

**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 Auditorium at Bartlett High School on Monday, April 27, 2015, 2015. Vice-Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: William Starzec, Mark Dowgiewicz, Andrew Jolda, Don Bourque.

Absent: Robert Miller

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

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7:05 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21a, Item 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to go into Executive Session and to come back into open session.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes and Mr. Bourque – yes.

Ratification of DPW Memorandum of Agreement

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the ratification of DPW Memorandum of Agreement.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes and Mr. Bourque – yes.

Ratification of Fire Department Contract

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the ratification of Fire Department Contract.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes and Mr. Bourque – yes.

Moderator Ralph – Citizen's Petitions

Moderator Ralph stated that all Citizen's Petitions must have addresses of the residents that sign them on the petition. He stated Webster does not require addresses on their petitions so therefore they are out of order. He stated he spoke with Attorney Hewig and he will be doing more research on this matter. He stated the Town might need Special Legislation to move forward. Selectman Bourque asked how this came about. Moderator Ralph stated there is a Citizen's Petition regarding the Police Department that has caused some controversy. He stated he is being blamed for the Citizen's Petition. Bob Craver stated these Citizen's Petition forms have been the same for over 30 years. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board should keep them on the Warrant.

Approval of Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. McAuliffe went through the warrant articles.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend approval for articles 1 through 6.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes and Mr. Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend refer to sponsor for articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. **Vote:** Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes and Mr. Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend approval for article 13.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – abstain, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes and Mr. Bourque – yes.

Public Hearing – To Discuss a Proposed Proposition 2 ½ Override for Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund Operating Budget

Mr. McAuliffe stated he has been with the Town for over six years. He stated he recently got a new position. He stated he is looking out for the best of the Town. He stated he worked very hard with the School Department. He passed around three handouts. He went through a poer point presentation. He stated the question to ask is how do you want your town to look. He stated the State will not bail us out. He stated the Town has knocked down over 40 nuisance properties. He stated the Board of Selectmen are the only ones that can call for a Proposition 2 ½ Override Ballot Vote. He stated the process would be for the Board of Selectmen to call for a Special Election for June 15, 2015. If the ballot vote passes then it will need to be approved at Town Meeting. He stated the Board will be making a decision to call for a Special Election Ballot Vote on May 7, 2015.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Becker – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland