BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Special Meeting Recorded via Teleconference -- Zoom

SELECTMEN PRESENT: J. Christopher Kervick, Paul Harrington, Scott Storms

ALSO ATTENDING REMOTELY: Kristen Brown (SMART Program Representative), Chris Nelson (DEEP Representative), Bob Moylan (Town of Worcester, MA), Residents, and a Reporter from the Journal Inquirer

CALL TO ORDER:
First Selectman J. Christopher Kervick called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

PUBLIC INPUT:
Public input was received (via chat) regarding the SMART Program from:
Karen Cheney; Joshua Morrison; Larry Girard; Kimberly Harrison; Debra Guillaume; Brian Pham; Paula Hepler; Brian Pham; Kevin Stone; Gerard Weatherby; Sherryl Healey; Cliff Oliver; Crystal Benware; Gail Stegman; Shana Perez; Josh Miskin; Doug Glazier; Bob Charrette; Lillian Sanders; Coral Ruggiero; Kitty Montemerlo; Jennifer Hoffman; Kat Driscoll; Nicole Saavedra; Cindy Cooper; Jacob LaValley; Amy Scheker; Todd Sevick; Lacinda VanGieson; and others whose full names were not listed.

Selectman Kervick acknowledged that due to the time constraints of this meeting there was insufficient time to address all of the questions and concerns. He added that they would be addressed at a later date.

SMART PROGRAM:
On April 16, 2020, the Town hosted an online SMART Program presentation. After a recent newspaper article led to many resident concerns regarding the implementation of the new solid waste reduction, Selectman Kervick felt that the public discussion on the topic was necessary.

Bob Moylan, Retired Commissioner for the Town of Worcester, MA- shared how the SMART Program was implemented in Worcester. Mr. Moylan stated that 99% of residents complied with the change to “pay as you throw” system, and as a result the city saw a 45% savings in waste costs.

Kristen Brown, SMART Program spokesperson, informed the community of the SMART Program benefits and provided insight on how the program works in other communities. The SMART Program guarantees a decrease in trash by 44%. By partaking in the Pilot Program, Ms. Brown stated that the Town will receive a guaranteed $200,000.00 reimbursement for the First Year.

Chris Nelson, DEEP Representative- stated that DEEP is exploring the concept of permitting sites but they would not be available in the near future.
ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further discussion or information to come before the Board of Selectmen,

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. was made by Selectman Storms and seconded by Selectman Harrington. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary