

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
DEBORAH KEEFE, CHAIRMAN
WALTER D. RICCI, VICE CHAIRMAN
MARK DOWGIEWICZ
JEFFREY DUGGAN
DON BOURQUE**

A Board of Selectman Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, September 12, 2011. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Deborah Keefe, Mark Dowgiewicz, Jeff Duggan, Don Bourque, Dan Ricci

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Ricci led the Selectman in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque and seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 meeting.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz and seconded by Selectman Bourque to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 meeting with corrections.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

American Legion Post # 184 Webster–Dudley - Change of Manager

Ralph Ricci came forward and stated the American Legion would like to do a Change of Manger. He stated he would be the new manager.

Motion: made by Selectmen Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to approve the Change of Manager of the American Legion Post #184 Webster- Dudley.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Abandoned Properties Update – Ted Tetreault/Cathleen Liberty

Chairman Ricci stated he asked Cathleen Liberty and Ted Tetreault to come before the Board to give an update on the nuisance properties. Mrs. Liberty stated the Town is moving forward in the process. She gave an update on several nuisance properties. Mr. Tetreault stated 7 structures have been removed. Mrs. Liberty stated is has been hard tracking down banks that own these buildings. Selectmen Duggan asked is the Town could demolish some of these structures and put a lien on the property for the cost of the demolition. Selectmen Bourque asked what the likelihood the town would get the money back. Mr. Tetreault stated 467-472 South Main Street properties had a very good likelihood that the money will be recouped. He stated they are also fining people. Mrs. Liberty stated it has been very hard getting in touch with Littin Loans based out of Texas. Selectmen Keefe suggested that the Town look into putting something in the local paper near them publicizing the town abandoned properties they own. Selectmen Bourque asked if people were living in these abandoned houses. Mrs. Liberty stated yes. The homeless peal off the boarded window and go inside for the night. Mr. Tetreault stated they need financial aid to start getting some of these properties torn down.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe reminded everyone that citizen's petition end Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. He passed out a spreadsheet of the citizen petition that town has already received.

He attended a Finance Committee Meeting.

He conducted several collective bargaining sessions.

He conducted a meeting in preparedness for the speed boat race for the upcoming weekend. He stated the event will be held at North Pond on Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th starting at 11:00 a.m.

He stated the Board voted to adopt the GIC regulations at the August 8th meeting. He stated he might ask the Board to rescind the vote and revote the adoption because the vote was taken before the guidelines were issued. He stated he would keep the Board updated on when this would need to be done.

He stated he had a need to go into executive session.

Motion: made by Selectmen Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to approve the Town Administrator's Report.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Old Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town is putting together an October Harvest Festival. He stated the Jolly Koppersmitz have been booked. He stated he would like to leave Main Street open and close Church Street. He stated there will be pumpkin carving, costume contest and scarecrow making. Selectmen Keefe stated October is fire awareness month. She stated it would be nice to see something incorporated into the October Harvest Festival regarding fire awareness. Selectman Duggan stated it would be great to have the schools involved.

Mr. Ricci stated he asked to have the Fire Department Future Options Study Committee on the agenda to form the official committee. Mr. McAuliffe stated he would like to have some resident committee members. He suggested that the board table this until the next meeting to seek resident interest letters.

New Business

Chief Bent and Kenny Pizzetti came forward. Chairman Ricci stated he asked the Safety Committee for recommendations. Chief Bent stated Birch Island Road is restricted to one side. He stated there is no parking allowed on Cedar Drive. He stated Tracy Lis hired a Police Detail and they ticket anyone who is illegally parked. He stated the Safety Committee had no recommendations.

Mr. Ricci stated the Board received a letter from the Safety Committee asking to approve their recommendations.

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Dowgiewicz to approve the Safety Committee's recommendations.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Chief Bent stated the Town of Webster will follow the Town of Dudley Trick or Treat date and times. Trick or Treat will be held Monday, October 1, 2011 at 5:30 – 7:30.

Mark Dowgiewicz stated he would like to talk about the Secure Communities Program. He stated if an individual is arrested their fingerprints are sent to ICE to see if they are an illegal immigrant. He stated this is a very important topic and the Town needs to protect their residents. Chairman Ricci stated 42 out of 50 stated have adopted this program. Selectman Duggan asked for the Police Chief's opinion. Chief Bent stated he is willing to sit down with the Board and get more information. He stated this is a very controversial issue. Selectman Keefe asked the Chief Bent to come before the Board with more information in a month.

Paul Laframboise came forward. He stated he would like to be reappointed to the Planning Board. Mr. McAuliffe stated he had been a great asset to the Town.

Motion: Made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to appoint Paul Laframboise to the Planning Board for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Mr. Laframboise stated he still needs two members for the Planning Board. He stated he might have some people interested in becoming members.

Mr. Ricci stated the Board received four letters of interest to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectmen Duggan to approve the four people who submitted letters to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Selectman Keefe stated she would like to vote on each person individually. She stated the Board usually required people whom the Board did not know to come to the next meeting before the Board would appointment appoint them. Mr. Ricci stated the Zoning Board of Appeals needed members immediately. He stated the people whom submitted letter are know by the Board or by Selectmen Bourque and himself. He stated the Board would agree to vote on each person individually. Selectmen Keefe stated two members already exist; Mr. Malo and Mr. Harden. Chairman Ricci asked if the Town Clerk received a letter of resignation from Mr. Harden. The Board of Selectmen’s Secretary stated no letter has been received by the town by Mr. Harden. Selectman Keefe stated she would try to get in contact with Mr. Harden and the Board can put him on the next agenda. Mr. Ricci stated he personally knew Mr. Doering and he had a background in construction for many years. He stated he would be a great asset to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion: made by Chairman Ricci, seconded by Selectmen Keefe to approve Edward Doering to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to approve Daniel Cournoyer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Motion: made by Chairman Bourque, seconded by Selectmen Keefe to approve Mathew Fitton to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

The next letter of interest for the Zoning Board of Appeals came from Francis Carbonneau. Selectman Keefe stated the Zoning Board of Appeals is full. Chairman Ricci stated there were still two alternative spots. Mr. McAuliffe suggested the Board wait on the appointment of Mr. Carbonneau because there were issues with how Mr. Carbonneau conducted himself. He stated there have been behavior issues in which Mr. Carbonneau didn’t act in a professional manner. He stated there had been issues with Mr. Carbonneau returning keys. He stated that Mr. Carbonneau would not add constructively to the Board.

Motion: made by Selectmen Bourque, seconded by Selectmen Dowgiewicz, to table Francis Carbonneau Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment to September 26, 2011.

Motion: made by Chairman Ricci, seconded by Selectmen Keefe to approve Edward Doering to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to accept the resignation of Chad Rivard and Mark Mason from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Chairman Ricci stated the Board received a letter requesting the Board declare United Nations Day.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to declare United Nations Day on October 24, 2011.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. She asked that she would like to have J.T. Gaucher look into this for the next meeting.

Selectman Keefe stated she would like an update on the liquor license Transfer of Stock/Change of Manger for Market Beer and Wine for the next meeting.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter for Nancy French at 3 Lake Street. She would like to see this get forwarded to the Health Department.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from CMRPC regarding a HUD Grant Application she would like to get some more information for the next meeting.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter regarding the Town of Webster's bridge inspections. She would like Mr. McAuliffe to follow up on this to see if anything else is needed.

Selectman Keefe stated she would like to submit something for the October Town Meeting regarding relatives that you are allowed grievance time for when they pass away. She stated just recently an employee of the Town had their grandchild pass away and it was not covered for grievance time. She stated the Personnel Board should look at this.

Selectman Bourque stated he would like to have a Community Development update.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ricci adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Item 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in an open meeting and

Motion: to go into Executive Session, and not to go back into open session made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz –yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque-yes, Chairman Ricci – yes

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Friedland

