

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

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, June 18, 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

Chairman Bourque stated the Meeting Minutes have been tabled until the next meeting for corrections.

Webster Hydroplane Racing – One Day Liquor License

Mike Grendell came forward. He stated he worked with Sergeant Budrow to outline a designated area for the beer tent. He stated he had also spoken with Kenny Pizzetti and he approved the location as well. Selectman Bourque stated his concern was that this will open the door to people requesting to drink on the beach. Selectman Keefe stated this would fall on the individuals running the event. She said if they wished to ever have this approved again in the future, it has to be run correctly. She stated she would like to see a contract in place with the Webster Police Department allowing them to monitor people coming and going.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe to approve the "One Day" Liquor License for the Webster Hydroplane Races on September 1, 2012 and September 2, 2012 pending a contract with the Webster Police Department.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated that Moody's Bond Rating has lifted the negative outlook on their rating of the Town. He stated Moody's removed this negative outlook because they thought the Town was moving in the right direction financially.

He stated the Town concluded all the Town Meeting articles. He stated it is nice to have this behind us. He stated it gives the Town a stable environment.

He stated he had a meeting with an interested consulting group for the proposed solar farm.

He stated the Nuisance Property Task Force held a meeting that was very productive.

He stated he attended a Finance Committee Meeting.

He stated the Highway Department removed the maple tree on the Town Hall front lawn. The tree was rotten and was swinging in the wind. Selectman Duggan asked about the elm tree that was going to be donated to the Town. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town received a call from the Liberty Tree Society stating they were unable to donate the Liberty Elm Tree because those particular trees are banned in Worcester County due to the longhorn beetle.

He stated he attended the pre-demolition meeting for the Dr. Garg Property. He stated he would like the Board to authorize the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be able to enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with regards to this project. He stated the demolition company was committed to having the building down within a couple of weeks.

He stated he attended the Senior Memories Dance at the Town Hall hosted by the Webster Police Department. He stated his aunt and his mother had a wonderful time.

He wanted to remind everyone that on June 23rd the Civil War Reenactment and the Second Annual Sidewalk Sale were being held on Main Street.

On June 25, 2012 the Town of Webster will hold its Special Election for the Park Avenue Elementary School.

He stated Mapfre funded the fireworks for this year. He stated on July 3rd the gates at the beach will open at noon.

He stated he had a need for Executive Session.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Duggan 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 & Paddler's Licenses put back on the agenda to get the Board's feedback. Selectman Duggan stated he liked Sturbridge's By-Law. He stated he would like to incorporate a "distance" paragraph. He stated these vendors are setting up very close to an existing business of the same kind. Selectman Keefe stated that they should speak with Town Counsel. Selectman Keefe stated they can revisit this issue again in August.

Chairman Bourque was looking to see if the Board wanted to set up a time to hold a Workshop on Surplus Properties. The Board agreed to hold a workshop on July 9, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. before the regular scheduled meeting.

Selectman Miller stated the Town is not in the position to pledge Tal's liquor license to a Bank. He stated he was not on the Board when they decided to pledge the license the first time, but does not agree a bank should hold a Liquor License. Chairman Bourque stated James Vassel from Webster Five came before the Board and stated the reasoning behind the pledge. He stated they wanted to have the liquor license to go along with the building just incase he defaulted. Selectman Miller stated he still did not see why a bank should hold a liquor license. Chairman Bourque asked if the Board would like Mr. Vassel to come to the next meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Keefe to table the Pledge of License for Tal's Place until the next meeting on July 9, 2012.

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

New Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated Jean Travis received a donation towards the purchase of a defibulator for the Senior Center. He stated the Board needed to accept the donation.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the donation towards the purchase of a defibulator for the Senior Center.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board needed to accept the donation for the irrigation system for the soccer fields. Selectman Keefe asked if these systems were up and running. Mr. McAuliffe stated he was unsure if the irrigation systems were installed and currently working.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the donation of the irrigation system for the soccer fields.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Rescue Squad received a donation to purchase a Side Scan Sonar Unit. Selectman Keefe stated this donation was fantastic but asked what prompted this donation. Mr. McAuliffe stated Chris Jolda had been working on getting this frontline equipment for the lake.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the donation of the Side Scan Sonar Unit to the Webster Rescue Squad

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

Linda Slota came forward. She reviewed the bonds.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Bond Anticipation Notes under M.G.L. 44, Section 7 as presented.

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

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he asked to have North Village added to the agenda because they were up for their affordable housing renewal. He stated in the last year the police have been called to North Village 455 times, resulting in 204 hours and 84 minutes in time spent by Police Officers. He stated the Town is footing the bill for having such a problem area. He stated this area causes the most problems for the Town. He stated North Village is a housing program for recovering drug addicts which are relocated from New York and all around the State. He stated this renewal is the Board's opportunity to do something about this area. He stated he would like to find out legally what the Town's options are for not supporting the renewal. He stated he would like the Board to walk North Village to see firsthand how bad the area has become. Selectman Keefe stated the Board should also request the contact person for Winn Residential and have them attend the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to do a walking tour of North Village directly following the Selectmen's Meeting.

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

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he had asked to have Child Safety Zone put on the agenda to talk about restricting areas for sex offenders. He stated he wanted to get more information and would ask to have this put on a future agenda.

Informational Mail

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter expressing concern with people speeding on Main Street. She stated people are driving very fast. She would like to see if a radar sting could be set up to deter speeders.

Selectman Keefe stated individuals have approached her and would like to start raising money for the 2013 fireworks. She thought this was a great idea and would like to have them on the next agenda.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a packet from Joseph Laplante regarding the Court of Honor. She stated she would like a breakdown of money spent since the trust was established and who authorized the spending. She stated she would just like a clear understanding of how the money is spent.

Adjournment

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Item 6, to discuss a strategy with respect to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate.

Motion: to go into Executive Session, and to return back into open session made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller.

The Board of Selectmen reconvened their Regular Session Meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to authorize Selectman Keefe or Selectman Duggan to sign a Purchase and Sales Agreement pertaining to the construction of the new Police Station located at 357, 367-385 Main Street.

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

The Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 9:20 P.M. concluding their walk at North Village.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland

