

**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, March 10, 2014. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Mark Dowgiewicz, William Starzec, Robert Miller, Deborah Keefe

Absent: Jeffrey Duggan

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the executive session meeting minutes of February 24, 2014.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Ms. Keefe – abstain.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2014.

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

Purple Heart Certificate of Acknowledgement

Senator Moore came forward. He stated it was a pleasure to join with the Webster Veterans to honor the Town of Webster in declaring Webster a Purple Heart Community. He stated the Veterans have given a great deals and this was a wonderful way to honor them. He stated Webster was honored to have such a good Veterans Officer, Richard Howela, servicing the Town. Leo David Agnew came forward. He stated on August 7, 1983 the first "Badge of Merit" was awarded to a serviceman for his act of bravery for soldiers wounded or killed in combat. He stated this award is now called the Purple Heart. Chairman Keefe thanked everyone for coming. She said Webster is very proud to be designated a Purple Heart Community. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated this is a very special designation because of his father. Joseph Genduso came forward. He stated he worked very hard to get the Purple Heart monument to Webster. He stated it was through his efforts that the Town received the monument. He stated he was never thanked or recognized for that. Chairman Keefe stated the Board and the Town of Webster would like to thank him for everything he did to get the Purple Heart monument to Webster. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town taked great pride in the Court of Honor. He stated they leave the Court of Honor alone during the winter time so that they do not disrupt the bricks.

Chairman Keefe called for a three minute recess.

Bill Burke – Septage Rate Increase for Out of Town

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board received a print out of surrounding Town's summery of usage per gallon. He stated "honey pot" trucks carry a very different material. He stated that material is not diluted. He stated the Town of Webster is far below other Town's rates. He stated these trucks are very taxing on the plant. He stated they are suggesting to increase the rate from \$0.07/gallon to \$0.10/gallon for non-residents. Bill Burke stated there will be no rate change for Webster residents.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve an increase in the non-residential septage rate of \$0.03/gallon.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to have the new rate for the non-residential septage to go into effect April 1, 2014

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

Bill Burke – Declaration of Surplus Property

Bill Burke stated the Board received a copy of an email requesting that two pieces of equipment be declared surplus property. Chairman Keefe asked if once the items are declared surplus if they will be sold on eBay. Mr. Burke stated yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to declare a 1988 Jet model 1550 lathe and a MSC model 43912 vertical milling machine of a Bridgeport type design surplus property.

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

Old Business

Chairman Keefe stated the Board will table Waterfront Mary's – Seasonal Liquor License Renewal until the next meeting.

Mr. McAuliffe stated he would like to have Bill Burke on the next agenda to talk about the organizational structure. He stated they are looking into folding the lab techs into the operational piece. He stated it is cheaper to send out samples to private labs.

Kenny Pizzetti came forward. Selectman Starzec stated he asked Mr. Pizzetti to come to the selectmen's Meeting because there has been a lot of complaints about the conditions the roads are in. He stated he would like Mr. Pizzetti to explain the process of fixing potholes. Mr. Pizzetti stated that there has been a huge winter in Massachusetts. He stated potholes are addressed after every winter storm. He stated potholes are treated with cold patch. He stated Rt12, Rt193 and Thompson Road belong to Mass DOT. He stated they are pretty good with coming out and fixing potholes on those roads. Mr. McAuliffe asked residents to call so that the Town is aware of potholes. Chairman Keefe stated the Highway Department has worked very quickly in addressing potholes that are reported. She asked that people not just complain on Facebook but to call the Highway Department or Town Hall to report a pothole. Mr. Pizzetti stated asphalt plants open the third week of April. He stated once the plants open they will patch the problem areas. He stated cold patch does not hold for long. Selectman Starzec asked about Negas Street. Mr. Pizzetti stated Negas Street is under construction. He stated they might start up again in the beginning of April.

He stated the Pavement Management Program is also being reviewed for the next season. He stated the Highway Department gets a list of roads that are in need of repair. He stated he will present the Board with the final list after further review. He stated they are averaging ten to eleven miles of roads that is paved each year. He stated they have had two very aggressive years.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he held a Department Head Master Plan Meeting. He stated it was a continuation of a scheduled meeting. He stated they reviewed submittals, continued the workshop and continued the Steering Committee Meeting. He stated they have 70% complete in draft form. He stated they will have another meeting March 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. here at the Town Hall.

He stated he held a telephone conference with the Master Plan Consultant.

He stated he conducted DPW Collective Bargaining.

He stated he conducted Clerical Collective Bargaining.

He stated he conducted Labor Mediation with IBPO & the Police Department.

He stated he attended the Soldiers' Monuments Meeting. He stated they are discussing summer projects.

He stated he attended a Regional Dispatch Meeting. He stated they are meeting every two weeks. He stated they have posted the first position.

He stated he had a follow-up meeting with the State Inspector at the Animal Control Facility.

He stated he attended the Webster & Communities Substance Abuse Program here at the Town Hall hosted by Nancie Zecco. He stated this is a great committed working group.

He stated he did have a need for Executive Session.

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

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

Selectman Miller left the meeting.

New Business

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he asked to have municipal parking on Main Street on the agenda to talk about the parking problem they have with downtown. He stated Commerce Insurance employees are parking in spots that are designated two hour parking only. Mr. McAuliffe stated Commerce Insurance is in the process of getting additional parking. Chairman Keefe asked if the Town Administrator could get in touch with Commerce Insurance for them to remind their employees that they can't park there.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from St. Louis Church requesting a "One Day" liquor license for March 29, 2014.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the "One Day" liquor license for St. Louis Church for March 29, 2014.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Mr. McAuliffe stated it now the time to open the Special and annual Town Meeting Warrant for May.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to open the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Motion: made by selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to close the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant Friday, April 4, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Chairman Keefe stated the Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m. and the Annual Town Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. at Bartlett High School.

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if the Board could present a proclamation to Richard Woo, owner of Wind Tiki for all his years in business. He stated Wind Tiki will be closing at the end of the month after being in business for over thirty years.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland