

**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 Monday, April 1, 2013. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the meeting minutes of March 18, 2013.

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

**Public Hearing - Transfer of License, Change of Manager, Change of Location for Price Chopper Co. of Massachusetts, Inc.**

Attorney Howard Brand came forward. He stated Price Chopper was looking to change the manager, transfer the license and change the location of their liquor license. He stated many of the employees came to the meeting in support of these transactions. He stated Price Chopper is looking to open their new location on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 to the public.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the transfer of license, change of manager and change of location for Price Chopper co. of Massachusetts, Inc.

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

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he conducted a Financial Team Meeting. He stated they are gearing up for budget season.

He stated he attended the Future Options for the Fire Department Study Committee Meeting. He stated the Committee is winding down with their meetings.

He stated he attended a pre-construction meeting for the new Police Station. He stated his office would be scheduling a groundbreaking ceremony very soon.

He stated he met with Nick Gregory-Bernstein regarding his application for a Class II and Class III License. He stated obtaining a Class III License would take some time and believed Mr. Bernstein would like to proceed with a Class II License for now.

He stated the Town had a site visit from Congressman McGovern. He stated this is Congressman McGovern's second visit to the Town of Webster.

He stated the Town conducted the first Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting. He stated these meetings will go throughout the year.

He stated he did have a need for Executive Session.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Town Administrator's Report as read.

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

**Old Business**

Mr. McAuliffe handed the Board of Selectmen a list of his accomplishments for 2012-2013. He stated the Town has made great strides and is looking forward to continuing to move forward. Chairman Bourque asked that each Selectman have their Town Administrator's evaluations in by Tuesday, April 16, 2013 so that he will have time to compile everyone's scores.

Selectman Miller left the meeting.

Don Bourque read the May 6, 2013 Election Warrant.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the May 6, 2013 Election Warrant.

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

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a letter from Charlotte "Ginger" Costen seeking re-appointment to the Board of Registrars.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Keefe to re-appoint Charlotte "Ginger" Costen to the Board of Registrars.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town has been very aggressive getting some of the tax title properties back on the tax roll. He stated 64 Chase Avenue has been a problem property. He stated the Town put the property out to bid. He stated they did encounter a slight problem with an easement, but that has been cleaned up and is ready to be transferred to the highest bidder. He asked the Board for their approval to transfer the property.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the sale of 64 Chase Avenue.

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

Selectman Duggan asked if the Board could get an update on the NOAH Project. He stated now that the project is funded he would like to know the timeframe. Selectman Keefe stated paperwork still needed to be finalized. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town is ready to move forward. He stated the process is very complicated. He stated they are looking at 3-5 months for the ownership to change. Selectman Keefe stated NOAH is looking to start working on the building by September. She asked if the Board could get a copy of the most recent documents, so that they could review them before hand. She stated it might be helpful for NOAH to come to the next Selectmen's Meeting to give an update on the project.

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he asked to have Webster's Responsible Property Owners Initiative on the agenda because he would like to reward property owners that keep up their properties and make absentee property owners accountable for their properties. He stated the Board should ask the Police Chief for a list of nuisance properties, which would be those properties the Police are called quarter. He stated the Board of Selectmen should subpoena the property owners. Selectman Keefe stated we have been very aggressive with these nuisance properties and would fully support making absentee property owners come before the Board to explain themselves.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from the Safety Committee with two recommendations. She asked to have this on the next agenda. She stated she would also like to get an update on "one way" streets.

## **Informational Mail**

Selectman Miller returned to the meeting.

Selectman Duggan stated the Board received an invitation to the Recognition Night Ceremony and Banquet for Bartlett Juniors and Seniors. He stated the event is scheduled for the Tuesday right after the elections. He stated the Board would not be able to attend the event if they were holding a reorganization meeting that night. Chairman Bourque stated the Board can hold their reorganization meeting on that Wednesday so that they can attend, if everyone agreed. All the Board members agreed.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:38 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Item 2 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in an open meeting.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland