

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

A Board of Selectman Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, September 26, 2011. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Mark Dowgiewicz

Chairman Ricci stated he would like to hold a moment of silence for the Dudley Selectmen who passed away.

Selectman Keefe stated she would like to table the meeting minutes from September 12th until the next meeting for further review.

Pole Hearing – Intersection of Wakefield Avenue

Javier Morales came forward and stated he was representing national Grid. He stated the pole is being moved because it blocked a driveway.

Motion: made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the pole relocation for Wakefield Avenue.

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

Lawrence B. Adams – CMRPC – HUD Grant Application

Selectman Bourque stated he will contact him to reschedule to another meeting date.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board of Selectmen received a letter from FEMA. He has since spoken with someone at FEMA and has been notified that the town is in full compliance. He stated the letter was a error.

He stated he spoke at the Killdeer Island Club meeting. He stated he enjoyed the evening.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining with several bargaining units.

He stated the town received positive feedback on the speed boat race. He felt is was a very successful event.

He stated they have looked at several spot for the new animal shelter. He stated he met with Michelle LaFleche and J.T. Gaucher and they all agree that the best spot for the new animal shelter would be near the walker track at Memorial Beach. Selectman Keefe stated it wouldn't be that visible behind a fence and locked gate. Mr. McAuliffe stated he needed a decision from the Board to move forward.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the area near the walking track at Memorial Beach for the proposed new animal shelter.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated he participated in the annual United Way “A Day of Caring”. He stated there were a large amount of volunteers. Selectman Duggan stated he was the Highway Department Representative and they all worked very hard.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the Town Administrator’s Report.

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

Old Business

Ron Harden came forward. Chairman Ricci stated there had been articles in the newspaper written by him stating he was resigning. He stated he would like to know what Mr. Harden’s intentions were. Mr. Harden stated he originally wanted to resign. He stated there are now new members and he would like to sit down with them and bring them up to date. He stated he is in the process of selling his house. Selectman Keefe stated he has worked very hard on the Zoning Board of Appeals and have been on the Board for a very long time. Mr. Harden stated he has never seen a Selectman at a ZBA Meeting except when it was regarding the Billboard. He stated he has been on the ZBA for eight years and he can be held personally liable for his decisions. He stated the decision that was recently made was wrong. Chairman Ricci stated this should have been discussed internally instead of putting it through the newspapers. Mr. McAuliffe stated no politics were involved in the recent decision. Selectman Bourque suggested now that they have new members that they reorganize. Chairman Ricci thanks him for coming before the Board.

Chairman Ricci stated the Future Options for the Fire Department Study Committee would like to meet. Selectman Keefe stated she would like to see the Citizens members be present. Chairman Ricci stated he didn’t think the Committee should have to wait. Selectman Keefe stated the Board is off balance. She stated there is one (1) EMS, one (1) Rescue, four (4) Firemen, One (1) Selectman (who is an ex firefighter) and two citizen members. She stated it is very Fireman heavy and they would all have the same vested interest. Chairman Ricci stated the Committee should get started and Selectman Bourque represented the Board of Selectmen not the Firemen. Selectman Keefe stated that would not be possible with his background. Selectman Duggan suggested they take a Fireman’s spot and replace it with another resident member. Selectman Bourque suggested they drop the Assistant Chief and add an additional citizen’s member.

Motion: made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Bourque to amend the Future options for the Fire Department Study Committee to add an additional Citizen’s Member and eliminate the Assistant Fire Chief Member.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci – no.

Chairman Ricci stated Market Beer and Wine was resubmitting the Transfer of Stock/Change of Manager.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Transfer of Stock/Change of Manager.

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

Chairman Ricci stated Waterfront Mary’s was resubmitting the Pledge of License. Selectman Keefe asked if it made a difference that the contract had dates that already passed. She asked Mr. McAuliffe if there was any impact to this Pledge. Mr. McAuliffe stated since it is a seasonal license it would not hurt the town’s quota.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Pledge of License for Waterfront Mary’s.

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

Chairman Ricci stated Pete Carbonneau’s letter of interest to was tabled at the Board’s last meeting he stated he would like to add this to the next agenda.

Selectman Bourque stated he would like to talk about street lights. He stated he would like to see some light turned back on. He stated it is a compelling public safety concern. Mr. McAuliffe stated the budget is worse than last year and the public needs to understand that this will take time to have them turned back on. Chairman Ricci stated he would like Mr. McAuliffe to look at the cost of purchasing the fixtures. Mr. McAuliffe stated this will not happen this year. He stated there are unfunded departments. Selectman Bourque stated crime is up in the town. Selectman Duggan asked what the cost would be if the unlit fixtures were taken down. Selectman Bourque stated the Board should except letter of request for street light until the end of October and send the list to the Safety Committee for their recommendation to the Board for 30-50 street lights to be turned back on.

New Business

J.T. Gaucher comes forward.

Selectman Duggan excuses himself.

Mr. Gaucher stated it is expensive to plow and salt private property. He stated Churches, the Webster Housing Authority and a private Thruway have been plowed for many years and it is costing the town. He stated doing these private properties makes for a longer time plowing and ware & tare on the equipment. He stated Webster is the only town that plows and salts these private properties. Selectman Bourque asked how long the town had been plowing these properties. Mr. Gaucher stated over 10 years. Chairman Ricci stated the Board will add this to the next agenda in order for Mr. Gaucher to get them more information.

Selectman Duggan returned.

The Webster Brotherhood of Firefighters came forward and stated they were going to donate a 14' Blue Spruce to be planted where the DPW had removed an old tree in the front of Town Hall. They would be very grateful of any donations for Christmas tree lights.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the donation of the Blue Spruce by the Webster brotherhood of Firefighters.

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

Chairman Ricci stated the St. Louis School was looking for a “one day” liquor license for Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the “one day” liquor license for St. Louis School for Saturday, November 19, 2011.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated Carol Cyr was looking for the Board of Selectman to name Community Development as the Committee for the Designer Selection Process for the hazardous Material Remediation.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to designate Community Development as the Committee for the Designer Selection Process for the hazardous Material Remediation.

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

Chief bent came forward. He stated the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency came out in 2010. He stated it goes far beyond the Fire Department; it is a mutual aid with further communities. Selectman Duggan asked if the town decides to join is the town liable to help out. Selectman Keefe stated if Webster needed help they would assist us.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to adopt the Statewide Safety Mutual Aid Law (GL C. 40 § 4J)

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

Motion: Made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to adopt the Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Law (GL C. 40, § 4K)

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

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Statewide Safety Mutual Aid Law and Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Law agreement.

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

J. T. Gaucher stated he had the OPM Agreement from Tighe and Bond. Chairman Ricci asked when the Board would be presented with this information. J.T. Gaucher stated they are in the process of doing the work.

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Bourque to approve the OPM Agreement with Tighe and Bond.

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

Chairman Ricci stated the Board was going to go through the Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. McAuliffe stated Article one was standard

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article One (1).

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

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Two (2).

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

Selectman Keefe asked if the town looked into self-funding unemployment. Mr. McAuliffe stated he has never done that as a Town Administrator. He stated self-funding unemployment is unusual.

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Three (3).

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

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Four (4).

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

The Board of Selectmen takes no action on Article Five (5)

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Six (6).

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

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Seven (7).

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

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Eight (8).

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

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Nine (9).

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

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Ten (10).

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

Selectmen Keefe suggested the Board hold a meeting October 3, 2011 in order to hear from the Citizens who submitted Citizen Petitions to determine whether to support the article.

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to table Articles 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 until October 3, 2011

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

Chief Bent stated the Police needed a new finger print scanner. He stated the one he has is outdated and has needed repairs multiple times.

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to recommend approval of Article Thirteen (13).

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to accept Robert Miller's resignation from the Finance Committee.

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

Chairman Ricci stated Bruce Smith wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting to be put on the Historical Committee. She asked if he could be added to the next agenda.

Selectman Bourque stated the Webster Firefighters Ball is on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Point Breeze and tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Selectman Keefe stated she would like to bring up the Pledge of License for Tal's. She stated she did not attend the Board of Selectmen's Meeting the night the Board voted to approve the Pledge. She stated it is not in the best interest for the town to have a bank in possession of a liquor license.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received information from the Chief of Police regarding ICE. Chairman Ricci stated that was scheduled for the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ricci adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 9:25 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 Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland