

**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, April 14, 2014. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Jeffrey Duggan

Chairman Keefe adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 6:03 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 Starzec to go into Executive Session and to come back into open session.

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

Chairman Keefe called the Regular Session meeting back to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Approval of Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants

Mr. McAuliffe passed out a spreadsheet of the brief narrative of the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants. He went through the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. He stated he is looking to put off the budget until a date certain in June.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend approval of Articles one (1) through seventeen (17) on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Selectman Miller stated he had an issue with article 11 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. He stated the building size should be changed to fifty thousand (50,000) square feet instead of twenty five thousand (25,000) square feet. He stated this is what they approved last time and he stated the Board should stay consistent with previous votes. He stated he would also like to change the person in charge of supplying a bond to the Town. He stated it should be the property owner not the occupant who supplies the bond.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to change the maximum building size from twenty five thousand (25,000) square feet to fifty thousand (50,000) square feet in Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to change that a bond must be supplied by the building owner in Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – no.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to recommend approval of Article eleven (11) of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Chairman Keefe stated she had some issues with Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. She stated she didn't understand why this definition was only being applied to single family houses. She stated this definition should go straight across the board. Scott Charpentier stated this is just a starting point.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend approval of Article thirteen (13) on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – abstain, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – no.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend approval of Articles one (1) through ten (10) of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Motion: made by selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend approval of Articles fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Chairman Keefe asked Ted Avlas if he had a price figure or funding source for Articles sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Avlas stated he did not have a figure or a funding source.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to refer to sponsor for Articles sixteen (16) and seventeen (17).

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

Mr. McAuliffe asked if the Board wanted to vote that he has the authority to change any minor spelling errors if required throughout the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to authorize the Town Administrator to change any minor spelling errors throughout the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

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

VHB – Master Plan Presentation

Mr. McAuliffe stated most of the Master Plan chapters are in draft form. He stated he has had a thorough Department Heads discussion about the goals and implementation. He stated this has been a fourteen month effort on the Master Plan Committee's behalf. Ralph Filmer came forward. He stated he has spent a number of hours attending several meetings. He stated VHB is trying to get the consensus on the implementation matrix. He stated he would recommend a Master Plan Implementation Committee to oversee the progress in the upcoming years. Chairman Keefe asked what other Town's did for their implementation process. Mr. Filmer stated other Town's appoint a Committee of 11 to 13 interested citizens to oversee that the Town is moving in the right direction. He stated designating the overseeing to the Planning Board does not work. He stated there needs to be accountability. He stated they could give annual reports to the Board of selectmen or have a report at Town Meeting. He stated the town needs to keep moving forward. Mr. Filmer went through each Master Plan section and discussed the priority levels and who would be in charge of implementation. Raymond Mullins came forward. He stated it seems as though the Town is not addressing the Senior Center in any of its Master Plan items. He stated the seniors in Webster need to be a priority. He stated the Senior Center is only addressed in one Master Plan item and that item was categorized as a low priority. Chairman Keefe stated it was categorized as a low priority because a new senior center is currently being built at the A.J. Sitkowski School Apartment's. She stated the new Senior Center will be open full time. She stated they will also offer additional programs for seniors. Chairman Keefe thanked Carol Cyr for all of her hard work. Carol Cry stated she would like to thank everyone for their hard work. She stated this was the best Committee she has worked with. Mr. McAuliffe stated the last Master Plan was completed over twenty eight (28) years ago. He stated this is a great step in moving Webster in the right direction.

Chairman Keefe called for a two minute recess.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland