

**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, February 27, 2012. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 6:59 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 Bourque to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the Executive Session meeting minutes of February 6, 2012.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Bourque to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting.

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

J.T. Gaucher – Bridge Work 395 Exit 2 Closure

J.T. Gaucher and Kenny Pizzetti came forward. Mr. Pizzetti stated he received a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. He stated Mass DOT plans on commencing further bridge work. He stated in order to do the bridge work the northbound onramp must be closed. He stated the onramp will be closed for approximately six months. Mr. Gaucher stated there will be a detour to Cudworth Road. He stated the detour is very well marked. Selectman Keefe asked if Mr. Gaucher could monitor the traffic flow during the first month. She also asked if the large sign could be put up, informing residents of the detour. Mr. Pizzetti stated Mass DOT will have the large sign at the location.

Jeffery Duggan recused himself.

Mr. Gaucher stated although the winter has been mild, Webster got hit early in the season with a snow storm. He stated the Town has a contract for salt in which we were obligated to purchase a minimum order. Selectman Keefe stated that since the Town needed to purchase the salt for the minimum order there should be a supply for next year, thus reducing the cost.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the payment of liabilities incurred during fiscal year 2012 in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, § 31D.

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

Selectman Duggan returned to the meeting.

Eighty Ates – Entertainment License

Trevor Dieffenwierth came forward. He stated he is the District Manager for Eighty Ates. He was seeking an Entertainment License for Disk Jockey and Dancing.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Monday through Saturday Entertainment License and the Sunday Entertainment License for Eighty Ates.
Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci – yes.

Selectman Keefe would like to have letter sent out to Licensed Establishments making them aware of the requirement for a Entertainment License. Chairman Ricci stated letters have already been sent out.

Selectman Bourque and Selectman Duggan recused themselves.

Dangerous Dog Hearing – Hector Pico owner of Blackie

Chairman Ricci called the Dangerous Dog Hearing to order. He read the rules of the hearing out loud. He swore in all parties involved in the case. Marvin Kessner came forward. He stated Mr. Pico's dog has been loose many times within the last year and a half. He stated the dog is never leashed. He stated during one of the times his dog was loose it attacked his dog. He said he is scared for his safety. He stated he needed to carry a cell phone, camera and a stick every time he goes for a walk. He stated he has been keeping a log of every time Mr. Pico's dog has been loose. Chairman Ricci asked if there were any medical bills for the attack. Mr. Kessner stated no. He stated his dog recently died due to cancer and he would like to get another one but needed to see this situation get taken care of before he would buy another dog. He stated Mr. Pico has an electric fence but the dog keeps getting out of the yard. He stated he has called the Animal Control Officer every time the dog has been loose. He stated he called Michelle after the attack on his dog and he stated she told him that there is a "blood policy" He stated Ms. LaFleche (Animal Control Officer) told him she could not do anything.

Mr. Pico came forward. He stated his dog has been loose a couple of times. He stated he works everyday and his family was letting the dog out. He stated he installed an electric fence but after a couple of months noticed there was a hole in the fence. He stated he has been fined twice. He stated he was waiting for warmer weather to fix the fence. Selectman Keefe stated this winter has been very mild and there were plenty of nice days that the electric fence could have been fixed. She stated the dog was his responsibility and needed to be on a leash or controlled within his yard at all times.

Michelle LaFleche came forward. She stated that Mr. Kessner's allegations were correct. She stated that she has gone out to every call Mr. Kessner has called. She stated she did not know what Mr. Kessner was talking about when he said "blood policy." She stated his family has been putting the dog in a kennel that he has recently bought. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if there was anyone else that complained about this dog. Ms. LaFleche stated no.

Chairman Ricci closed the Dangerous Dog Hearing.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Ricci to order Hector Pico to adhere to the follow:

The dog must be kept in the kennel when outdoors until the electric fence is fixed. The electric fence must be fixed by Monday, March 5, 2012; weather permitting. You must also comply with Webster By-Law Chapter 313-1 by always having your dog on a leash at all times.

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

Baypath Presentation

David Papani came forward. He thanked the Board for having him. He stated Bath Path Vocational High School started a building project back in 2002. He stated the current building currently serves 1,074 students but is only designed for 850. He stated the current school is overcrowded. He stated they are proposing an addition to the existing building making space for additional class rooms and special education rooms. He stated the current building is over 40 years old. They presented a diagram of the proposed addition. He stated the town of Webster would be responsible for \$3,363,643. He stated the addition would add 50,000 square feet in additional classrooms, 7 new science labs, expanded, renovated, co shops and related classrooms. He stated the School Building Committee will be sending a notice to the ten towns with draft language they can use for Town Meeting and language for voting. He stated some towns will have a ballot question to do a prop 2 ½.

Old Business

Selectman Keefe asked if the Board was meeting to discuss The Town Administrator's Review Form. Chairman Ricci stated they will hold a half hour workshop before the next Board of selectmen's Meeting.

Lee Prescott came forward. He stated he received a letter for the Board inquiring about his license. He stated he has no intentions to lease his Class II Car License. He just wanted to attract business. He stated he is looking to sell the business but would notify the Board.

New Business

Selectman Keefe stated she wanted to have the discussion of M.G.L. Chapter 138 §12 – Addition to Liquor License put on the agenda. She stated a couple of establishments approached her asking to serve cordials. She stated she wanted to know if the Board would want to put an article on the next Town Meeting warrant to adopt that section of the Massachusetts General Laws, which would give the board the authority.

Chairman Ricci stated the Board received a letter from Steven Morrill seeking reappointment to the Board of Registrars.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Duggan to appoint Steven Morrill to a three year term to the Board of Registrars.

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

Chairman Ricci stated the Board received a letter from the Webster's Sailing association requesting approval for races.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the 2012 Webster's Sailing Association's race schedule.

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

Chairman Ricci stated the Board needed to vote to discharge the lien on 40 Lincoln Street.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to discharge the lien on 40 Lincoln Street.

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 award the Negus Street Reconstruction Project to CME Associates, Inc. of Woodstock Connecticut, for survey, design and construction-phase services relating to this project. The board's vote should be contingent on a negotiated fee that will not exceed \$81,500

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

Informational Mail

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter requesting to have the Veteran's home renamed. She stated the person making the request would have to go to the Veteran's Council.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland