

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
DEBORAH KEEFE, CHAIRMAN
WALTER D. RICCI, VICE CHAIRMAN
MARK DOWGIEWICZ
JEFFREY DUGGAN
DON BOURQUE**

A Board of Selectman Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Attendance: Deborah Keefe, Mark Dowgiewicz, Jeff Duggan, Don Bourque, Dan Ricci

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Ricci led the Selectman in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to accept the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the Executive Session meeting minutes of November 7, 2011.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – abstain, Mr. Duggan – abstain, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the Executive Session meeting minutes of November 14, 2011.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – abstain, Mr. Duggan – abstain, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Loretta Scott-Walker – Cultural Council Membership

Chairman Ricci stated the Board of Selectmen received a letter from the Town Clerk stating that under Mass. General Laws, an elected official cannot be on the Cultural Council. Loretta Scott-Walker came forward and stated she has been a member of the Cultural Council since last November. She was elected as a Board of Health member in May of this year. She stated Senator Stephen Brewer has filed a bill that would amend the existing statute and allow elected officials to serve on their Local Cultural Councils. She stated the bill has not been enacted as of yet, but might next session. She stated the Board of Selectmen may use existing statute or postpone until the bill has been decided. Selectman Keefe stated MGL Chapter 10, Section 58 stated "Members shall not be elected public officials." She said that Ms. Scott-Walker does not fall under the Special Employee status. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated that it was Ms. Scott-Walker decision on whether she wanted to be on the Cultural Council or a Board of Health Member. Ms. Scott-Walker stated she has not had a lot of time to think about what one she would choose. She stated as a Senior Citizen she takes her role on the Cultural Council very seriously. She believes with her leadership, the Cultural Council will be able to do great things. She stated as of 7:20 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 she resigned from the Board of Health. She stated she will continue to attend Board of Health meetings.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept Loretta Scott-Walker's resignation to the Board of Health.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Selectman Bourque stated he appreciated Ms. Scott-Walker's time on the Board of Health. He stated he would encourage her to run again and commended her for all her hard work. Selectman Keefe stated that Ms. Scott-Walker brought motivation to the Cultural Council. She told her to keep an eye on the proposed bill.

Class II License Renewals – Ted Tetreault

Mr. McAuliffe stated that Mr. Tetreault, the building Inspector, went to every Class II location and took photographs. He stated he was very surprised to find out that there was a lack of activity on these lots, rather than having too many cars. Selectman Duggan stated he would like to see the renewals letters sent out early requiring Class II license holders to have everything handed in before the Selectmen sign the licenses. Selectman Keefe agreed. Chairman Ricci stated photo copies of the Class II license holders books are going to be made and put in their file. Selectman Keefe suggested a building inspection be done before the license is issued. She stated selling cars has to be their primary business. She stated there are some unanswered questions. Chairman Ricci stated the Board should have a solid policy in place for next year.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated that they completed the preliminary walk-through for the heating system. He stated there are still some small issues to be addressed.

He stated the streetlight re-lighting is underway. He stated the Town received very competitive rates and with the cost savings they were able to have all the street lights turned back on. He stated this had nothing to do with the additional State Aid the Town received. Chairman Ricci stated he would like to thank the Town Administrator for all his hard work. He stated the wrong people are taking credit for the lights being turned back on. Selectman Keefe stated the streetlight policy the Board of Selectmen adopted needed to be rescinded at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. McAuliffe stated they completed Town Meeting the prior night. He stated the meeting had gone smoother than the October Town Meeting.

He stated the Town received Final Certification from the Bureau of Assessment. He stated this was a triennial revaluation. He stated this is very good that the tax bills will go out on time.

He reminded residents that Winter Wonderland will be held Friday, December 9, 2011 and Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Memorial Beach.

He stated the Board of Selectmen received a request for a Boot Drive in their packets. He stated this was geared for a Town Employee that was in need of a heart transplant. Selectman Keefe stated the bridge near the Dudley Town line is always busy and would be a great spot.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Boot Drive for the Webster Fire Department.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

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

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Ricci stated Sergio Manzi requested the Pledge of License be put back on the agenda for the Board's approval. Selectman Keefe stated she is not in favor of the Pledge. She stated a private bank should not hold a liquor license. An Attorney from Hometown Bank came forward. He stated Mr. Manzi came into the credit union for funding. The bank requested that the liquor license be pledged for security. He stated the building is worth more on the market with a liquor license. He stated if Mr. Manzi defaults the bank would take possession of the building and the liquor license and would sell them together. Selectman Keefe stated she understands the position and agrees with the Pledge of License.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Pledge of License for Talia Inc d/b/a Tal's Place

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Transfer of Stock and Change of Manager for Market Beer and Wine.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

Selectman Keefe stated she had some questions about a letter from J.T. Gaucher in the Board's packets regarding 6 Oak Street. She stated in the letter that Mr. Gaucher stated 6 Oak Street was mistakenly put in the packet. She stated the letter addressed March not July. She asked that Mr. Gaucher clarified this for the Board.

She stated the Board received a letter from Social Security denying the request to restore the Social Security office hours for the Town. She stated a copy of this letter should be posted at the Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Keefe stated there are three facilities in Town that have liquor licenses that are currently not open. She would like to have these establishments come before the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

She stated the Board received a letter from a veteran requesting to sell flowers for non-profit. She stated he needed to go through the state for a non-profit license.

OTHER INFORMATION KNOWN AT TIME OF POSTING

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Mr. Bourque to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland