

**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, March 12, 2012. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M.

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

Absent: Mark Dowgiewicz

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Ricci stated the meeting minutes will be tables until the next meeting.

Transfer of License – Dallas Hill Corp. dba Webster Wine & Liquor

Mr. McAuliffe stated his office received a call from the purchaser's Attorney requesting to postpone the approval until a later date.

J.T. Gaucher – Phase II Contract

J.T. Gaucher came forward. He stated the Board received a copy of the proposed contract in their packets. He stated there was an increased in price because they needed to produce more plans. Chairman Ricci stated when he dealt with major project plans were available to purchase online. He stated that is something the Town could think about in order to save money. Mr. Gaucher stated they will be charging a fee in order to take bid documents.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the OPM agreement with CDM Smith for the Phase II Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.

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

Discussion of Oxford IMA

Mr. McAuliffe stated a workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2012 to address the Oxford IMA. He stated they are under a time restraint and are looking to have this completed and signed as soon as possible. Mr. Gaucher stated he did get a revised copy of the IMA from Oxford and will email it to the Board before Wednesday.

State Representative Kevin Kuros

Representative Kevin Kuros handed out a list of accomplishments to the Board of Selectman. He stated he worked hard on local aid, increased funding on new home buyers bonus and help restrict the use of EBT cards. He stated there has been progress in legislation reform. He said they are looking forward to making more progress. Chairman Ricci stated health insurance costs have increased and as a business owner the cost is killing employers. Representative Kuros stated they are looking into health care payment reform. He stated they would like to revamp healthcare in Massachusetts. Selectman Keefe asked about how a business would obtain a liquor license when the town is at its quota. Representative Kuros stated the Board of Selectmen would ask for Special Legislation for an additional liquor license. He said it is a quick process. Selectman Duggan stated it was very nice to see things he was involved in during his term in office but asked in particular what he did for the Town of Webster. Representative Kuros stated he is only one voice and can't pass things on his own. He stated they work as a team. He stated he could ask Selectman Dugan the same question. Selectman Bourque asked where we stand with the Douglas wind farm. Representative Kuros stated he did not know where we stand. Selectman Keefe stated the Town of Webster has been asking for funding for the A.J. Sikowski and would like to see this project get funded. Representative Kuros stated he has written letter is

support but when a project is chosen it is based on merit. Mr. McAuliffe asked when the re-districting happened. Representative Kuros stated the re-districting isn't happening until next year. Mr. McAuliffe stated he was confused because Representative Kuros has already shut his office in Webster and has been sending Representative Fattman in his place for town events. Representative Kuros stated as of January 2013 his district will be changing and Webster will not be part of that. He stated he is preparing for the future. Mr. McAuliffe stated he is unsure who to call when he has a problem. He stated Representative Fattman has taken credit for street light in the town when he had nothing to do with getting them turned back on. Chairman Ricci stated residents of Webster already think the re-districting already happened because Representative Kuros is never around. Selectman Bourque stated that when Representative Kuros won he made pledge that he would come to a Selectmen's meeting every quarter to give updates. He asked what happened to that pledge. Representative Kuros stated he has missed a couple of quarters. Selectman Keefe stated the town is looking at a new Police Station, School and Library. She stated the town needs someone that will give us a boost. Selectman Duggan asked Representative Kuros to represent the Town of Webster as though he is still our Representative.

Town Administrator's Report

Brain Perry came forward and stated the Board received a copy of the OPM Contract for Maguire Group. He stated Randy Becker and himself has been working very closely with Maguire Group throughout them filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy. He stated Maguire Group had a court hearing on March 7, 2012 which they extended for an additional month. He stated Maguire Group is excited to start the project. He stated the Board could wait until the next court date or move forward. He stated Randy Backer and himself feel comfortable in moving forward. They have language in the contract giving them authority to terminate the contract.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the OPM Contract between the Town of Webster and Maguire Group.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated the attended the Finance Committee Meeting.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining with several Union Groups.

He stated the Dudley IMA True-up is complete. He stated the consultants have completed all the calculations and are in agreement with all the conditions associated with the True-up. He stated it is going to be a wash.

He stated the town successfully negotiated new health insurance plan designs changes. He stated the last three years the town has made plan changes to save money.

He stated he emailed the Board the report on the beach receipts and expenditures. Selectmen Keefe stated she would like the report simplified. She stated it was confusing to look at every single line item. She stated she would like to identify what is needed for the beach. She would like to have new hand dryers and toilets put in to complete the beach house upgrades. Mr. McAuliffe stated one of the projects this year will be a new boat ramp. He stated the project will be completed by the end of April. Selectman Keefe stated she would like something for the next meeting detailing to upgrades for this year and the cost. Selectman Bourque asked about the food service for the beach. He asked if the town had gone out for bid. Mr. McAuliffe stated the town is currently out for bid. Selectman Keefe stated the town needs to look at a food service now before the beach opens.

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town Accountant and the Police Secretary have balanced the Police Detail Activity Account. He stated the Police use the IMC system, where the Town Accountant uses Munis; which caused some of the problems. Chairman Ricci stated un-receivables should be written off so the amount does not go higher. Selectman Keefe stated she would like to know who and how much is written off for future detail work. She asked why the Police Secretary couldn't use Munis. Mr. McAuliffe stated Munis does not have that feature. He stated internal procedures have been put in place.

Mr. McAuliffe passed out the tentative Town Meeting schedule. The Board of Selectmen decided to open the Town Meeting Warrant for Citizens petition until April 2, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The Board of Selectmen will meet April 9, 2012 to approve the Town meeting Warrant. Chairman Ricci asked if major Departmental requests could be brought before the Selectmen at

the March 26, 2012 meeting. This would give the Selectmen additional time to gat any quests they have answered before Town Meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectmen Bourque to open the Town Meeting Warrant with all articles due on Monday, April 2, 2012.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated he had a very special announcement to make. He introduced Greg Robert from Amcomm. Mr. Robert stated he has been working very hard with Mr. McAuliffe to develop a new website. He showed the Selectmen the new site. He stated each department will have their own login to update their own page. Mr. McAuliffe stated the site is still under construction and will continue to improve.

Motion: made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Town Administrator's Report

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

Old Business

Chairman Ricci stated the Town Administrator's Review is coming up. Mr. McAuliffe stated he usually gives his Town Administrator's goals and accomplishments before Board gives their review. Chairman Ricci stated Mr. McAuliffe can give his goals and accomplishments on April 9, 2012. He stated the Board should have their reviews in to him by April 16, 2012 and the Board will present his review on April 23, 2012. He stated that gives April 9-16 for each Selectman to sit down with Mr. McAuliffe to talk about his review.

New Business

Chairman Ricci stated he would like to schedule the Board of Selectmen's Meetings up until the elections. The Board of Selectmen will meet on March 26, 2012, April 9, 2012 and April 23, 2012. He stated the school Committee would like to hold a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee on April 23, 2012 at 6:30 before the regular meeting. The Board of Selectmen will also hold a budget meeting on April 30, 2012 with the School Committee and the Finance Committee.

Barry Sims came forward. He stated he had been a constable for the Town of Webster for six years. He said he is seeking reappointment.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to appoint Barry Sims as constable for a term to expire June 30, 2015

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

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a resignation letter from Mike Hopkins from the Planning Board.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the resignation from Mike Hopkins from the Planning Board

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

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a liquor violation for Empire Wok. Chairman Ricci stated the public hearing will be held March 26, 2012.

Adjournment

Chairman Ricci adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 10:05 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Item 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation.

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

