

**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, March 27, 2017. Selectman Becker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Don Bourque

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

Selectman Becker stated the Board will table the meeting minutes until the next meeting.

**Proclamation – Tyler Davern - 1,000 Points Scored – Bartlett Boys Basketball
Proclamation – Bartlett Lays Basketball Team – Outstanding Season**

Selectman Becker stated he was very proud to see all of the boys' basketball team here tonight to celebrate Tyler Davern's 1,000 point season. He stated Tyler is the second player this year to achieve this feat. He stated the Board of Selectmen love to recognize great accomplishments. Tony Paranto stated the boys' had a 22-4 record this season. He stated this was a great accomplishment and he had a special group of kids this season. He stated they feel proud to represent the town. He stated it brought the community together. He stated he would like to thank all the coaches, staff, teachers, administration and community for their support. He stated he has five seniors that are leaving after this year.

Webster Public Schools – Massachusetts School Building Authority Statement of Interest

Ted Avlas came forward. He stated it is springtime again and it was time to submit their statement of interest to the MSBA. He stated they are looking for a full renovation of Bartlett High School. He stated they are looking to do renovations, upgrades, plumbing, food service upgrades, maintenance and program upgrades. He stated the MSBA gets many application each year. He stated he would like to improve student attendance and offer life skills programs. He stated these programs would leave students who are not attending college job ready. He stated the Board's approval tonight it no way guarantees acceptance to the program. He stated if they are accepted then it would move into the next phase of the process which would be a feasibility study. He stated this would still require Town Meeting approval and a Town vote.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Miller to resolve having convened in an open meeting on March 27, 2017, prior to the closing date, the Board of Selectmen of Webster, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 7, 2017 for the Bartlett Jr Sr High School located at 52 Lake Parkway, Webster MA, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the replacement, renovation and modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, plumbing and other operational deficiencies, (see summery attached) and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town / School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Vote: Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Becker – yes.

Webster Exporting – Class III License Application

Joseph Landry came forward. He stated he buys scrap cars and sends them whole to Africa. Ted Tetreault came forward. He stated the area in which the building is located is near multi-unit residential complex. He stated a Special Permit will be needed to have a Class III license in that area. He stated he ordered a cease and desist letter because cars were parked outside and he feared for the safety of the kids in the neighborhood.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to deny the Class II License Application submitted by Webster Exporting.

Vote: Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Becker –yes.

WCAC – Presentation

- Vote to Approve Lease Agreement for 116 School Street

Mr. Willardson stated the lease agreement has been approved by Town Counsel. He stated he spoke with the insurance agent and that they are comfortable with the thresholds put forth in the agreement. He stated they did add that the Town would reduce the rental amount if the State funding does not come through. WCAC Executive Director, Jill Dagilis, stated she was delighted to be talking about the School Street location. She stated they have applied to the State for funding. She stated they have also launched a Capital Campaign. She stated the lease agreement is for twenty five years with a five year extension. She stated she would like to thank Doug, Pam, Carol and Ted for all of their hard work. Selectman Becker stated the Headstart Program is very beneficial to residents. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated it was a win/win for the Town.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the lease agreement for 116 School Street between the Town of Webster and the Worcester Community Action Council as presented.

Vote: Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Becker –yes.

Kearsarge Granby 1 LLC – Presentation

- Vote to Approve New Net Metering Power Purchase Agreement

Mr. Willardson stated through this new Net Metering Agreement the town would save twenty five percent. He stated that would equal out to seventeen thousand dollars a year. Andrew Bernstein stated the facility is already up and running. He stated there is no risk. He stated Grafton is obligated. He stated they are very strong financially and do not have any bad references.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the Net Metering Agreement between the Town of Webster and Kearsarge Granby 1 LLC and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the agreements.

Vote: Selectman Miller – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Selectman Becker –yes.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Doug Willardson stated the beach and compost stickers are now available in the Town Administrator's Office for purchase.

He stated the Town Meeting Warrant petitions are due by noon on March 31, 2017.

He stated the Library Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

He stated the Retirement Board is holding an election. Nomination papers are due May 8, 2017. You must be a member of the retirement system to submit papers.

He stated under Public Health and Safety he stated Lt. Shaw headed up an opioid taskforce meeting. He stated they are working to connect struggling addicts with resources through the Sheriff's Office. He stated they will review in a few weeks to see if the intervention is effective. He stated they have asked the State to fast-track the time for addicts without insurance to be enrolled in MassHealth. He stated he would like to recognize the fine work of the Police Department with the shooting near Dunkin Donuts and the drug seizure on Granite Street. He stated the Board of Health has a meeting for the United Medical Waste Transfer Station on April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. He stated the ADA Committee is applying for a grant to make the Memorial Beach wheelchair accessible.

He stated under Financially Responsible the FY15 Free Cash is waiting for further review. He stated he asked a vendor to assist us with the process. He stated the FY17 budget for Snow & Ice is \$155,000. He stated they have spent \$301,515 so far this year. He stated the FY17 budget for legal is \$100,000. He stated they have spent \$55,150 so far this year. He stated the School Committee will be reviewing the budget on March 28, 2017. He stated he met with members of the Finance Committee to develop Town Financial Policies.

He stated under Economic Development he met with Webster, Dudley, Oxford Chamber President. He stated he is meeting with CMRPC about potential resources for economic improvements. He stated Carol Cyr has coordinated a meeting with MassDevelopment and local business owners next month to connect owners with available resources. He stated he attached the CME weekly status report for the Board's review.

He stated under Maintain Infrastructure he stated the repairs to the roof at the Fire Station are currently out to bid. He stated he is meeting with Tighe and Bond this week to review progress on the water treatment plant.

He stated under Effective Delivery of Services/Operations that he would like to recognize the highway department for their hard work removing the snow after the last storm. He stated he met with the Personnel Advisory Board and will continue to meet to develop a personnel handbook.

He stated under Clean and Beautiful he stated that he is working with the Recreation Committee for a spring cleanup day.

He stated under Transparent, Informative, Engaged and Customer Friendly Government he stated he will hold a Town Meeting Q&A meeting on April 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and May 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. He stated he asked Mr. Higgins for assistance to help us better comply with the Open Meeting Law.

Selectman Becker asked if Tighe and Bond could give the Board an update on the cleaning of the pipes. Mr. Willardson stated he had planned to have Tighe and Bond come in on April 24th to do a presentation.

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

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

New Business

Andrew Jolda read the Town Election Warrant.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Town Election warrant as read.

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

Selectman Becker stated the Board received an email from Moderator Ralph regarding the Finance Committee Vacancies. He stated there could be a potential reduction with the proposed Charter Changes.

Mr. Willardson stated that the Board received a copy of the Open Meeting Law letter written by the Attorney General's Office. He stated they are recommending a \$500.00 fine. He stated the Board of Selectmen is trying hard to comply with the Open Meeting Laws.

He stated that the Board was given an update on the Indian Princess/Indian Ranch during Executive Session on February 27, 2017. He stated the Board was told that the case has been stagnant and that nothing is happening. No further discussion took place.

He stated at the Board was given an update on the Charter Review during Executive Session on February 27, 2017. He stated the Board was told that the proposals are being reviewed by Attorney Goldberg. No further discussion took place.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to vote the release of lien for the property located at 55 Elm Street.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the "One Day" liquor license request for Sacred Heart of Jesus Pariah for Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00p.m.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Common Vic License for Sweet Kiwi Frozen Yogurt

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

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the 2017 Seasonal liquor licenses for o Waterfront Mary's I LLC, 103 Birch Island Road, Webster, MA 01570 and Bridan Enterprises dba Cappellini's, 141 Worcester Road, Webster MA 01570.

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

Informational Mail

Mr. Willardson went through each informational mail item.

Selectman Miller stated the Board would like to take a moment of silence for James Bazinet who was a former Finance Committee member and a veteran and Gladys Gorski who was a former Finance Committee member and was also an election worker for many years.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney M. Friedland
Executive Secretary