

**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, August 4, 2014. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** made by Selectmen Jolda, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the meeting minutes of June 21, 2014.

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

**Motion:** made by Selectmen Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of June 21, 2014.

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

**Jason Piader – Letter of Interest for the Open Associates Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals**

Jason Piader came forward. He stated he has been a resident of Webster for nine (9) years. He stated he is seeking to fill the Associate Member Position. He stated he has a Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies and has graduated Law School. He stated his background could help the Board. Mr. McAuliffe stated Mr. Piader had a very impressive background and would be a great asset to the Board.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to appoint Jason Piader to the open Associate Member position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he attended the Regional Dispatch meeting. He stated everything is coming together.

He stated he attended the Police Fire Building Committee Meeting. He stated they have spent a lot of time on wrapping al the loose ends up. He stated the landscaping is almost complete. He stated the ribbon cutting will be September 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> with an open house that weekend.

He stated he held a DPW Team Meeting.

He stated there has been a lot of talk about dirty water. He stated the Town needs specific addresses. He stated the Water Department has a crew during the weekend for any water complaints that come in. He stated residents need to call the Water Department or the Police Department (during weekend) if they are having an issue with dirty water. The Water Department needs real time events. He stated it has been a rough season. He urges everyone to call if they encounter an issue. He stated the first flushing was a shock to the system. He stated the Water Department received no phone calls over the weekend but people are complaining they had dirty water. He stated this has been the biggest challenge. The Water Department will not know there is a problem unless people call and report it. He stated they are trying to pinpoint the problem. Chairman Miller stated he has received several phone calls from residence complaining about discolored water or water that has a very strong chlorine smell. He stated the Town needs

to figure out a solution so people can use their water. He stated the Town needs to post on social media, the website and in the newspaper an explanation of why residents are having rusty water and who they need to call when they do have water issues. Mr. McAuliffe stated a crew is on during the weekend. He stated the Water Department needs locations.

He stated the Board will open the October Town Meeting Warrant on Monday, August 18, 2014. He stated if the Board was looking to have any Zoning changes they would need to start considering them now since the process is very time consuming for the Planning Board.

He stated the Webster Lake Association will host a cookout and boat rides for the Senior Center on Monday, August 18, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He stated the Senior center will be closed during this time.

He stated he would like to remind all residence that the French River Park Concert Series will be hosting "Just Us Trio" this Wednesday.

He stated he would like to remind everyone that National Night Out will be held tomorrow, August 5, 2014 at Memorial Beach. He stated this is such a great event.

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

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

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

## **New Business**

Chairman Miller stated the Board received a letter from the Safety Committee with their recommendations.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the request to put up a "STOP" sign on an existing street pole on Goddard Street. (cross section Cutler Street)

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

Chairman Miller stated the Board received a letter from Saint Joseph Basilica requesting a "One Day" liquor license for Sunday, August 17, 2014 for the Dozynki Harvest Festival.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to grant Saint Joseph Basilica a "One Day" liquor license for Sunday, August 17, 2014 for the Dozynki Harvest Festival.

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

Chairman Miller stated the Board receive a letter from Carol Cyr requesting they award the Tourism Grant to design the pedestrian walk way along west side of Davis Street Extension down to the French River.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Bourque to award a contract to CME Associates, Inc., of Woodstock, CT, to provide professional services for design, construction administration and related services for the construction of sidewalks on Davis Street for a maximum fee not to exceed \$29,250.00. This award is further conditioned on said awardee agreeing to the terms and conditions provided in the Town's Request for Qualifications.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated he has been with the community for the last five and a half (5 ½) years. He stated he has been part of a lot of projects. He stated since he has a residency requirement that a renewal would take place during this time. He stated he would like to continue on and would like to roll over his contract. Chairman Miller stated Mr. McAuliffe needed to work normal Town Hall work hours. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board has been very patient with his sleep disorder. Chairman Miller stated Mr. McAuliffe has a lot on his plate and would like to see him delegate his work to the Departments that should be handling the work. Selectman Starzec stated it was no secret that he rated Mr. McAuliffe harshly on his yearly review. He stated the biggest component was communication with the Board. He stated the Town Administrator's position provides continual growth and that he is the face of the Town. He stated he feels the Town Administrator take something seriously and something not. He stated the board should be updated on a daily basis. Mr. McAuliffe stated he was the most approachable Town Administrator he knew. He stated he is not a big fan of emails when he can pick up the phone and talk to each Selectman directly. He stated he speaks with the Chairman frequently. Selectman Starzec stated the Town Administrator should have contact with all members of the Board so that they can guide him in what direction to go. Mr. McAuliffe stated he was seeking a simple renewal and would like to be notified by the Board so that he can seek an alternate position. Selectman Bourque stated the Board would be doing a disservice to the Town if they did not renew his contract. He stated he believes the Town Administrator does communicate with the Board frequently and that the Town is going in the right direction.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to extend the Town Administrator's contract as proposed until June 30, 2019.

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

### **Other Business Unknown at Time of Posting**

Chairman Miller stated he would like to bring forward Faith Rubin regarding an issue over the weekend. Faith Rubin came forward. He stated over the weekend the sound coming from Indian Ranch was so loud that it shook her house. She stated they have doubled the amplifiers. She stated she called the Police and complained. She stated Indian Ranch had been cited for sound in the past. She stated she feels as though it was a direct result of the last DEP Meeting. Chairman Miller stated the Town adopted a sound Bylaw. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town does not receive a lot of noise complaints. He stated he would have to look into the Bylaw again. Edward Jarmolowicz came forward. He stated he lives at 21 South Shore Road. He stated the concert noise over the weekend was very bad. He stated the dishes were shaking. Judy Keegan came forward. She stated she lives on the far end of Killdeer and could hear the music very well. She stated the noise factor is very bad. Mr. McAuliffe stated he did not receive a call from the Police informing him of an abundance of calls regarding noise complaints for Indian Ranch. He stated the best thing to do is to call the Police. Selectman Starzec stated next time the noise level is too loud that they should call the Police and get the complaint logged and get the dispatchers name.

Chairman Miller stated the ADA Committee had a new Chairman, Ann Marie Peperato. He stated he attended the last meeting. He stated Lori Borrows resigned and that they are looking for new members.

Selectman Jolda stated Attorney Sullivan sent in a letter interested in purchasing 0 Lakeside Avenue. He stated this was approved at Town Meeting. Selectman Bourque suggested that this get tabled until the next agenda in order to get Marc Becker's valuation of this parcel.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Starzec to table 0 Lakeside Avenue land disposition until the next meeting.

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

Selectman Starzec stated he has some concerns about the water quality in Town. He stated he has a list from the Webster Citizen's Facebook Forum of residents that have been experiencing discolored water. He stated he feels that the Board owes it to the tax payers to give something back to residents experiencing bad water conditions. He stated he would like to work towards an abatement program for people with dirty water. He stated he would be willing to abate resident's bills back to their lowest bill in prior cycles.

He stated he would also abate water filters bought by residents. Chairman Miller stated the Board of Health will look at legitimate health claims. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board needs to decipher whether these people on Facebook are mad because they had rusty water or are they currently having rusty water. He stated the Water Department needs a call log. He stated the Town has not received a lot of complaints. He stated if the Board is going to start abatements that it will quickly spiral out of control. He stated it will end up on the tax rate. He stated not every rusty water complaint is the same. Selectman Starzec stated that just because the Town is not receiving phone calls does not mean there isn't a problem. He stated the Board has been hearing the same story and residents are the ones paying for this. He stated he would like to open the table up for discussion and let residents know what is going on. He suggested holding a Public Hearing before the next Selectmen's Meeting to hear their concerns.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Bourque to hold a public hearing on the Water Quality Issues on Monday, August 18, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Selectman Starzec stated there was a very interesting article in the newspaper regarding beach stickers. He stated it would be great to have a pamphlet or handout of blackout dates and things they can and can't bring to the beach.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland