



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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July 6, 2020

The Selectboard meeting was called to order remotely at 6:00 PM by Chairman Michael Connor using Zoom Technology. A roll call confirmed all members of the Board were participating with the exception of Mrs. McNulty. Also actively participating in the meeting was Town Administrator Denis Fraine and Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. This was a joint meeting with the Economic Development Sub-Committee. The remote meeting was being monitored by Jim Kupfer, Town Planner and Zoning Officer. It was determined by Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place that no in-person attendance of Board members or any member of the public would be permitted at this meeting. This meeting was accessible to the public via the Zoom online option.

Mr. Spencer, member of the Selectboard and Economic Development Sub-Committee turned the meeting over to Jim Kupfer who gave a recap of the Small Business Grant Program. He stated the process the Town laid out with the Attorney General's was he, along with Denis Fraine and Mary MacKinnon would review the applications and make recommendations to the Economic Development Sub-Committee with final approval by the Selectboard. The group reviewed 39 applications and by way of eligibility and financial need are recommending the 15 businesses on the attached list to each receive \$2000.

On an O'Connell/Leclair motion the Economic Development Sub-Committee unanimously voted to approve the list of 15 businesses as presented. Under discussion, Mr. Spencer stated that there will hopefully be another grant opportunity under the Massachusetts CDBG Program to help assist micro-enterprise businesses (those with 5 or fewer employees including the owner). This was also taken into consideration when making these recommendations. Mr. Martinis asked if these 15 businesses being recommended tonight could be eligible for that grant (if they are a micro-enterprise) and it was confirmed that they would.

On a Martinis/Spencer motion the Selectboard unanimously voted to release the \$30,000 Small Business Grant to the 15 businesses as presented.

Mr. Connor reminded the Board that there is a list of Executive Session minutes that are ready for review and will be on the next agenda for approval so if members had not had a chance to review those minutes to please do so before the next meeting.

On a Spencer/O'Connell motion the Economic Development Sub-Committee unanimously voted to adjourn their meeting at 6:15PM.

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On a Martinis/Grant motion, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adjourn their meeting at 6:15PM as well.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hilarie J. Allie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant