

**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, September 9, 2013. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:10 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.

Chris Jolda – Swearing In

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town is very fortunate to appoint Chris Jolda as Deputy Chief. He stated the Town is moving toward a full-time Fire Department. He stated Chris Jolda has been dedicated to the community and has expertise in Emergency Management. Robert Carver, the Town Clerk, swore in Deputy Chief Jolda. Deputy Chief Jolda stated is was very proud to be part of a wonderful team. Chairman Keefe stated she couldn't express how proud she was of him and wished him the best of luck in his new position. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated they started together on the auxiliary and he knows Deputy Chief Jolda will do a great job. Selectman Miller stated Deputy Chief Jolda is very dedicated and stated his family is very proud of his accomplishments. Selectman Starzec stated he has heard great things about Deputy Chief Jolda and looks forward to working with him.

Chairman Keefe called a one (1) minute recess.

Sergio Manzi – Additional Outdoor Entertainment Request

Sergio Manzi came forward. He stated he is looking to add a television to the outside deck. He stated some of the Selectmen had been in his facility and have seen how the deck is closed off. Chairman Keefe asked Mr. Manzi the timeframe for the use of the television on the deck. Mr. Manzi stated he would request the television until 10:00 p.m. in order to watch the football games. He stated he would also keep the noise level down.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to appoint the use of the television on the outdoor deck until 10:00 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the meeting minutes of August 19, 2013.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of August 19, 2013.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he held a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he held a DPW Team Meeting.

He stated he attended the Police Station Building Committee Meeting.

He stated the Building Inspector, Board of Health Agent and himself conducted a site visit of the Vasale property. He stated Mr. Vasale is making some progress.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining with the Fire Department, Department of Public Works and the Clerical Union.

He stated he attended a Regional Dispatch Meeting.

He stated he conducted a lake assessment with the Police Department. He stated he would like to form a Lake Commission (Advisory Council) that consists of two non-resident tax payers and six additional members. He stated the goal would be to figure out how to regulate the great pond.

He stated he took a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated he would like the Board to set up a date to take a full tour. He stated it would be very beneficial for the Board to take a tour. Chairman Keefe stated this will be added to the next agenda.

Mr. McAuliffe stated he is preparing for the October Annual Town Meeting.

He stated he conducted interviews for the part-time custodial position.

He stated he attended the 1st Annual Latino Festival. He stated it was very well received.

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

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

Old Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated he would like to give a brief update on the Charter Communication Contract. He stated the Charter Advisory Committee has met several times regarding the Charter Communication Cable Contract. He stated the Town is looking to increase the user fee to \$1.99 a month. He stated they are looking to update the audio equipment with the proposed increase. He stated Charter Communication has agreed to maintain a Charter Building in Webster through a sidebar letter. Greg Roberts stated they have a draft contract. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if the Town would hold another public hearing. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board could hold another Public hearing if they thought it was necessary. He stated the upgrade to the equipment is desperately needed. He stated the town is still using VHS tapes. Bob Whitelaw came forward. He stated the quality of the Selectmen's Meeting can be improved with better broadcasting. Mr. McAuliffe stated that cable is an established product. He stated the State regulates the cable not the town. Mr. Whitelaw stated with technology changing so much why the Town would want to enter into a ten year contract when things could change. Mr. McAuliffe stated ten years goes by very quickly. Chairman Keefe stated the Town will purchase the new equipment not Charter. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked how many Charter users there was in Town. Mr. McAuliffe stated there are roughly eleven thousand (11,000) users. Mr. Whitelaw stated he would like it if the Town would compare a couple of surrounding Town's fees and equipment. Chairman Keefe stated she would like a layout, plan and expectation of the upgrades. She stated she would also like the goals and years to be completed.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adopt/accept the draft Charter Communication Contract approving the ten year (10), \$1.99 a month fee, hundred thousand (\$100,000) grant program contract contingent on the final approval.

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

Gregory Vasale came forward. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board granted Mr. Vasale a thirty (30) day Building Permit. He stated Inspectional Services have done several site visits. He stated half of the debris has been removed from the house. He stated improvements are being made. He stated Mr. Vasale has a full dumpster and will need another one. Douglas and Patricia Smith came forward. Mr. Smith stated both of Mr. Vasale houses are deteriorating. He stated as the neighbors on both sides he and his wife are the victims. He stated Mr. Vasale was given a list to complete within thirty (30) days which he did not do. Chairman Keefe stated she understood the Smith's frustration but the Board granted the Building Permit to clean up the property; otherwise it would sit until the Town could take it over. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Vasale does not finish anything he starts. He stated they have seen Mr. Vasale in the dumpster taking things out and bringing them back into the house. Chairman Keefe asked to have the Building inspector, Health Agent and Fire Chief at the next meeting to reevaluate this situation.

Deputy Chief Budrow stated he was before the Board to talk about Regional Dispatch. He stated the Town was just awarded one million three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$1,380,000) in a grant for Regional Dispatch. He stated they are looking to sign an agreement with the Town of

Dudley for Regional Dispatch. Mr. McAuliffe stated with receiving the grant equipment needs for the dispatch center will be discounted. He stated the Town of Dudley is very excited to sign an agreement for a Regional Dispatch center. Chairman Keefe asked to have this on the next agenda in order to give the Board time to review the proposed contract.

Selectman Miller read the Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

New Business

Chairman Keefe stated she asked to have the discussion of the bleacher on the agenda because there has been talk about their condition. Mr. McAuliffe stated he walked the bleachers and has spoken with the Highway Superintendent about ongoing maintenance. He stated they are going to replace an additional 7-8 boards on the west side bleacher and 4 additional boards on the east side. He stated the cost to replace the bleachers would be over three hundred fifty thousand (\$350,000). Kenny Pizzetti stated the bleachers were installed in the 40's and they are very old. He stated the last four years they have been replacing the wooden boards. Chairman Keefe stated since people are complaining can the Town look into replacing the bleachers in stages so that it won't hurt the Town financially all at once. Mr. Pizzetti stated the Board might want to look at removing one complete set of bleachers at the end of the season and just maintain the other set. Selectman Miller stated the three hundred fifty thousand (\$350,000) is on the low side and it would cost the Town a lot more. He stated the attendance for the football games has gone down in the last couple of years. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town is looking at short term fixes until they figure out a long term plan.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a letter for Lori Charlonne requesting appointment to the Recreation Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Lori Charlonne to the Recreation Commission contingent on Ms. Baker's approval.

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 the Historical Nipmuc Tribe requesting the use of a Town owned building. Chairman Keefe stated she was unaware of a vacant Town owned building that would be available for them to use.

Mr. Miller stated the Board received a letter from the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps interested in arranging a date, place and time for MRC introduction. He asked to have this forwarded to the Health Agent.

Other Business Unknown at Time of Posting

Chairman Keefe stated she received a written report from the Webster Police regarding a liquor license violation. She asked to have this on the next agenda.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the regular session meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland