

**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 24, 2014. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

Carol Cyr - Presentation and Final Design for Phase IA of the Riverwalk

Carol Cyr came forward. She stated Phase I of the Riverwalk is moving forward. She stated it is a six week construction project. She stated it will be out for bid April 2, 2014. She stated a copy of the plans is available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office. She stated the entire project will cost 4.4 million dollars. She stated this project will be done in phases.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve Phase I of the Riverwalk lease agreement with Joe Waskiewicz.

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 Temporary License for Construction for the Phase I of the Riverwalk.

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

Carol Cyr – OCD Update

Carol Cyr stated she wanted to give the Board an update on the Church Street construction. She stated this was a big part of the NOAH project. Mark Bowdry from Meridian Associates came forward. He stated they have added a speed table to the crosswalk on Church Street to deter speeding. He stated they have also narrowed the roadway. He stated parking will be restricted to the west side only. He stated the Town Hall parking lot will be double in size. He stated they have also gone green with this project. He stated they added more trees and islands of green grass. He stated they will also be adding street lights that will match the ones on Main Street. Chairman Keefe asked if the electric will be underground. Mr. Bowdry stated that was their hope. He stated the budget will determine whether that can happen. Mr. McAuliffe stated the current budget included has the underground utilities. Mrs. Cyr stated she still needed to sit down with First United Church for additional cost that might occur on their end. Chairman Keefe asked if they can think about putting electrical outlets near the trees of that during Christmas they could light the trees up going down the street. Carol Cyr stated she thought that would be a great idea. She stated construction should start September 2014-2015. Selectman Duggan suggested they might want to look at putting benching in the area.

Mrs. Cyr stated she was also looking for the Board to sign off on the release of lien for 52 Upland Avenue.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the release of lien for 52 Upland Avenue.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he attended a Master Plan brainstorming exercise at Golden Heights.

He stated he attended a meeting with the School Committee regarding the Master Plan Submittal.

He stated he attended the Master Plan Public Forum at the Town Hall. He stated it was very well received.

He stated he conducted Fire Department Collective Bargaining.

He stated he held a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he attended the Regional Dispatch Meeting.

He stated he attended the Chapter 91 Licensing Hearing at the High School for Webster Ventures. He stated it was a non-mandatory meeting.

He stated he would like to remind everyone that the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant closes on April 4, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

He stated the South Worcester County Regional Dispatch is considering to amend the current IMA. He stated in the agreement with Dudley the dispatchers would fall under the Town of Webster. They are looking to amend the IMA by having the dispatch center as a stand-alone center.

He stated he would like to give the Board an update on Hector Pico. He stated "Blackie" was caught running loose again. He stated Michelle Lafleche advised him he might be running loose because he was not neutered. He stated he advised Ms. Lafleche to have Mr. Pico neuter the dog before he is released.

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.

Old Business

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received the liquor license renewal from the ABCC for Waterfront Mary's. She stated the licenses will be held until all of the back taxes are paid and inspections are complete.

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked for an update on North Village. Chairman Keefe asked to have this added to the next agenda.

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked for an update on the Solar Farm Project. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Net Metering agreement captured the Town's green energy credits. He stated he has been working on this project diligently for weeks. He stated he would like the money that came back to the Town earmarked for town Hall upgrades

New Business

Chairman Keefe stated the Board would like to honor Wind Tiki with a proclamation for their 40 years in business. She read the proclamation. She stated Wind Tiki is a long term business here in Town and it is very sad that they are closing their doors.

Chairman Keefe stated the ABCC approved Kretschmann Brewing Company, LLC request for a Farmer's Brewing Pouring Permit. She stated the Board needed to determine the price for the license.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Duggan to set the yearly cost for the Farmer's Brewing Pouring Permit at twenty five dollars (\$25.00)

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 the Council of Aging requesting the Board confirm their appointment of Judith Trubiano.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to confirm the Council of Aging's appointment of Judith Trubiano.

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 Raymond Mullins requesting to be appointed to the Council on Aging. She asked that the letter gets forwarded to the Council on Aging for their review.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from Senator Moore supporting the regionalization of a Veteran's Agent with Dudley. Mr. McAuliffe stated it would be substantially more expensive to regionalize. He stated he has spoken with the Town of Dudley. He stated that Dudley currently has a small budget for their Veteran's Agent. He stated their costs would go up greatly. Chairman Keefe asked if the Board could get an update in a month. She said that would give both Towns to look at possible funding and if it would be cost effective.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received an application for a Class II License. She asked that his gets reviewed by the Town Engineer and the Building Inspector. She asked to have this on the agenda in a month.

Informational Mail

Selectman Starzec stated he would like to thank Reaper Tactical for a great self-defense class they help. He stated they are great Webster Police Officer and would recommend this program to anyone.

Chairman Keefe stated a meeting has been posted for Monday to talk about the FY15 budget with the School Department. She stated the letter the Board received from the School asked for a representative from the Board. She asked if anyone from the Board would be interested in attend this meeting on the Board's behalf. Selectman Miller stated he would attend.

Adjournment

Chairman Keefe adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:30 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