 4-0. All in favor.

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