

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

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, July 6, 2015. Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Randall Becker, William Starzec, Andrew Jolda and Mark Dowgiewicz

Absent: Don Bourque

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2015.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – abstain.

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Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – abstain.

Proclamation – Brent Hajec – Fire of March 4, 2015

Chief Hickey stated on March 4, 2015 there was a fire 11 Malden Drive with heavy smoke coming from the two-story single family home. He said the fire quickly spread to the first and second levels of the split-level ranch-style house. He stated a 92-year-old woman and the woman's teenage granddaughter were the only occupants home when the fire started. He stated Brent Hajec heroically jumped in to help saving the granddaughter's life by not letting her back into the house to find her grandmother and then reaching in to the burning house and grabbing the grandmother's arm and assisting her to safety. Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz read the proclamation. He stated Mr. Hajec was a true American Hero. He stated the Board was honored to give Mr. Hajec the proclamation for his bravery.

My Brother's Place – Outdoor Seating Request – Outdoor Entertainment Request

Barry Henley came forward. He stated he was looking to put two outdoor picnic table off of the side of the building. He stated he met with the Town Engineer. He stated the Town Engineer supported the location. He stated he was looking for an entertainment license to have a DJ for cruising nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the outdoor seating request for My Brother's Place as presented.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the outdoor entertainment license request for My Brother's Place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Public Hearing – Underground Storage Tank – Jimmy's Convenience Store – 431 South Main Street

Ghassan Nayfeh and Rajaa Chamoun came forward. Mr. Nayfeh stated they were looking to get an underground storage tank license for the proposed gas station they are planning on opening.

Chief Hickey stated he has reviewed the plans and he recommends the Board to approve the request. He stated this is just a formality.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the underground storage tank request from Jimmy's Convenience Store of 431 South Main Street.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Public Hearing – Underground Storage Tank – Peterson's Oil Service, Inc. – 8 Park Avenue

Chief Hickey stated this also is just a formality. He stated they currently have the underground storage tanks but do not have the license.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the underground storage tank request from Peterson's Oil Service, Inc. of 8 Park Avenue.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Tri- Luk, LLC – Class II License Application.

Gary Luksha came forward. He stated he was looking for the Board to approve his Class II License application. He stated the Town Engineer signed off on the location.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve Tri- Luk, LLC Class II License Application.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

National Grid – Grant of License Agreement – 23 Cudworth Road

Pam Regis stated this agreement was a recommendation from the Town Engineer in order to move the solar project forward. She stated a Grant of Easement will be on the October Town Meeting Warrant for approval.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the Grant of License Agreement with National Grid for the solar project as described at a previous Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Debilitating Medical Condition Treatment Center – Brian Lees – Cultivation Proposal/Mass Organic Therapy – Patrik Jonsson – Cultivation and Dispensary Proposal

Mr. Flores, Mr. Lusardi and Mr. Lees came forward. Mr. Lees stated his company, DMCTC, was filing an application for a growing facility. He stated they are looking to get a letter of support from the Town of Webster to occupy 30 Worcester Road. He stated Webster was a great community and had written letter of support for two other companies looking for a growing facility. Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated 30 Worcester Road is zoned for Marijuana cultivation. Selectman Jolda asked if there was any information they had provided to the Board. Mr. Lees stated he had not provided any information to the Board but will do so if they request. He stated they are currently on phase 1 of the 3 phases that are required by the State. He stated phase 2 will have a larger application. Vice-Chairman asked if they were non-profit. Mr. Lees stated DMCTC is non-profit. Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz asked if they would hire locally. Mr. Lees stated they would love to hire locally. He stated there will be roughly twenty full-time employees. Selectman Starzec stated he is looking to get more information on the company and its background in order to have a discussion on whether this fits into our community. Mr. Lees stated he will keep the Board updated through the process. He stated it has worked well in other communities. He thanked the Board of having him before them this evening. He stated they are looking to move quickly. Selectman Starzec asked where they are looking to dispense. Mr. Lees stated they are not looking to dispense in Webster. Selectman Becker asked for the next meeting

if the Board could get additional information in its packet and a list of the corporate structure of the company. He asked if they had spoken to the Police Chief about the proposal. He Lees stated he has not approached the Police Chief because he felt as though he should go to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Selectman Starzec asked if they could provide information that prior applications for the marijuana growing facility gave the Board.

Acting Town Administrator's Report

Assistant Town Administrator Regis stated she attended a SWCCC Board of Director's meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

She stated she held a Finance Team meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

She stated she attended a Library Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. She stated they received back proposals for the Owner Project Manager and they were being reviewed.

She stated she attended a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

She stated she attended a Town Administrator Screening Committee on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. She stated the job posting is currently available online on the MMA website.

She stated her and her staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. She stated e joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee had been posted for Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to address end of the year transfers pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44 § 33B.

She stated the FY16 1st quarter rea estate and personal property tax bills are due on Monday, August 3, 2015. The Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

She stated The Providence and Worcester Railroad Company will be undergoing construction at their Main Street crossing from Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st. Detour signs will be posted. Flyers have been hand delivered to Main Street businesses and MAPFRE Insurance have been notified.

She stated the Recreation Committee's 2015 Summer Concert Series kicked off last Wednesday, July 1st, with a performance by the Pulaski Brass Band. Concerts are held at the French River Park on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This week's performance will feature children's entertainer Mr. Kim Webster.

She stated she had a request from Carol Cyr for her to be designated the Environmental Certifying Officer. She stated she needs things signed.

She stated she received a letter from the State Fire Marshal commending the Webster Fire Department in their efforts against the mill fire.

She stated she did have a need for Executive Session.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Becker to designate Pam Regis as the Environmental Certifying Officer.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

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

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Selectman Becker stated he would like to commend the Webster Fire Department for all of their hard work and dedication on the mill fire. He stated he would also like to thank all the firefighters that helped out through mutual aid. He said he would like if thankyou letter could be sent to each community that helped out. Ms. Regis stated Chief Hickey is in the process of putting a list together of all of the communities that helped out.

New Business

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated he has a couple of topics he would like to bring up for discussion regarding Memorial Beach. He stated he would like to get the Board's thoughts on if the Town should bring back grilling at the beach. He stated the Board could approve a 90 day run. He stated the beach has calmed down and thinks it would be a benefit to bring back the grills. Selectman Becker asked if there has been issues with grilling at Memorial beach before. Selectman Starzec stated there has been a couple of incidents before regarding hot coals left behind. He stated he supported Selectman Dowgiewicz's request to bring back grilling. He stated he would like to make this work while keeping beach goers safe, He suggested having a fenced in area. Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated he spoke with Mr. Pizzetti and he was in agreement that the Town could bring grilling back for a trial run. Selectman Jolda stated that maybe the Town can put out special receptacles to place the hot coals in.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, second by Selectman Jolda to bring back grilling at Memorial Beach for a thirty day trial.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated he would like to offer free entrance to Memorial Beach for all residents over the age of sixty-five years of age. He stated most of the seniors just want to have lunch near the water. Selectman Jolda stated he would not be in favor of free access for residents sixty-five years of age and older this year because stickers have already been sold. James Bazinet came forward. He stated Town Meeting voted to remove the sticker fee. He stated he had signatures from over 140 residents that want a free sticker.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz to allow all Webster residents over the age of sixty-five free access to Memorial Beach this season.

(The motion was not seconded)

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated he would like to bring up the idea to have a possible marina. He stated he would like to put out a RFP for a Private/Public Partnership to run a marina near the walking track. He stated this would generate revenue for the Town.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to authorize the Acting Town Administrator to look into putting out an RFP for a lease agreement for a proposed marina and to also have the Town Engineer review the specifications.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated he would also like to put out a RFP for a Water Park. Ms. Regis stated if the Town can get rid of the fees for residents by gaining revenue from another source it would be beneficial for all. Ken Mandile came forward. He stated he would like to bring up all the rules and signage at the beach. He said there should be a committee formed to review all the rules and regulations. He stated Selectman Dowgiewicz had great ideas but there needed to be an overall plan for Memorial Beach. Selectman Starzec stated he would like to post a meeting for the Board of Selectmen to have a walkthrough of Memorial Beach with the Highway Superintendent to look at signage and the proposed grilling area.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to authorize the Acting Town Administrator to look into putting out a RFP for a proposed water park.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to allow all Webster residents over the age of sixty-five free access to Memorial Beach for FY16.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated the Board received a letter from Stanley Lenky requesting re-appointment to the Finance Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to re-appoint Stanley Lenky to the Finance Committee.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated the Board received a letter from Phyllis Romano requesting to be appointed to the Council on Aging.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Phyllis Romano to the Council on Aging.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz stated the Board received a letter from Angela Claire Fleming requesting to be appointed to the Cultural Council.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Angela Claire Fleming to the Council on Aging.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Informational Mail

Selectman Starzec stated the Board received a formal complaint regarding the noise level at Indian Ranch. He stated he would like Scott Charpentier to come to the next Selectmen's Meeting to address this complaint.

Selectman Starzec stated the Board received a letter in interest and a letter of support for Barbara Kattori to be appointed to the ADA Committee. He asked that she come to the next meeting to be introduced.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to have Barbara Kattori come to the next Selectmen's meeting to get appointed to the ADA Committee.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Dowgiewicz adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21a, Item 3, To discuss strategy with respect to 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 Jolda to go into Executive Session and not to come back into open session.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland