

**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 23, 2013. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Keefe asked to Table the Meeting Minutes for further review.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he held a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he held a DPW Team Meeting.

He stated he met with the Water Department Consulting Engineering Firm: Tata & Howard

He stated the Building Inspector, Health Agent and Fire Chief have done several site visits on the Vasale property.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining.

He stated they completed the interviews for the Lieutenant Fire Fighter position. He stated they started off with eight finalist and after a third party review ended up interviewing three. He stated he is proud to announce that they have decided to appoint Kevin Adams to the Lieutenant position.

He stated the preparations for the October Town Meeting are still underway. He stated the Board can review the warrant tonight or hold off until next Monday. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated it might be beneficial to postpone the Town Meeting Warrant review until next Monday, in order to give the Board more time to review the completed warrant.

He stated he needed to be authorized signatory for the Rawson Road Project in order to move forward.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to vote to authorize the Town Administrator to act on behalf of the Town of Webster, as its agent, in filing applications for, executing agreements regarding, and performing any and all other actions necessary to secure for the Town of Webster such loan(s) for construction or planning of Water Pollution Abatement Projects as may be made available to the Town of Webster pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts Clean Water Act (M.G.L. c.21, section 27-33E, inclusive, as amended) for the Rawson Road Water Main Replacement Project.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated he met with Tom Sullivan, Vice President of Finance & Treasurer for Harrington Hospital. He stated Harrington Hospital received a State Matching Grant in the amount of one million five hundred dollars (\$1,500,000) for the new emergency room.

He stated he presented an overview of Local Government at Bartlett High School for Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. He stated Senator Moore also presented.

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.

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

Chairman Keefe stated the Board will hold a meeting on Monday, September 30, 2013 starting at 6:30 p.m. to review the Regional Dispatch Contract and approve the Town Meeting Warrant.

## **Old Business**

Chairman Keefe stated at the last meeting the Board was looking to set up a time to take a walk-through of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Board agreed to hold the walk-through on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Planning Board was again proposing a Sign Bylaw. Paul LaFramboise came forward. He stated they are going forward with Auburn's Sign Bylaw with the added provision for LED signs. He stated the proposed by-law is very liberal. He stated the Town just needs something in place right now. Chairman Keefe asked that is be part of their meeting next week so that the Board has time to review.

## **New Business**

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Cross Connection Program is required by the State. Paul LaFramboise stated the Town did have a Cross Connection program many years ago but it was never updated. He stated the Department of Environmental Protection then stated that the Town was not in compliance due to this being outdated. Mr. McAuliffe stated he is working to come up with the new/updated Cross Connection Program. He stated this would require evaluation of four to five hundred cross connection devises that are high risk. He stated this is a self-funding program.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Cross Connection Program Update.

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

## **Informational Mail**

Chairman Keefe stated Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Selectman Miller stated the Board received an application from the Polish American Citizens Club for a Change of Directors. He asked to have this on the agenda for Monday, October 7, 2013.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from The Last Green Valley requesting information on volunteer hours. She asked this to be forwarded to Carol Cyr.

## **Gregory Vasale – Building Permit Update**

Ted Tetreault stated they have done several inspections of Mr. Vasale's property. He stated the dumpster has been removed. Chief Hickey stated the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors need to be updated. He stated the cleanup inside and outside the house is still ongoing. Cathleen Liberty stated she is concerned because the dumpster was removed. She stated there is still a lot of stuff that needs to be disposed of. She stated he needs another dumpster. Selectman Miller stated he was not in favor of giving Mr. Vasale a permit to begin with because the house has been in shambles for over ten years. He stated this sets a bad residence for other people who owe taxes. He stated Mr. Vasale was supposed to have the list completed within the thirty days. He stated the Board shouldn't keep extending the permit. Mr. Vasale stated he had numerous job losses and has gone through some hard times. Chairman Keefe stated vegetation and debris removal does not cost that much money. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked Mr. Vasale if he could get a dumpster in the next five days. Chairman Keefe stated the tree needs to be removed from the property because it cannot be burned. Mr. Vasale stated he does not think he needs another dumpster. Mr. McAuliffe stated progress has been made at Mr. Vasale's house. He stated Mr. Vasale needs to keep this progress going. He stated Mr. Vasale definitely needed another dumpster. Mr. Vasale stated there is not a lot of stuff left in the house. Chairman Keefe stated she would like the list completed by next meeting. Selectman Miller stated the Board gave Mr. Vasale a specific timeline that has not been met. Mr. McAuliffe stated Housing Court would be the next step. Douglas and Patricia Smith came forward. Mrs. Smith stated the smell from that

house is so bad they can't even sit outside on a warm day. She stated people are wearing masks when they go inside the house. Mr. Vasale stated the masks are being worn because of the insulation. Chairman Keefe stated that the Smith's need to understand that the progress will stop if the Board does not extend Mr. Vasale's Building Permit. She asked the Building Inspector, Board of Health Agent and Fire Chief to provide the Board with a new list that gives percentages of the work completed. She stated she would also like a list of "Phase I" work that needs to be completed.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Mr. Dowgiewicz,. Seconded by Selectman Mr. Miller to extend the Building Permit until October 7, 2013 with the stipulation that Mr. Vasale rent another 20 yard dumpster, everything is removed from the yard and the mitigation list is completed.

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

Chairman Keefe asked to have this item on the next agenda.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Keefe adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Enter into Executive Session 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 Duggan to go into Executive Session and to come back into open session.

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

Chairman Keefe reconvened Regular Session at 7:54 p.m. and recessed the meeting in order to attend the Conservation Commission Meeting in the auditorium.

The board returned from recess at 9:23 pm.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland