

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

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. Selectman Jolda called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance: Robert Miller, Andrew Jolda, and Mark Dowgiewicz

Absent: Donald Bourque and Randall Becker

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Jolda stated the meeting minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to table the meeting minutes until the next meeting.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Employee Recognitions

Ms. Leduc stated Sergeant Wheeler and Officer Perry were unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a scheduling conflict. She stated she believed it was nice for the Town to recognize its employees when they go above and beyond. Greg Lynskey and Rebecca Prefontaine came forward. Mr. Lynskey stated that on May 5th a call came in regarding a possible suicidal male. She made contact with the caller and took action. She had his cell phone pinged and contacted the correct department and help them to identify his location. She acted quickly and saved a life. Ms. Leduc stated Ms. Prefontaine was recently selected to receive an outstanding dispatch award. Selectman Dowgiewicz thanked her for all of her hard work and for going above and beyond her job to save a life.

Point Breeze Restaurant – Transfer of License Application

Attorney Carolyn Conway and AJ Alkire came forward. Attorney Conway stated they are seeking a Transfer and Pledge of License. She stated the restaurant will continue to operate as it is currently doing.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Transfer of License and Pledge of License Application filed by Point Breeze Restaurant.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Waterfront Mary's – Outdoor Entertainment Extension Request

Pat Racine came forward. She stated 100FM The Pike would like to do an outdoor event one Friday a month. She stated they are looking to do 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. but are willing to adjust the hours as the Board feel fit. She stated Tracy has worked very hard. She stated it is a very popular event. She stated they are also requesting that the requirement to hire a detail officer be lifted for the event. She stated Waterfront has been very good the last couple of years being in compliance. Selectman Miller stated there was a parking problem in that area where residents couldn't get through. He stated it is a very tight road. He stated he wouldn't want to see an emergency vehicle not be able to get down the road because of a traffic issue. He stated it would be safer to have a detail officer directing traffic. Lt. Shaw stated Waterfront Mary's had issues a couple of years ago. He stated a detail officer defiantly helps the parking situation down there. He stated he would be very fearful for the residents on that street if there wasn't a detail officer. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he would be in favor of keeping the detail officer requirement.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller, to approve Waterfront Mary's Outdoor Entertainment Extension Request for 6/24, 7/22, 8/5 and 9/16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

FY17 Utility Rate Presentation

Ms. Leduc stated per the Charter the Board of Selectmen sets the utility rates. She stated for FY17 the Water Department has no staffing changes. She stated the only change was the removal of Scott Charpentier position. She several option for increases. She stated the Sewer Department has the same staffing levels as last year. She stated she would recommend a 0% increase in the Sewer Rates. Diane Mandile asked why an increase was necessary if there is less needed in the budget. Ms. Leduc stated there was an increase in the indirect cost.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to increase the Water Rates 1% with \$150,000 from Retained Earnings.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to have a 0% increase for the Sewer Rates.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Acting Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Leduc stated there was no Acting Town Administrator's Report for tonight.

Old Business

Ms. Leduc stated there is currently one immediate opening on the Conservation Committee. She stated there will be one additional opening on July 1, 2016.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint David Audette to the Conservation Commission effective immediately.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint Fredrick Bock to the Conservation Commission effective July 1, 2016.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Ms. Leduc reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to "Passover" articles 3, 4 & 5, "Refer to Sponsor" articles and "Approve" articles 2,6,7,8,9,10 & 13.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

New Business

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to appoint Selectman Miller to the ADA Committee.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to appoint Selectman Jolda to the Worcester County Selectmen's Association.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the future Board of Selectmen meeting dates as presented.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, second by Selectman Dowgiewicz to vote to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of invitation to prospective towns on behalf of SWCCC jointly with the Town of Dudley.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked to have the Community Compact information on the next agenda.

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Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Selectman Jolda – yes

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney M. Friedland
Executive Secretary