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## **MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – May 1, 2020**

**ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL**

**12:00 PM**

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PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley, Selectmen William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Michael K. Walsh and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

Also present: IT Director, Chris George.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec 18, this meeting is being conducted via remote participation.

1. Chairman Buckley read the Governor's Order regarding the Open Meeting Law and remote participation. He stated the Board called this Emergency Meeting to address an issue relative to Public Health and Safety.
2. The Town Administrator read the following EMERGENCY PREAMBLE: The Board of Selectmen did not have sufficient time to post an Agenda for this meeting. The need for the meeting was not reasonably anticipated by the Chair more than 48 hours before the meeting. The Board will vote whether to take this matter up, on an emergency basis, a measure comprising a special emergency involving the peace, health, safety, and convenience of the people of the Town of Milford, which is not expected to be controversial. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To conduct the Emergency Meeting. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.
3. The Town Administrator stated the Town is having difficulty with compliance at the Louis Lake Parking lot as people are not practicing proper social gathering. The Parks Department put up barriers, but people are removing them. The Emergency Task Force members recommend closing the lot. He then read the following proposed Order: Be it ordered and enacted by the Milford Board of Selectmen, in light of the current state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared by Governor Charles D. Baker in response to the novel COVID 19 pandemic, acting pursuant to the executive authority granted to the Board of Selectmen by the General Court, as follows: Effective sunset on Friday, May 1, 2020 the parking lot located at Louisa Lake on Dilla Street, Milford, Massachusetts will be closed to all motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic. No motor vehicles can be parked in the lot at any time. This Executive Order is in direct response to a declared state of emergency, is intended to protect the health and welfare of the

residents of Milford and others and shall remain in effect only so long as the state of emergency is in effect. This order supersedes and vacates any prior special, executive, or general orders of any type or source whatever, including those issued by department heads, and takes effect immediately upon its passage.

4. Mr. Buckley informed the Board that we are not getting compliance with social gathering at the Louisa Lake lot. People are removing the barriers to require parking in every other spot. The Task Force still wants the Bike Trail to remain open as it is a benefit to the residents' mental and physical well being. We will have to manage the side streets if we close the lot. Mr. Kingkade said he will yield to the Task Force recommendation, but has a hard time enclosing out door facilities. We should do everything we can to keep the trail open.
5. Mr. Kingkade moved, In light of the current state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I move, pursuant to the executive authority granted to the Board of Selectmen by the General Court, that: the Louisa Lake Parking Lot located on Dilla Street in Milford, Massachusetts will be closed to all motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Mr. Walsh seconded for discussion. Mr. Walsh said the Task Force is acting for the safety of the general public. He asked the public not to park on the side streets. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion to close the Louisa Lake parking lot. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.
6. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 12:24 PM, UNANIMOUS.

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Richard A. Villani  
Minutes Recorder

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William D. Buckley, Chairman

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William E. Kingkade, Jr.

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Michael K. Walsh