

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

A Board of Selectman Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, February 6, 2012. Selectman Bourque called the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M.

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

Absent: Dan Ricci

Pledge of Allegiance: Selectman Bourque led the Selectman in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the Executive Session meeting minutes of January 23, 2012.

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

CDM – Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase II Improvements

Christy Wagner, Butch Hilton and J.T. Gaucher came forward. Mr. Gaucher stated the bids came back lower than expected. Ms. Wagner stated the equipment on the facility has not been replaced in over 20 years. She stated these items needed attention. Mr. Gaucher stated the estimate for the Phase II improvements are 3.3 million dollars. Ms. Wagner explained the Phase II improvements are for the replacement of aging process equipment. She stated the town of Webster allocated \$15.5 million dollars for the Phase I and Phase II upgrades. She stated the existing equipment cannot meet the demands of the Phase I improvements. Mr. Gaucher stated they are on schedule and are ready to seek Mass DEP approval. He stated the overall project would take 14 months to complete. He stated the current equipment is failing. He stated the turnover time for replacement parts for the old equipment is very long and are hard to find. He stated replacement parts for the new equipment would take a couple of days.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to go out to bid based on the information received from J.T. Gaucher's recommendation.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he attended the Finance Committee Meeting. He stated he has received departmental budgets. He stated it is very early in the fiscal year. He stated the Town has made very hard decision the last three years and was looking towards level funding.

He stated he attended the Insurance Advisory Committee. He stated the Town adopted the GIC provisions, which made it possible for the Town to look into different opportunities involving health insurance. He stated many communities are switching.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining with two units.

He reminded everyone that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Bartlett High School.

He stated they created the Public Employee Committee to evaluate the GIC. He stated each collective bargaining unit has a seat at the table.

He stated he has a need for Executive session.

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

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

Old Business

Selectman Keefe stated last year many people asked to have a “household” sticker policy. She stated she would suggest a second sticker for a household to cost five dollars and two or more sticker per household would cost ten dollars. She stated people seeking this discounted rate would have to bring all registrations in at the same time. Selectman Dowgiewicz suggested that any additional sticker would cost one dollar. Selectman Bourque stated the residents are already paying the initial cost.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to amend the current sticker policy to have any additional household sticker to cost five dollars.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – no, Mr. Duggan – abstain, Mr. Bourque – no.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to amend the current sticker policy to have any additional household sticker to cost one dollar.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – no, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – abstain, Mr. Bourque – yes.

Mr. McAuliffe stated Cathleen Liberty gave the Board an update on nuisance properties in their Selectmen's packet. He stated two properties are currently out for action. He stated eleven structures have been dropped.

Selectman Keefe asked Mr. McAuliffe if all the street lights were turned back on. She stated she has received calls stating lights are still out. Mr. McAuliffe stated he would look into this.

New Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated NOAH is submitting their grant application and would like a letter of support from the Board of Selectman.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Duggan to write a letter of support for NOAH's grant application.

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

Chairman Ricci stated The Office of Community Development received statements of qualifications from engineering and design firms to provide surveying, design engineering, construction administration and construction-phase inspection services for reconstruction of the School Street Parking lot and sidewalk along Mechanic Street. OCD staff recommends awarding the contract to Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to award the School Street Parking Lot and Mechanic Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project to Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$47,340.00, for surveying, design and construction-phase services relating to these projects.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to set the Presidential Primary Election for Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

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

Nayef Moussa from the Lodge Restaurant came forward. He stated his establishment had never had an entertainment license. He stated the Lodge Restaurant has been open since 1985. He stated the establishment holds weddings, birthday parties and other functions. He stated anyone can rent the upstairs banquet room. He stated he was looking for an entertainment license for Sunday and Monday thought Saturday.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Monday through Saturday Indoor Entertainment License to be conducted on weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. to midnight and the Sunday Indoor Entertainment License to be conducted on Sunday between the hours of noon to midnight for The Lodge Restaurant.

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

Informational Mail

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter regarding concern over how the PACC was handling membership. She suggested the Board write a letter to the PACC advising them that the Board is in receipt of a complaint regarding their membership procedures.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to send a letter to the PACC informing them of the letter received.

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

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received an invoice from George Dumas in the amount of Seven million one hundred twenty thousand five hundred thirty two dollars and thirty seven cents. She suggested the Board write Mr. Dumas a letter. The Board of selectman took no action.

Selectman Bourque stated he attended Mr. Hackenson's retirement party. He thanked Mr. Hackerson for his time and dedication to the Webster Schools.

Adjournment

Selectman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Item 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in an open meeting.

Motion: to go into Executive Session, and not to go back into open session made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz.

Vote: Ms. Keefe – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes.0

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Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland

