

**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 Monday, July 25, 2016. Selectman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Attendance:** Robert Miller, Mark Dowgiewicz, Andrew Jolda, Randall Becker and Donald Bourque

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Bourque led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the regular session meeting minutes of July 11 2016.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the regular session meeting minutes for June 27, 2016.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the executive session meeting minutes for June 27, 2016.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the regular session meeting minutes for June 13, 2016.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – abstain, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the executive session meeting minutes for June 13, 2016.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – abstain, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the regular session meeting minutes for June 6, 2016.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – abstain, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – abstain.**

**Lieutenant Shaw – National Night Out – August 2, 2016 – Webster Memorial Beach**

Lieutenant Shaw came forward. He stated the Webster Police Department will be holding its annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Beach. He stated this is a free event which will provide food, music, kid's activities, Mega Boot Camp, fire slide, boat rides, clowns, public safety and informational booths. He stated this event is sponsored by the Webster Police Department and Winn Residential. He stated they had over 500 people at the event last year and expect more this year.

Selectman Becker recused himself.

**Swinging' Chicken Saloon – Pledge of License**

Selectman Miller stated Sergio Manzi was pledging his liquor license in order to get funding from the bank to help pay for a new sprinkler system. He stated this had been approved before.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve Swingin' Chicken Saloon's request for a Pledge of License.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

### **The Liberty Restaurant of Webster, Inc. – Transfer of License**

Andrzej Bzura came forward. He stated he is purchasing the restaurant. He stated he would like to keep the bar alive.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve The Liberty Restaurant of Webster, Inc.'s request for a Transfer of License.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

Selectman Becker returned.

### **Doran Crouse & William Burke – Water/Sewer Abatements**

Mr. Crouse stated they received two abatement requests for this quarter. He stated the property owner of 4 Brian Avenue noticed an increase in usage upon receipt of his May water/sewer bill. The Water Department was requested to investigate the high usage and found a leak on the house side of the meter. The water from the leak did not flow into the sewer system. JV Mechanical performed the repair. He stated they are recommending the Board approve an abatement of the increased sewer portion of the bill in the amount of \$154.56 for this billing period only.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Sewer portion of the bill in the amount of \$154.56 for the property located at 4 Brian Avenue.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

Mr. Crouse stated the property owner of 10 Cudworth Road contacted the Water Department upon receipt of the May bill. The owner claimed debris in the water must have held a valve open to create the high usage. The owner could not identify which valve was stuck open. He stated that when he opened the toilet reservoir, he observed sediment on components of the toilet reservoir. He stated they are recommending the Board deny the request because there is no evidence that debris held a valve open to allow water to continually flow and also because the approved Abatement Procedure stated "All water that passes through the meter will be charged to the property owner." Selectman Becker asked if sediment in a valve was arguable. Mr. Crouse stated yes, it could happen. Mr. Burke stated sediment happens everywhere. Mr. Crouse stated the Water Department did go out and checked all of the valves. Selectman Becker stated it seemed as though they were back to their normal usage. Mr. Crouse stated they are back to their normal usage but the water Department could not identify a specific toilet that had caused the problem. Selectman Becker stated the owners of the property have called several times complaining about discolored water. He stated there is a possibility that sediment caused a valve to stay open.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve a \$1,000.00 abatement for the property located at 10 Cudworth Road and to authorize Doran Crouse to credit the \$1,000.00 to the Water/Sewer accounts as he feels fit.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

### **Doran Crouse – Dirty Water Complaints**

Selectman Miller stated he asked to have this on the agenda for discussion. He stated he received several phone calls regarding clothes being ruined because of dirty water. He asked if there was a reverse phone call system that could send out an alert if dirty water is expected in an area. Mr. Crouse stated that when work is performed the water changed direction and can impact

water in different parts of the town not even near the work site. He stated there isn't a reverse phone call system in Town. He stated it would be very hard to do a reverse phone call prior to performing the work because they cannot pinpoint what areas will produce discolored water. Selectman Miller stated the Town needs a mechanism to let people know that they could potentially get discolored water. He stated he hates to see pictures of ruined clothing. Ms. Leduc stated staff goes door to door to notify residents when they are doing the Ice Pigging. Selectman Miller stated communication with our residents should be the biggest priority. Ms. Leduc stated Greg Robert and herself did sit down with Code-Red System and explored the possibilities. She stated the system is expensive. Chairman Bourque asked how many dirty water complaints they have received this year compared to last year. Mr. Crouse stated he will get that information for the Board. He stated the Town is not there yet but is making improvements.

### **Acting Town Administrator's Report**

Acting Town Administrator Pam Leduc stated the FY17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter real estate and personal property tax bills are due on Monday, August 1, 2016.

She stated the Police Department will hold the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Beach. She stated this is a free event.

She stated the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company will be undergoing construction at their North Main Street crossing from 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Road closure/detour signs will be posted. She stated she has requested that the Guild of St Agnes preschool facility and MAPFRE Insurance be notified.

She stated the Town's beach facility will be ending its seasonal operations on Friday, August 19, 2016. The beach house will no longer be accessible. Portable toilets will be located on the property and the concession stand will remain open through Labor Day weekend. Compost facility stickers are and will continue to be available for purchase from the Office of the Town Administrator during the Town Hall's regular business hours. She stated the college kids are headed back to school and there will not be any lifeguards at the beach. Chairman Bourque asked if the road sign could be used at Memorial Beach to let residents know that no lifeguards are on duty.

She stated the Senior Center will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Senior Center Cookout on Monday, August 15, 2016 at Memorial Beach. The event features lunch provided by Point Breeze Restaurant and boat rides provided by members of the Webster Lake Association.

She stated the annual Book a Cruise event will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Beach. She stated this event is part of the library's summer reading program.

She stated the Chester C. Corbin Public Library will be closing its doors to the public on Friday, July 29, 2016. The library will remain closed the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 5<sup>th</sup> to facilitate the move into its temporary space in the Town Hall Auditorium for the duration of the demolition and construction phases of the building project. Any materials borrowed from the library that have a due date during the closure period may be returned to other local libraries or to our new location upon reopening on Monday, August 8, 2016. There will be no fines imposed if the materials are returned by August 8, 2016. The library's hours of operation will remain the same while located in the Town Hall Auditorium thru September 3, 2016.

She stated the Recreation Committee's 2016 Summer Concert Series continues last week with a performance by Jumpin Juba. Concerts are held at the French River Park on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The concert venue will be moved to the Senior Center during inclement weather. She stated this week's performance will feature the Grey Whisker Pickers.

She stated under "Action Items" she stated she sent the Board of Selectmen an email request on July 17, 2016.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Acting Town Administrator's Report.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the Acting Town Administrator request referenced in the July 17, 2016 email.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

## **New Business**

Selectman Jolda read the 2016 State Primary Warrant.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the 2016 State Primary Warrant.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a request from Danielle Jacques requesting a "One Day" liquor license request for Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the parking lot of 141 Worcester Road. Ms. Leduc stated the secretary of the Board emailed this request over to the Police Department and they have requested she hire two Police Details for this event.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve Danielle Jacques's requesting a "One Day" liquor license request for Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the parking lot of 141 Worcester Road contingent that she hires two Police Details for the event.

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he requested to have the Beach RFP's back on the agenda in order to get the process started. Ms. Leduc stated she would like direction from the Board as to what they are looking for to have down done there. She stated the Board talked about having a marina and a water park. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he would like to hear what possibilities there are for Memorial Beach. Chairman Bourque stated the Board is looking to have someone tell them what they think works best down there. Selectman Miller stated he would also like to keep the ADA Committee in mind and see what can be done to make the beach area more ADA friendly. Selectman Becker stated he would like to see what ideas a company would come up with to utilize the beach area.

## **Informational Mail**

Selectman Becker stated the Board received a dog complaint in their Selectmen's packets. He stated he would like Michelle Lafleche at the next Selectman's meeting.

## **Adjournment**

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

**Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Becker – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney M. Friedland  
Executive Secretary