

**TOWN OF WEBSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
ROBERT MILLER, CHAIRMAN  
DONALD BOURQUE, VICE CHAIRMAN  
ANDREW JOLDA  
MARK DOWGIEWICZ  
WILLIAM STARZEC**

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, May 19, 2014. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** William Starzec, Mark Dowgiewicz, Don Bourque and Robert Miller

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Selectman Miller led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2014.

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the executive session meeting minutes of April 14, 2014.

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the meeting minutes of April 28, 2014.

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

Selectman Starzec asked to hold the meeting minutes of May 7 for corrections.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the meeting minutes of May 12, 2014.

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

**Swearing In – Timothy Whiting – Webster Police Department**

Officer Timothy Whiting came forward. Town Clerk, Robert Craver, swore Officer Whiting in. Chief Bent and Officer Whiting took a seat. Chief bent stated Officer Whiting has been with the Town for a year. He stated Officer Whiting started off as a campus police officer. He stated he attended Westfield State College. He stated the Town of Webster sent him to the Worcester Police Academy. Officer Whiting thanked the Board for the opportunity and looked forward to serving the Town.

**Lori Charlonne & Anne Marie Peperato – ADA Committee Appointments**

Lori Charlonne and Anne Marie Peperato came forward. Ms. Peperato stated she would like to get involved on the ADA Committee because she has dealt with a disability her whole life. She stated she is completely deaf in her left ear and partially deaf in her right ear. She stated due to her disability she has the predisposition to fall. She stated she has gone on to enjoy life and would like to encourage people with disabilities to do the same. She stated there is a new class of handicapped. She stated no one would know she was handicapped by looking at her. Ms. Charlonne stated she is hoping to help out and would love to give back. Chairman Miller stated is was very impressed with the two candidates and they have some very good ideas that they could bring to the Committee.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to appoint Lori Charlonne and Anne Marie Peperato to the ADA Committee.

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

### **Teresa and Mieczyslaw Mietelski – Water/Sewer Bill Abatement**

Teresa Mietelski and Bill Burke came forward. Mrs. Mietelski stated her water/sewer bill is 8x higher than her average bill. She stated she does know what happened. She stated she had a plumber go to the house and he found no problems. She stated her water/sewer bill is around seven thousand dollars (\$7,000). She stated she has three units and has no new tenants. Mr. Burke stated this situation is very hard. He stated the Water Department went out to Mrs. Mietelski's property there right away after she called and found no problems. He stated there was not a billing mistake. He stated a leaking toilet could use a gallon of water an hour and that could add up to a lot of money. Chairman Miller stated it looks as though it was a broken pipe. He said the usage is very high. Mrs. Mietelski stated she has owned the house since 2004 and has never had a problem. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he doesn't think the Board can do anything. Selectman Starzec stated he can't see how the Board could abate the problem without any additional information. He stated the Board would need to see evidence of a problem. Mr. Burke stated he can test the meter to make sure it is not on the Town's end. Chairman Miller stated he would like the meter tested because he knows some of the meters have not worked properly. Chairman Miller stated the Board will table this for more information.

### **Bill Burke – Sewer Pump Out for Non-Connected Residents**

Mr. McAuliffe stated the last couple of years the Board has put a sizeable shift onto the levy. He stated he would like to end the debt shifts and get it off the Town's books. He stated he would like to remind the Board that next year there will be an approximate 6% increase in the water/sewer rates without the shift.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Bourque to amend the vote taken on May 12, 2014 to reverse the debt shift and to use money from retained earnings with a 1% increase in the water/sewer rates.

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

### **Greg Roberts – Website Discussion**

Selectman Starzec stated he asked to have this on the agenda for discussion. He stated the Town's website is very good and had some ideas that might make it a little more user friendly. He stated he would like to make the website a central hub for residents and visitors. He stated he would like to have a one click stop where people can go to find out what is needed if they want to open a business. He stated he would like to get all the Department's forms online. He stated the tax rate and water/sewer rates should also be posted online. He stated he would like to make a CD or video with Webster's By-Laws with who, what, where, and why. Greg Roberts stated he can post anything online he just needed the content. He stated the Town would have to look into another technology if they would like to have a more advanced website. He stated the website is of no cost to the Town right now. Selectman Starzec stated the Board might want to look into starting a group. Mr. Roberts stated Town's pay a huge monthly fee to use a more advanced internet program. Selectman Starzec stated the group can get ideas together and present it to the Board.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Dowgiewicz to form a group to discuss upgrades to the Town's website.

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

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Water Department's Flushing Program is almost complete. He stated one area is left. He stated they should be wrapping up within two weeks.

He stated he held his weekly Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he attended the Regional Dispatch Meeting.

He stated the Town Meeting has been rescheduled until June 16, 2014. He stated because there was not a quorum at the Annual Town Meeting on May 12, 2014, all the articles will be heard on June 16, 2014.

He stated he attended the Bartlett High School Super Team Ceremony. He stated this is one of his favorite events during the year. He stated he loves seeing the kids and what they accomplished.

He stated he met with the State and a CMRPC Representative to discuss Webster being listed as a State Priority Development Area. He stated this would allow the Town to get additional grant money.

He stated he met with the Town's Health Insurance Consultant.

He stated he attended the Regional State Aid Update Meeting.

He stated he would like everyone to be reminded that Memorial Beach will open weekends starting May 24, 2014. He stated a sticker will be needed.

He stated he does not have a need for Executive Session.

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

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

### **Old Business**

Mr. McAuliffe stated there was a need to open a Special Town Meeting warrant in order to address the article for Webster Fish and Game.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for June 16, 2014

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

Dave Del'Assendro came forward. He stated he was seeking a "One Day" liquor license for Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Chief Bent came forward. He stated there was no issues last year and will work with Mr. Del'Assendro regarding Police Patrols for those days.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the "One Day" liquor license for Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

James Bazinet came forward. He stated this was another day that resident would not be able to access the beach. He stated the Town should not be charging people to have access to the beach. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town has spent a lot of money in upgrades and provides lifeguards during the summer months.

Mr. McAuliffe stated Jeffrey Duggan was the Board's School Building Committee appointee. Since he was no longer a Selectmen the Board needed to appoint another designee.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Andrew Jolda as the Board representative for the School Building Committee.

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

### **New Business**

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he requested to have Level 3 Sex Offenders on the agenda for discussion.

Chairman Miller stated the Board received a letter from Paige Chiropractic requesting a "One Day" liquor license for Thursday, June 5, 2014.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the "One Day" liquor license request for Paige Chiropractic.

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

Chairman Miller stated he put Webster Water Department Projects on the agenda. Mr. McAuliffe stated residents have been complaining about the smell of chlorine in their water. He stated chlorinated water is here to stay. He stated there was some bacteria hits during the flushing program. He stated they needed to add more chlorine to the water because of those hits. He stated they will go back out to the areas and retest. Chairman Miller asked what is happening with Gore Road. He stated traffic has been crazy. Mr. McAuliffe stated this project is to replace the water main on Gore Road. He stated traffic will be congested for a couple of months but the Town needs to replace those lines. He stated traffic is being redirected to Minebrook Road. He stated Minebrook Road is a private road. He stated the Town will repave the road after the project is complete. Chairman Miller stated the Board should take a complete tour of the water facilities. He stated this will give the Board some knowledge of what is happening at these pump stations.

Chairman Miller stated there is also a lot of confusion over the water ban. Mr. McAuliffe stated MassDEP is mandating the Town's water usage. He stated the Town needs to be conservative. He stated things are not as bad as they seem. He stated notices were sent out with this quarter's water bills.

### **Informational Mail**

Chairman Miller stated Moderator Ralph has appointed David Dupont as Assistance Moderator.

He stated the Board received a Class II license application for King Currier. He stated the Board would refer this to the Town Engineer for review.

He stated the Board received a letter from Bay Path stating they were using free cash for regional school transportation.

He stated the board received a letter from the CMRPC for the annual vote from the Board designee.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Don Bourque as the CMRPC delegate.

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

Chairman Miller would like to remind everyone about the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to adjourn.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland