

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DEBORAH KEEFE
JEFFREY DUGGAN
MARK DOWGIEWICZ
ROBERT MILLER
WILLIAM STARZEC**

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, May 20, 2013. Selectman Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance: Robert Miller, Mark Dowgiewicz, Jeffrey Duggan, Deborah Keefe

Absent: William Starzec

Pledge of Allegiance: Selectman Keefe led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of April 1, 2013.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the meeting minutes of April 1, 2013.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2013.

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

Finance Committee - Appointments

Don Bourque stated he had been appointed to the Finance Committee by the Town Moderator. He stated the Finance Committee reorganized and appointed him Chairman. Mr. Bourque stated the Board of Selectmen received a letter of interest from Angela Clark for the Finance Committee. He stated he would recommend her appointment.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint Angela Clark to the Finance Committee for a three year term.

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

Mr. Bourque stated there are three positions still open. Selectman Keefe stated the Board of Selectmen will work on filling their open position on the Finance Committee. She stated she would like to keep the door open between the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Michael Finamore came forward. He stated he would be seeking the open three year elected position on the Finance Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint Michael Finamore to the open three year elected position.

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

Mr. Finamore stated he has worked hand and hand for the last four years with the Town Administrator and said he is doing a wonderful job.

Recognition of Lieutenant Shaw, Officer Collins, Officer Suss and Officer Lee

Mr. McAuliffe stated he can't express enough how much dedication these four officers have for what they do. Chief Bent stated the Town of Webster is fortunate to have great officers. He stated the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council is comprised of 64 cities and towns. He stated after the Boston Marathon Bombings the SWAT Team was activated to respond to Boston. He stated the SWAT Team converged on the suspect's vehicle, secured soft targets, protected hospitals and went house to house. He stated Officer Suss was called in when they requested additional police k-9 units. He stated this was truly a team effort. Lieutenant Shaw stated Chief Bent needs credit for being such a great leader and for allowing them this opportunity. Selectman Keefe read each proclamation. She stated she is very proud to have these

officers in the Town of Webster. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated this demonstrated the caliber of people we hire. He congratulated them all. Selectman Miller thanked all of them very much.

Robert Craver – Other Business Unknown at Time of Posting

Robert Craver came forward and stated he received a petition challenging a vote taken at Town Meeting. He stated he would need to verify each registered voter. He stated that if the petition had more than four percent (4%) of the total number of registered voters then the Board of Selectmen would have to call for a Special Election within the next forty-five (45) days. He advised the Board to post a meeting for Wednesday, May 22, 2013, starting at 7:30 p.m. to discuss this further, if necessary.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Duggan to post a meeting for Wednesday, May 22, 2013, starting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Webster Dudley Business Alliance – Sidewalk Sale

Nancy Healy came forward. She stated the Webster Dudley Business Alliance is looking to hold their annual sidewalk sale on Saturday, June 29, 2013. She stated they would need electricity outside of the Town Hall. She stated they have again organized a duck race. She stated she hoped to see everyone there.

New Officers/Directors – Polish American Citizens Club

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he had requested a copy of the PACC's log book which contained a list of all members and officers.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to table this agenda item until June 10, 2013 and send a letter to the PACC requesting a list of new members, all their officers and a copy of their log book.

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

Sergio Manzi – Outdoor Entertainment Request and Sunday Hours for Alcohol Pouring Licenses Discussion

Sergio Manzi came forward. He stated he was requesting an outdoor entertainment license to play soft guitar music on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the outdoor entertainment license for light guitar music for Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Board will monitor this and would revoke the entertainment license if there were complaints

Mr. Manzi stated he would like to hold a benefit on Sunday, May 26, 2013 to raise money for a bone marrow transplant patient. He stated it was passed at Town Meeting to change the pouring of alcohol time on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. He stated an official vote from the Board is required.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to change the time for alcohol pouring establishments from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

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

Sebastian Mroczka – Class II Application

Sebastian Mroczka came forward. He stated he has met with the building inspector and is looking to obtain a Class II license for his business.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Class II license for Sebastian Mroczka.

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

Selectman Keefe stated two members of Representative Ryan Fattman's staff were present and wished to speak. Both members came forward. They stated Representative Ryan Fattman has been attending meetings concerning the proposed paddle boat. He believes there should be

reasonable restrictions on the Lake. They said he has been in contact with many local officials and he shares the same views of protecting the Lake and the residents. Mr. McAuliffe stated Senator Moore has filed an outside budget giving the Environmental Police authority to make restrictions on the Lake.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board would be taking Webster Ventures under New Business out of order.

Selectman Miller stated his family has been residents on the Lake for six generations. He stated the Town of Webster does not have the personnel to help if there was ever an accident or emergency. He stated after the paddle boat arrives this problem will be dumped on the Town to handle. He stated the Lake is for everyone to enjoy. He said the Town will pay the price in the end. Mr. McAuliffe stated there was only one patrol last year from the State and that was on the Forth of July. Selectman Keefe stated letters were sent to Secretary Sullivan in November stating the Town's concerns with the paddle boat. She stated the Town is not getting a lot of direction or answers in regards to regulations concerning the paddle boat. Richard Franas stated the boat is on its way. He stated the Webster Lake Association has spent a lot of money to make sure the Lake is clean. He stated the State needs to address the sanitation concerns. He stated the water quality of Webster Lake has been excellent. He stated Webster residents who are against the boat are looking for help and support. He stated there is a pair of nesting eagles around the Lake. He asked the Board to send a letter to Secretary Rick Sullivan requesting Colonel Gross approve the regulations passed at Town Meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to write a letter to Secretary Rick Sullivan requesting Colonel Gross approve the regulations passed at Town Meeting.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town has concluded Town Meeting and has adopted a balanced budget.

He stated they had a positive turnout for the Master Plan Charrette. He stated they are planning future Master Plan tours.

He stated he attended a meeting with Senator Moore, Representative Ryan Fattman and Director, Colonel Aaron Gross of the Environmental Police to discuss the paddle boat.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining.

He stated he held a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he attended the Bartlett High School recognition night. He stated this event is one of the most enjoyed throughout the year.

He stated he attended a Trustees of Soldiers Monuments Meeting. He stated the Trustees are working very hard for Memorial Day.

He stated he attended a ceremony for Cathleen Liberty, the Board of Health Agent, who was inducted in to the Local Public Health Institute.

He stated the Town conducted the employee/retiree health insurance fair.

He stated J.T. and himself have selected Bluewave as the Engineer Firm for the solar farm project. He stated this is a very unique project and the next step would be to sign the contracts.

He stated the Board received information on new metering. He stated no vote was needed tonight, but he would like the Board to look over the information.

Selectmen Duggan recused himself.

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town is looking to purchase a bucket truck. He stated the truck would be paid for by Chapter 90 funds. Kenny Pizzetti stated the truck would be of medium size and would allow the Highway Department to use it for tree trimming, changing light bulbs and hanging decorative banners on Main Street. He stated this truck will replace the need for having to use a fire truck.

Selectman Duggan returned.

Mr. McAuliffe stated he attended the ribbon cutting for Price Chopper and Panera Bread.

He stated he attended the ground breaking for the new Police Station.

He stated he would like to remind everyone that on Monday, May 27, 2013 will be the Memorial Day Parade.

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

Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Dowgiwicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Ms. Keefe –yes.

Old Business

Selectman Dowgiwicz stated he thought he remembered that if you were not connected to the Town's sewer you are entitled to receive a fifty dollars (\$50) credit coupon towards your bill. He asked J.T. if he could give the Board an update on this issue for the next meeting.

Selectman Miller stated he had requested an inventory list from the Town Administrator. Mr. McAuliffe stated Greg Robert is currently working on it.

New Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated that two current members on the Conservation Commission terms are up. He stated it might be a good idea to get fresh new faces involved in this Committee. Selectman Keefe stated she would like to table this matter until June 10, 2013 in order to review the current applications. Selectman Dowgiwicz stated he would like a letter sent to the current two members stating they were not being reappointed.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiwicz to table the Conservation Commission appointments until June 10, 2013 and to send a letter to Bennett Smith and Christian Kruger notifying them they were not being reappointed.

Selectman Keefe read the U.S. Senator Election Warrant for June 25, 2013.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiwicz to approve the U.S. Senator Election Warrant for June 25, 2013.

Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Dowgiwicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Ms. Keefe –yes.

Selectman Duggan recused himself.

J.T. Gaucher came forward. He stated the Town of Spencer spearheaded a stormwater management IMA. He stated the 2012 grant was submitted. He stated over thirty (30) communities were involved in this grant.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiwicz to approve the stormwater management IMA with the Town of Spencer.

Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Dowgiwicz – yes, Ms. Keefe –yes.

Selectman Duggan returned.

Selectman Dowgiwicz stated the Town of Webster is trying to revitalize the downtown area. He stated that obtaining five additional liquor licenses restricted to the downtown area establishments would be beneficial. He stated this would possibly attract new businesses. He stated he is looking for permission from the Board to work with the Town Administrator on achieving this.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiwicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to allow Selectman Dowgiwicz to work with the Town Administrator in obtaining five (5) new liquor licenses that would be restricted to the downtown area.

Vote: Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Dowgiwicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Ms. Keefe –yes.

Selectmen Keefe stated the Board received a request from St. Joseph's Parish for a "One Day" liquor license for their Parish Festival which will be held on the grounds of the school on June 14th, 15th and 16th

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the “One day” liquor license for St. Joseph Parish for their Parish Festival on the grounds of the school on June 14th, 15th, and 16th

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

Selectman Keefe stated she would like to wish Brady Smith a Happy Birthday. She stated he turned four (4) years old today.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board of Selectmen will reorganize on June 10, 2013 when all members are present.

Selectman Keefe stated the board received a letter from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission requesting the Town of Webster delegate to fill out their annual election ballot.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to appoint Donald Bourque to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission as the Town of Webster’s delegate until 2020.

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

Selectman Duggan stated the Board received a letter from Michelle Lafleche, Dog Officer, regarding a dog bite. Selectman Keefe stated the Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 10, 2013.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland