

**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, March 21, 2016. Selectman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Donald Bourque

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the February 22, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the February 22, 2016 executive session meeting minutes and not to release them until the subject has been resolved.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the March 7, 2016 meeting minutes.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the March 7, 2016 executive session meeting minutes and not to release them until the subject has been resolved.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Lisa Gonyea – Appointment to the Webster Cultural Council

Lisa Gonyea came forward. She stated she has lived in Webster for over twenty five years. She stated she was looking to get involved with the community.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Lisa Gonyea to the Webster Cultural Council.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Lobster Nook – Transfer of License

Dean Packard and Pasha Syed came forward. Mr. Syed stated he was very happy to be in front of the Board for the approval of the transfer. He stated he had been supported very well by the community. Mr. Packard stated he and his family worked very hard to bring the business to fruition. He stated he was looking to keep the business successful with the transfer. He stated many of the former workers will still be working there. Mr. Syed stated he has lived in Dudley for seventeen years and was looking for a great investment. He stated he lived five to ten minutes away and loved the concept of the restaurant. Selectman Starzec congratulated Mr. Packard for a very successful business he started. Mr. Packard stated he will be staying on for the first six months to make sure everything goes smoothly. Mr. Syed stated this business has been a great asset to the downtown area.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the Transfer of License for the Lobster Nook.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

James Chauvin – Vote to Appoint the Town Treasurer as the Tax Possession Custodian Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 60 § 77B.

Ms. Leduc stated the Board of Selectmen are currently the Tax Title Custodians. She stated they have been advised by the Town's Tax Title Attorney to have the Board relinquish the responsibility to the Town Treasurer.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to appoint the Town Treasurer as the Tax Title Custodian pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 60 § 77B.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Selectman Jolda stated Attorney James Coppola provided the correct language for the prior vote.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to amend the prior vote to read: As provided under MGL Chapter 60, section 77B, the Board of Selectmen hereby move to appoint the Town Treasurer, as Tax Possession Custodian who shall have the care, custody, management and control of all property acquired by foreclosure, deed in-lieu of foreclosure or by treasurer's deed for unpaid taxes.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

James Chauvin – Town Owned Property Auction – Update

Mr. Chauvin stated the Town owned property auction has been rescheduled to Friday, April 22, 2016 at Noon in the Town Hall Auditorium. He stated all of the information has been updated on the Town's website. He stated the same six properties will be auctioned off. Selectman Becker asked if people are allowed inside of the buildings. Mr., Chauvin stated they will not be allowed access.

Library Planning and Building Committee - Presentation

Rena Klebart stated the Library Planning and Building Committee met diligently to assess the needs of the residents. She stated the Committee chose Oudens Ello for the design. Matthew Oudens stated he spent several months with the Committee. He stated it is a great site. He stated there is a shared area between the Town Hall, Library and Senior Center. He stated the main entrance for the library will face the Town Hall. He stated they spent time to develop the space needs and develop a program plan. He stated the library will have 30 parking spaces. He stated the building will be three times larger than the current library. Selectman Becker stated there was a lot of glass in the design. He stated he would like to see the building tie in with the area. Mrs. Klebart stated the building is contemporary. She stated the Committee didn't want to mimic the Town Hall. Mr. Oudens stated construction will start in about a month. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the building is very beautiful. He stated he would like to see the design tie in with the surrounding buildings.

Acting Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Leduc stated she would like to remind everyone that the Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the BHS auditorium followed by the spring Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. The deadline to submit citizen's petitions for both meetings is Friday, March 25, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

She stated starting the week of March 28, 2016, the Webster Water Department will begin flushing hydrants throughout the Town and continue until completed. Flushing of hydrants will be conducted during normal business hours in most areas. The program is expected to be completed in six to eight weeks. She stated this year's Independence Day Fireworks Display is scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2016 at Memorial Beach. She stated this is the second year in a row that the Town has funded their own fireworks display.

She handed out the FY17 Draft Budget. She went through all of the line items with the Board.

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

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Old Business

Selectmen Dowgiewicz stated the Board of Selectmen did not receive any letter of interest for the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee.

Selectmen Dowgiewicz stated the Board received two letters of interest for the Town Administrator's Screening Committee. Selectman Starzec asked if any of the two candidates were in the audience and wanted to speak. Selectman Becker stated Mr. Rogers is out of Town on business. Tomas Ralph Jr. came forward. He stated he has lived in Webster his entire life. He stated he is very interested in politics. Selectman Becker thanked Mr. Ralph for applying. He stated he was swayed towards choosing Mr. Rogers because of his ability, knowledge and experience to conduct interviews. He stated Mr. Roger's would be an access to the Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to appoint Thomas Ralph Jr. to the Tow Administrator Screening Committee.

Vote: Selectman Becker - no, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Selectman Becker asked that Mr. Rogers's letter of interest be forwarded to the Moderator.

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he received phone calls regarding the cost of the compost facility sticker. He stated he was under the impression that the veterans and senior rates would apply to the compost facility stickers. Selectman Jolda stated the Board voted to charge twenty five dollars for every sticker. He stated there would not be a discount for veterans or seniors. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked the Board if they wanted to keep it this way. The Board agreed to keep it at twenty five dollars every sticker.

New Business

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Board received copies of the 2016 Seasonal Liquor License Renewals.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the 2016 Seasonal Liquor License Renewals.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Ms. Leduc read the Election Warrant.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the Election Warrant.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectmen Starzec – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney M. Friedland
Executive Secretary