

**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, December 19, 2011. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Duggan, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting with corrections.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the meeting minutes of December 5, 2011.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the meeting minutes of December 12, 2011.

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

Chief Bent / Chris Jolda – Emergency Information for the Public

Chief Bent, Chief Hickey, Kenny Pizzetti and Chris Jolda came forward. Chief Bent stated Chief Hickey and himself are on duty for any major storm. He stated The Webster Fire Department and Webster Rescue Squad are also on duty during all major storms. He stated the Police Department also puts on another dispatcher during storms to handle the increase in calls. He stated the Webster Police Department has a very good notification system which provides messages and text alerts/updates during and after a storm. He stated residents can sign up for this notification system through the Police Department's website. Chris Jolda stated during the last "freak" snow storm power was out for a couple of days to many people. He stated radio announcements were made that a shelter was set up in Dudley. He stated people do not like to leave their homes to go to a shelter. He stated shelter are expensive and labor intense. He stated he is currently working with Cathleen Liberty to see if the town can get funding to set up a shelter. He stated he recommends everyone be prepared and have a 2-3 day water and food supply. Chief Hickey stated he has been working closely with National Grid. He stated during the last storm National Grid has a representative work exclusively with the town in order to get the power restored. He stated National Grid has been very helpful. Mr. McAuliffe stated National Grid is trying to stabilize protocol. Selectmen Keefe stated the most complaints were from people wanting information/updates from the town. She would like to set up a twitter and facebook account for the town to give updates to residents. Mr. Jolda stated the elderly population does not know technology. He suggested that people have everything they need for a couple of days. Selectmen Keefe stated she would like to push technology because it gives residents a level of comfort knowing what is going on so they can make a clear decision whether to stay or find a place to stay. Kenny Pizzetti stated the town has a good system.

Joe Naughton from RFWalsh Collaborative Partners and Lee Dore from Dore & Whittier Architects – Presentation

Chairman Ricci stated they are working on the new Park Avenue feasibility study. He stated they created a website to get updates on the project. Anyone looking to get more information can go to www.wpsbuildingproject.com. Lee Dore gave a Power Point presentation to the Board of

Selectmen. He did an overview of the proposed grade configurations. He stated the School Committee favored option IV. He stated option IV is now in front of MSBA for further approval. Selectmen Keefe asked if the MSBA agreed to fund these renovations. Mr. Dore stated at the moment the additional costs are not funded. He stated there will be a 25 month construction phase. He explained the preliminary project cost summary between the different options. He stated with the preferred option it would cost roughly 40-45 million dollars. Selectmen Keefe stated she would like the true number for the preferred option with the added costs for construction added. Mr. Dore stated a true number is be available soon.

Indian Ranch – Outdoor Entertainment Licenses

Chris Roberts and Suzzette Raun came forward. Chairman Ricci stated Indian Ranch submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting an outdoor entertainment license. Mrs. Raun stated Indian Ranch is seeking an outdoor entertainment license for Monday-Thursday 10:00a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m., and Sunday from 9:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. She stated they are cutting back an hour on Friday and Saturday. She stated she prefers to book daytime adverts but needs flexibility to book artist at times that fit there schedule. He stated the complaints filed during the summer were from the campground. Mr. Roberts stated it is very challenging to control sound on the lake because the way the wind and weather make the noise travel. He stated the previous owners conducted more concerts that were smaller and on different pavilions. Chairman Ricci stated it is fair to hear the public and hold a public hearing so the Board can hear residents concerns. Mrs. Raun stated it is a business and at a public hearing only negative people show up. She stated they are in the process of booking show now for next summer. Chairman Ricci stated on January 9, 2011 the Board would hold a public hearing and make a decision that night on the outdoor entertainment license dates and times.

Motion: made by Selectmen Bourque, seconded by Selectmen Duggan to hold a public hearing for Indian Ranch's outdoor entertainment license.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he conducted Collective Bargaining with Several Union Groups.

He conducted the final walk-through for Town Hall heating system. He stated there are minor issues still needed to be addressed.

He stated he attended the Police/Fire Building Committee Meeting.

He held a pre-bid conference on the Engineering Services for the demolition of 357 Main Street. He stated the board might want to start thinking of a permanent name for 357 Main Street.

He attended the Webster Lake water quality presentation put on by the Webster Lake Association. He stated it was very insightful.

He stated "Friday Night at the Movies" was very well attended. The children watched The Grinch and the Polar Express. He stated they had popcorn and pizza.

He stated he had a need for Executive Session.

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

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

Old Business

Chairman Ricci stated the Board received responses from both liquor license establishments that the Board requested updates from.

Selectmen Dowgiewicz asked for information regarding the legality of restraining orders against sex offenders.

Selectmen Bourque asked for an update on the two dog hearing cases.

Selectmen Keefe stated she would like the Board to send another letter to the Lt. Governor and Senator Moore encouraging funding for the A.J. Sitkowski School.

New Business

Selectmen Keefe stated the Board had a policy regarding streetlight that needed to be rescinded.

Motion: made by Selectmen Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to rescind the streetlight policy dated April 6, 2011.

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

Chairman Ricci stated Sts. Constantine & Helen Orthodox Church is requesting a “one day” liquor license for December 31, 2011 from 8:00p.m. to 1:00a.m. on January 1, 2012.

Motion: made by Selectmen Duggan, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the “one day” liquor license for December 31, 2011 from 8:00p.m. to 1:00a.m. on January 1, 2012.

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

Chairman Ricci stated he proposed the Board of Selectmen meet on January 9th and 10th, February 6th and 27th and March 12th and 26th. Mr. McAuliffe stated he would like to propose a Special Town Meeting on February 13, 2012.

Informational Mail

Selectman Bourque stated the Board received a resignation letter from Ron Harden.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept Ron Hardens resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

Adjournment

Chairman Ricci adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:56 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.

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. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland

