

**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, March 26, 2012. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Jeff Duggan

Chairman Ricci stated Selectman Duggan would be absent from the meeting due to the fact he was the delegate from the Board of Selectmen on the Superintendent Search Committee which had a meeting that same night.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept the Executive Session meeting minutes of February 27, 2012.

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

Ruth St. Marie – Webster Historical Commission

Ruth St. Marie came forward. She stated she submitted a letter requesting to be appointed to the Webster Historical Commission.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to appoint Ruth St. Marie to the Webster Historical Commission.

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

Safety Committee – Proposed Recommendations

Chief Bent, J.T. Gaucher and Kenny Pizzetti came forward. Mr. Pizzetti stated the Safety Committee met on March 7, 2012. He stated they would like to install 3 to 4 signs from the intersection of Washington Street, Cutler Street to Lake Street stating "NO PARKING ON THIS SIDE OF STREET." Chief Bent stated this parking restriction will affect church parking. Selectman Keefe stated that an exception can be made for funerals. She stated the parking is very bad and if an emergency vehicle needed to get through it would be unable. Mr. Pizzetti stated this was not an easy decision but was needed for public safety. Selectman Keefe asked that the Safety Committee work with the churches.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Public Safety Committee's recommendation.

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

Fire Department Future Study Committee – Update

Don Bourque recues himself from the Board and stated he would be speaking as a member of the Fire Department Future Study Committee. He stated he was Chairman of the Committee and wanted to give the board of Selectmen an update of the progress they have been making. He stated the Committee meets 2 to 3 times a month. Chief Hickey stated they are looking to eliminate the Board of Fire Engineers. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Committee is looking to merge

the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad together. He stated the merged department will be crossed trained. Chief Hickey stated they have submitted a grant to fund two full-time Fire Department personnel. Chris Jolda stated they two departments will be responding as one. Chief Hickey stated the Town of Webster is the largest on-call Fire Department. He stated Webster's Fire Fighters were very dedicated. He stated the Committee just wanted to give the Board an update on their progress and will come before the Board again when they have a written proposal. Selectman Bourque returned to his seat at the Selectmen's table.

Transfer of License – Dallas Hill Corp. dba Webster Wine & Liquor

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board of Selectmen's office received a call stating the purchasers were out of state and they would like to table this item.

Transfer of License – Mohegan Bowl A Drome, Inc. dba Lic's

Attorney Mark Erlick, Edward Kinsley and Kelli Kinsley came forward. Mr. Kinsley stated he owns a bowling alley in North Attleboro. He stated the bowling alley offers late night bowling, parties, corporate bowling, and college theme night. He stated they plan to renovate the bowling alley and the restaurant. He would like to attract Nicholas College students.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Liquor License transfer from Mohegan Bowl A Drome, Inc. dba Lic's to Kinsley Hospitality, Inc. dba Mohegan Bowl.

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

Empire Wok – Liquor License Violation

Chief bent introduced Officer Reardon. Officer Reardon stated he responded to a complaint that an underage individual drinking at the bar in the Empire Wok Restaurant. He stated when he arrived at Empire Wok he went to the bar where the individual was sitting and asked his age. The individual stated he was 20 years old and had a couple of sips of an alcoholic drink. He stated he was not carded by the bartender and was served a drink. Chairman Ricci asked if this was Empire Wok's first offence. Chief Bent stated it was their first offence. Yeou Dong Ying stated he has owned the business for more than 15years and has never been in violation. Dianne Lions stated she was the bartender on duty that night. She said that this family has been coming in for 5 years. She stated a large group of them come over Tuesday after bowling league had ended. She stated she had carded him in the past and he presented a license proving that he was older than 21.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to issue Empire Wok a verbal warning for serving a minor alcohol.

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

Chairman Ricci stated that this violation will be carried with them for a 5 years period.

Deb Horan – Webster Dudley Business alliance – Earth Day Clean-Up

Deb Horan stated the Webster Dudley Business Alliance is trying to organize an earth clean-up day. She stated they would like to hold the clean-up on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th. She stated they are looking to get a 30 yard dumpster to have parked in front of the Town Hall. She stated this will bring awareness to their efforts. She stated the clean-up will happen from 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. on both days. She stated someone from Pratt will be monitoring what is being dumped. She stated they have a list of areas that need to be cleaned. She stated she would like to invite anyone that is interested to sign up.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve Earth Day Clean-up for Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th.

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

Ms. Horan stated the Webster Dudley Business Alliance would also like to hold a sidewalk sale; like last year. She stated they were also looking to have the Civil War Reenactment again.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he would like to take something out of order and have Salim Ayas come before the Board. He stated Jimmy's Convenience store is looking for a temporary construction easement from the Board of Selectmen. He stated Jimmy is very receptive to giving land to the town. He stated they are in the process of getting together the meets and bounds.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the temporary construction easement and land swap for Jimmy's Convenience Store.

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

Selectman Bourque recues himself.

Hector Pico, Michelle LaFleche and Jose Herarra came forward. Chairman Ricci stated that over the past weekend, animal control was called out over Mr. Pico's dog being loose. Mr. Herrera stated that over the past weekend they received several complaints from residents stating Mr. Pico's dog was running loose. He stated by the time they arrived at the house the dog was already in the house. He stated they did issue him a fine. Mr. Pico stated he fixed the electric fence but the connection broke. Selectman Keefe stated she was very clear at the dangerous dog hearing that she did not want to hear any more complaints about Mr. Pico's dog. She stated he was strongly advised to keep his dog restrained. She stated she understood that he worked a lot of hours but needed to keep the dog under control. She stated she would recommend that the next step would be that the Town takes control of the dog and puts it up for adoption. Mr. Pico stated he would like to be given more time to rewire the property.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to have the following restrictions put on Hector Pico: *The dog must be kept in the kennel when outdoors until the electric fence is fixed. The electric fence must be fixed by Monday, April 9, 2012. This time will also allow you to research an Ultrasonic Fence. A receipt must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen's Office showing the fence was fixed or a Ultrasonic Fence was purchased. You must also comply with Webster By-Law Chapter 313-1 by always having your dog on a leash at all times.*

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

Selectman Bourque returned.

Mr. McAuliffe stated he attended two Personnel Board Meetings. He stated they are proposing a Charter change. They will be submitting two articles for Town Meeting.

He stated the Town conducted two health insurance informational sessions. He stated one was for retirees and the other was for current employees.

He stated he attended the future options for the Fire Department Study Committee.

He stated he conducted a Department head meeting.

He stated he attended a Risk Management Conference. He stated Tina Landry attended the conference with him.

He reminded everyone that the Citizen's Petition Articles are due April 2, 2012 at 2:00p.m.

He stated he did have some items for executive session.

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

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

Old Business

Chairman Ricci stated he would like time to review the Warrant articles before the next meeting. Selectman Keefe stated giving the Board more time to review the warrants would allow them to ask any questions before Monday's meeting.

Mr. McAuliffe stated they are looking on doing some beach upgrades. He stated they are looking at upgrading the boat ramp, additional beach house upgrades, adding more sand and replacing the playground mulch. He stated that asphalt is very expensive and they would not be able to afford it in the budget this year. He stated he would like to do some landscaping. Selectman Keefe stated the children's playground is always very busy and would like to see if any additional playground equipment could be purchased.

Mr. McAuliffe stated he will be presenting his goals and accomplishments on Monday, April 9, 2012.

Chairman Ricci stated he would like an update on the current list of sewer tie-ins. He stated he would like this on the next agenda.

New Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated that the Board needed to vote on whether to have the debt exclusion on the ballot. Selectman Keefe stated she would like a breakdown of the cost for Webster residents before she took a vote. She stated she would like to have Al Beland at the Board meeting on April 9, 2012 to answer questions.

Chairman Ricci stated Waterfront Mary's Seasonal Liquor License was up for renewal. Mr. McAuliffe stated no taxes were owed in taxes. Chairman Ricci stated the license will be help until the Police Detail balance is paid.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe, to approve Waterfront Mary's Seasonal Liquor License.

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

Selectman Bourque stated he was approached by Eastern Pearl inquiring about petitioning for a full liquor license. Mr. McAuliffe stated a Town Meeting Warrant was needed to obtain a full license. He stated he will get the wording for the warrant.

Chairman Ricci read the Town election Announcement.

Selectman Bourque stated he attended the Cultural Council Meeting. Loretta Scott Walker came forward. She stated the Cultural Council has many events planned. She read the list of events.

Informational Mail

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter of resignation from Mike Hopkins. She thanked him for his time.

She stated the Board received a letter from Tri-State trek. She would like to make them aware that Route 16 bridge work may impact their route.

Adjournment

Chairman Ricci adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 9:15 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 Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland

