

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

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, August 19, 2013. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Jeffrey Duggan, Mark Dowgiewicz, William Starzec, Robert Miller, Deborah Keefe

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

### **Raymond Travis – Class II License Application**

Raymond Travis came forward. Chairman Keefe stated Mr. Travis had been before the Board at a previous meeting seeking a Class II Used Car License. She stated the Board took no action at that time because there was a significant amount of taxes owed on the property in which Mr. Travis was looking to use for his business. She stated the property owner has since paid the balance owed.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Class II Used Car License for Raymond Travis.

**Vote:** Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he conducted a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he conducted a DPW Team Meeting.

He stated he attended the Police Station Building Committee Meeting. He stated there is a lot of activity going on at the new site. He stated they have started to pour the cement and there is significant progress going on.

He stated the Fire Chief, Building Inspector and the Board of Health Agent and himself conducted a site visit of the Vasale Property. He stated the Board of Selectmen gave him a thirty (30) day building permit two week ago and wanted to do a follow up. He stated some progress is being done.

He stated MAPFRE Commerce Insurance is doing improvements to the sidewalk and lobby of their Main Street building. He stated an onsite meeting is scheduled for this week.

He stated he is preparing for the October Town Meeting. He stated he has a schedule in place which the Board can review later on in the meeting.

He stated that the beach will be closed for the season starting Friday, August 23, 2013 because of the summer help going back to school. He stated there will be no lifeguards on duty after that point. He stated people might be seeing some action around the ticket as the Eagle Scouts are revamping the ticket booth as a project.

He stated he would like to thank the Recreation Committee for a great job on the Summer Concert Series at the Park.

He stated the Board received information from Carol Cry for the FY2013 Community Block Grant. He stated the will be used for the Negus Street Reconstruction, Phase 2 and Phase 1A of the Riverwalk.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the FY13 Community Block Grant and to authorize the Chairman to sign on the Board's behalf.

**Vote:** Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

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. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

## **Old Business**

Mr. Duggan recused himself.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board asked for an update on unconnected sewerlines. Mr. McAuliffe stated he met with the Sewer Superintendent and the Sewer Department Secretary and have broken out the prior list into three different categories. He stated the three categories were can connect, not recommended and potential tie-ins with challenges. He stated the next step is to form a Sewer Tie-In Committee and to hold meetings with all the homeowners. Selectman Miller stated wrong information has been going around for a long time. Mr. McAuliffe suggested that one of the Board members participate in on the meetings with the homeowners.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Selectman Miller to the Sewer Tie-In Committee.

**Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

Selectman Duggan returned.

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Cable Advisory Committee has met several times regarding the Charter Communications Contract renewal. He stated they have reached out to surrounding communities regarding their franchise fees. He stated the Town of Webster is currently has the lowest franchise fees. He stated the Town is currently looking to increase the franchise fee to 1.99 a month. He stated this would give the Town a budget to use towards upgrades. Chairman Keefe asked if the Board could add this to the next agenda in order to hear from the public.

## **New Business**

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a handout with the proposed October Annual Town Meeting dates.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to open the warrant for the October Annual Town Meeting with the warrant closing September 12, 2013.

**Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from Sacred Heart Parish requesting a "One Day" liquor license for Saturday, September 21, 2013.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the "One Day" liquor license for Sacred Heart Parish for Saturday, September, 21, 2013.

**Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a list of the proposed Selectmen's Meeting dates through the month of December. She said the Board could revise them if necessary.

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated there was an article in the newspaper regarding potential grants for a Police K-9 unit. He stated he would support the Police Chief apply for this grant to get an additional Police K-9 Unit.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to send a letter to Chief Bent supporting the Webster Police Department obtaining another K-9 unit through grants.

**Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

## **Informational Mail**

Selectman Miller stated the Board received a letter from Christopher Clark, the Town Manager of Southbridge asking for the Town's support on petitioning the State against the closure of the Southbridge Registry of Motor Vehicles. He stated many Webster residents use this locations and it would be a shame for the State to close the location.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Duggan to send a letter of support not to close the Southbridge Registry of Motor Vehicles to the Town of Southbridge and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

**Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

Selectman Miller stated the Board received a letter from the Worcester County Selectmen's Association regarding their upcoming meeting. Chairman Keefe stated she was voted as the delegate but unfortunately she would be unable to attend. She stated Selectmen Starzec was voted the alternate. Selectmen Starzec stated he would have to check his schedule to see if he could attend.

Selectman Miller stated the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission has suspended the liquor license of the Polish American Citizens Club indefinitely. He stated the report from the ABCC states the Board of Directors were never updated and they failed to file annually with the State. Chairman Keefe asked that a notice gets sent out with this year's renewal reminding all clubs that they must update their Board of Directors annually with the ABCC.

Selectman Miller stated he would like to recognize the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. He stated he would like to do a Proclamation for the next Selectmen's Meeting.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to proclaim September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

**Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Keefe adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7:48

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. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland