

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
DON BOURQUE, CHAIRMAN
DEBORAH KEEFE, VICE CHAIRMAN
JEFFREY DUGGAN
MARK DOWGIEWICZ
ROBERT J. MILLER**

A Board of Selectman Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, May 21, 2012. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Attendance: Don Bourque, Deborah Keefe, Mark Dowgiewicz, Jeff Duggan, Robert Miller

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe and seconded by Selectman Miller to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2012.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe and seconded by Selectman Miller to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2012 with corrections.

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

Selectman Keefe requested to table the Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2012 until the next meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe and seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the Executive Session minutes of the April 23, 2012 with corrections.

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

Michael Makara – Webster School Committee Vacancy

Michael Makara came forward. He stated Ted Geotis has resigned from the School Committee. He stated the School Committee needs a replacement until the next election. He stated the purpose for coming before the Board of Selectmen was to start the process of advertising for this vacancy. He stated the vacancy can be posted and the School Committee and Board of Selectmen can hold a joint interview process at the next meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to post the vacancy for the School Committee and accept letters of interest until May 31, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. with a joint meeting to be held Monday, June 4, 2012 at 7:00p.m. to interview the interested candidates.

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

Selectman Keefe stated this vacancy should be posted on the website, access channel and newspaper.

Mr. Makara stated there is also an open vacancy on the School Building Committee for a member of the Board of Selectmen. He stated Dan Ricci was the appointee but was no longer a Selectman. Selectman Duggan stated he would like to volunteer to be the Board of Selectmen's representative.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe, to appoint Selectman Duggan as the Board of Selectmen's representative on the School Building Committee.

Vote: Mr. Miller – no, Mr. Dowgiewicz –yes, Mr. Duggan – abstain, Ms. Keefe – yes
Chairman Bourque - yes.

Coney 1950 – Request for Outdoor Seating

Art Turner came forward. He stated he is requesting outdoor seating. He stated he is looking to put two 24” round tables in front of his business and two 24” round tables on the side of his business (Davis Street). He stated he would remove the tables at night.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the outdoor seating as presented pending the approval of the Building Inspector and Board of Health.

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

Anoinette Dobosz – Boat Restrictions – AG’s Office Decision

Antoinette Dobosz and Judy Keegan came forward. Ms. Dobosz stated people actively brought articles to Town Meeting to restrict boat size and hours of operation. She stated the District Attorney’s Office ruled that the proposed by-laws passed at Town Meeting could not be applied to Webster Lake because she deemed it as a “Great Pond,” which is regulated the Department of Environmental Protection. She stated she has spoken with Attorney William Hewig and would like to move forward. Selectman Keefe stated the Board has supported the paddle boats restriction and would recommend the Board restrict oversized boats on Town property.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to restrict access to any boats over 40’ to enter Webster Memorial Beach.

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

Chairman Bourque stated this vote restricted boats over 40’ from entering Memorial Beach, but would not restrict anyone for launching a 40’ boat from another location.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to authorize the Town Administrator to work with Town Counsel regarding the boat restrictions.

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

Town Administrator’s Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated Ted Avlas and himself finalized the Special Town meeting Warrant for June 11, 2012. Mr. Avlas stated the School Building Committee is finalizing the Park Avenue School Project. He stated the warrant article needed to reflect the MSBA’s contributions and the renovations that were not covered under the MSBA’s funding. He stated the renovations that were not covered under the MSBA’s funding were always part of the project. He stated this was needed to do the grade refiguration. Selectman Keefe stated she would like a break-down of what is not covered for Town Meeting. Mr. Avlas stated the reimbursement rate has also changed. He stated the income levels in Webster have improved which triggered a lowering of the reimbursement percentage.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to recommend approval for all the articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, June 11, 2012.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated he attended the Finance Committee’s public hearing on the budget. He stated he received the Senate’s Budget. He stated the budget is not yet complete.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining with the Firefighters.

He stated he attended an Emergency Preparedness Meeting with Department Heads. He stated they are expanding emergency sites.

He attended the Police Fire Building Committee Meeting.

He attended the Future Options of Fire & Rescue Meeting.

He stated they concluded Town Meeting except for the budget articles.

He stated he received the fully executed Oxford/Webster Sewer IMA.

He stated J.T. Gaucher, Butch Hilton and himself conducted interviews for the Assistant Sewer Superintendent. He stated they have choose a finalist and they have made him an offer.

He stated they have awarded the demolition bid for the former Dr. Garg property.

He stated he would like to remind everyone about the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2012, starting at Mt. Zion.

He stated he did not have a need for Executive Session.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the town Administrator's Report.

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

Old Business

Selectman Keefe stated she asked to have Hawker's and Peddler's License on the agenda in order to start the process of putting together a By-Law. He stated he had several Town's Hawker's and Peddler's Licenses By-Laws included in the Board's packets. Chairman Bourque stated he would like to have more time to review this information. Selectman Keefe stated she would like the other Board members to look at the different By-Laws and make notes of what they liked and disliked. Chairman Bourque stated they Board will review this on June 18, 2012.

Selectman Keefe stated the board received a letter from Stanley Lankey expressing interest for an appointment to the Finance Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to appoint Stanley Lankey to the Finance Committee.

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

New Business

Chairman Bourque read the Election Warrant.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the election warrant for June 25, 2012.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated he has worked very hard on the Clerk's Union Contract.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the ratification of the Clerk's Union contract.

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

Informational Mail

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from Todd Stevens requesting a Peddler's License. She stated she would recommend the Board writing a letter stating he needed to obtain a Peddler's License form the State.

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a letter regarding Mr. Pico's dog. He stated he spoke with the owner and there have been no additional violations since the dog hearing.

Chairman Bourque stated Dan Ricci had been the alternate for the Central Mass Planning Commission. He stated he would like the Board to think of how would like to be an alternate.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a resignation letter from Margaret Sheahan. She stated there is a conflict of interest since she got elected to the Board of Trustees of the Library.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to accept the resignation of Margaret Sheahan from the Webster Cultural Council.

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

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a request from the Webster Hydroplane Racing Association for a “One Day” liquor license. He stated this will be on the next agenda.

Selectman Keefe stated the Webster Town Hall received certification of historical designation. She stated she would love to look into any available grant money that would help fix the building.

Mr. McAuliffe stated the new IT Director and Rich Rainey have been working on the Access Channel. He stated they have removed several microphones that were not working and were causing a loud humming sound.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland