

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

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Attendance: Mark Dowgiewicz, Jeffrey Duggan, Deborah Keefe, Don Bourque

Absent: Robert Miller

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2013 with corrections.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of February 4, 2013.

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

John LaFleche – Bay Path School

John LaFleche came forward. He stated the Bay Path renovations passed at a Town wide ballot vote. He stated Webster will soon hold a Special Election on March 11, 2013 to approve a Proposition 2 ½ override to fund this project. He stated the Town will also seek approval during the Special Town Meeting on February 25, 2013 for the overall project. He stated the interest rate for the bond borrowing came in lower than expected. He stated it is important for Webster residents' to have a say in what school they send their children to.

Jeffrey Gay came forward. He stated he is a resident of Webster and attended Bay Path Vocational School. He stated the education he received was very beneficial. He stated many Bay Path students are working within the community.

Mr. LaFleche stated there are roughly sixty five (65) co-op students working. He stated they start off at a great wage. He stated when the student's graduate high school they are usually hired full time. He stated they currently have 1,100 students enrolled at Bay Path. He stated the school offers twenty one (21) different trades. He stated they will be adding a dental assistant shop in the near future. He stated he would encourage all of Webster's residents to support this program. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated his son attended Bay Path and received a great education. He stated it gives students a boost into their trade. Mr. LaFleche stated students are excited to go to school. Selectman Keefe asked if the school will still run night classes during construction. Mr. LaFleche stated they will try to run programs during construction but there might be some changes to the schedule. Selectman Keefe stated the night programs are very beneficial. She stated a family member graduated from Bay Path and is now is a teacher. She stated Bay Path is a very good asset for the Town.

Thomas Klebart – Appointment to the Planning Board

Thomas Klebart came forward. He stated he was born in Webster and recently moved back. He stated he is looking to get involved with the local government.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe to appoint Thomas Klebart to the Planning Board.

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

Tiara Yahnian – Appointment to the Planning Board

Chairman Bourque stated Tiara Yahnian was not present and her application would be tabled.

Denise N. Moberg – Appointment to the Planning Board

Denise Moberg came forward. She stated she has been a Webster resident her entire life. She stated she graduated from Bartlett High School and is currently a civil engineer. Selectman Keefe asked Mrs. Moberg if she is currently working in her field. Mrs. Moberg stated yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe to appoint Denise Moberg to the Planning Board.

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

Steve Sutton – Constable Application

Chairman Bourque stated Steve Sutton has pulled his application for constable.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe announced that the A.J. Sitkowski School was funded. He stated the Board, especially Selectman Keefe, has spent a lot of time on this project. He stated the blizzard put a damper on the press release. He stated this will help the Town continue to move in the right direction. He stated he is every excited about this project. Selectman Keefe asked if there was a goal date to get all the necessary paperwork completed. Mr. McAuliffe stated there was a very complicated negotiation with NOAH in the beginning. He stated he doesn't foresee anything holding this project up. Selectman Duggan asked if Webster residents could have priority when selecting tenants. Mr. McAuliffe stated NOAH has indicated this is a Webster project.

He stated he conducted a Cable Advisory Committee meeting. He stated the Committee will hold a public hearing on March 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Irene Martel Conference Room to hear customer feedback. He stated the Committee is currently working on the franchise renewal.

He stated he held a Finance Team Meeting.

He reminded all Webster residents that the Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Bartlet High School's Auditorium.

He also reminded Webster residents that the Special Election will be held Monday, March 11, 2013.

He stated the police station land swap is complete. He stated this was a time consuming exchange.

He stated he attended the Police/Fire Building Committee.

He stated he would like to thank the Highway Department and Custodial Staff for their blizzard response. He stated it was a very tough storm with lots of snow.

He stated Webster EMS conducted a CPR Class for Town employees.

He stated he is seeking Master Plan Steering Committee Members.

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

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

Old Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Cable Advisory Committee has been working very hard on the Cable contract renewal. He stated he would like to recommend appointing Greg Robert to the Cable Advisory Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint Greg Robert to the Cable Advisory Committee.

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

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from the Town of Dudley regarding adopting a local minimum contribution. Mr. McAuliffe stated he is not in favor of this. He stated the school department has always worked with the Town. He stated they have a very good working relationship. He stated he would not like to lock into something.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to send the Town of Dudley a letter informing them at this time we would not take this under consideration because the Town of Webster has a good working relationship with the school department.

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

Selectman Keefe stated she would like to have the Hazard dog update added to the next agenda.

Chairman Bourque asked if we could have Animal Control put the new regulations regarding tethering on the website.

New Business

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from St. Joseph's School requesting a One Day Liquor License for an event they are holding at the 200 Sportsmen's Club. She stated a current liquor license holder can not get a one day liquor license. She stated an individual can apply for a one day liquor license but they must hold their own liability insurance. She stated she would like to table this until the next meeting in order to get more information.

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a request from the Webster Sailing Association to approve their 2013 season.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the Webster Sailing Associations 2013 schedule.

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

Informational Mail

Selectman Keefe stated she asked to get a list of one way streets in Webster. She stated two of the streets on the list she received do not have signage. She stated she would like to make all the one way streets consistent with parking restrictions and would like to refer this to the Safety Committee for further review.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Chairman Bourque to refer the one way street list to the Safety Committee for further review.

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

Adjournment

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Item 2, Item 3, and Item 4 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in an open meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to go into Executive Session and not to come back into open session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland