

**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, April 23, 2012. Chairman Ricci called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

**School Committee/ Finance Committee – Park Avenue Elementary School**

Ted Avlas stated he wanted a joint meeting between the School Committee, Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to give an update on the Park Avenue Elementary School Project. He stated the School Building Committee has come up with a schematic design and they are now looking at the building phase. Superintendent Greg Ciardi stated this is a very important phase. He stated they are looking at building a new school and fixing a school wide problem. He stated the grade levels for the Town of Webster are abnormal. He stated the transition takes place at the wrong time (grade). He stated the School Building Committee is very pleased to be moving forward. Lee Dore from Dore & Whitter came forward. Mr. Dore stated they have submitted the design to the MSBA for final approval. He stated the design is to replace the 50+ year elementary school. He stated the new school will be more compact and have heating savings. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked where the kids would be housed during construction. Mr. Avlas stated the kids would stay in the old school with some portable class rooms being used. He stated once construction is complete the children will be moved to the new school and the old school will be demolished. Mike Finamore asked if there were any flat roofs in the proposed design. Mr. Dore stated there are a couple of flat roofs that are part of the design. Mr. Finamore stated more people are unemployed than last year, more homes are being foreclosed upon and Town's people cannot afford to have their taxes increase. Selectman Bourque stated the Town is pouring money into a school that is unsafe for the children. Chairman Ricci stated the voters will decide.

**Remote Participation**

Ted Avlas stated there was a new regulation available that would give the authority to members of a Board/Committee the right to vote without having to attend a meeting. He stated this would be something that the Board of Selectmen would need to adopt. He stated with video technology that they now have the ability Skype. He stated he would like to Board to take this under consideration.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Ricci stated the meeting minutes of March 12, 2012 would be tabled until the next meeting.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012 with correction.

**Vote:** Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - abstain, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012 with correction.

**Vote:** Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – abstain, Selectman Duggan - abstain, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.

**Cathleen Liberty – Emergency Preparedness Handbook**

Cathleen Liberty stated with Federal Grant money she put together a Emergency Preparedness Handbook for all Webster residents. She stated the book explains how to make a plan in the event of an emergency. Selectmen Keefe asked where they were available. Mrs. Liberty stated the books are available in every office at the Town Hall. Selectman Keefe commended Mrs. Liberty on the Emergency Preparedness Handbooks and stated this is a great asset to the Town.

### **Webster Wine & Liquors – Transfer of Liquor License**

John Maywalt from George & Company came forward. He stated both parties are ready to proceed with the Liquor License Transfer.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Transfer of License for Webster Wine & Liquor

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

### **Public Hearing - Waterfront Mary's – Outdoor Entertainment License**

Tracy Lis came forward and stated she has owned Waterfront Mary's for nine (9) years. She stated for the last two years she has taken every step possible to accommodate surrounding residents. She stated she is requesting to have soft music on the deck during weekends. She stated she would stop playing the soft music if there were any complaints.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to grant Waterfront Mary's an Outdoor Entertainment License to play soft music from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. on weekends only until the end of July when the Board will hold another public hearing.

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

### **Pole Hearing – Skyline Lane**

A National Grid Representative came forward. She stated they are serving a new house and are unable to tap into the existing line.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve the installation of 1 JO pole on Skyview Lane beginning at a point approximately 105 feet NW of the centerline of the intersection of Lepine Drive.

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

### **Joe Zeneski & Jen Cassie**

Joe Zeneski stated he has been working with John McAuliffe on the Webster/Oxford IMA. He stated they have come to term on the rate. He stated plans are being reviewed and the contract is ready to be awarded. He stated they need to have this agreement into place. Chairman Ricci stated the Mr. Zeneski entered into a contract with the Town of Dudley stating they would be able to connect to the sewer line. He stated the Board was very clear that the Town of Dudley could not connect. Mr. Zeneski stated he did sign the contract with Dudley but they could only connect at the sole discretion of the Town of Oxford. He stated in the contract with Webster it specifically states Dudley cannot connect. J.T. Gaucher stated he has some questions regarding the equipment. Mr. McAuliffe stated there are minor changes needed to the contract and once they are corrected he will present it to the Board. Mr. Zaleski asked to have a letter from Mr. McAuliffe stating they are close to an agreement with minor changes that are needed.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated he conducted a Department Head Meeting.

He attended the Finance Committee Meeting.

He stated he conducted a meeting for funding nuisance property demolitions. He stated they place a lean on the property after they demo the property.

He stated they completed the Webster/Dudley IMA True-Up for 2011.

He stated he attended the ribbon cutting for the new Webster Animal Shelter. He stated the shelter was made possible from a donation from the Fel's family.

He stated he attended the Park Avenue Elementary School Reading Day.

He reminded all Webster residents that on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> the Webster Dudley Business Alliance was holding an Earth Day. He stated they are seeking volunteers and anyone that is interested can contact the Town Administrator's Office.

He stated he does have a need for Executive Session.

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

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

## **Old Business**

Chief bent stated he was before the Board to talk about article six (6) on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. McAuliffe stated there have been ten officers injured on duty this year which led to a need to fund overtime. Chief Bent stated there have not been less than 3 officers that have been out at one time during this year. He stated they have made all the necessary transfer that was available. Mr. McAuliffe stated they use ever dollar possible. Chief Bent stated these accounts are under budget and although they have been requesting an increase it has been level funded for the last couple of years.

Mr. McAuliffe stated Kopelaman and Paige made amendments to the language for the Park Avenue Elementary School Ballot Question. This language will need to be approved by the MSBA. Once it is approved by the MSBA it can be voted on by the Board.

## **New Business**

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town owns various kitchen equipment that he would like to put out for bid. He needs the Board of Selectmen to declare the equipment surplus.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to declare the list of kitchen equipment provided to the Board surplus.

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

Selectman Keefe stated she asked to have the discussion of Hawker's and Peddler's License on the agenda. She said Peddler are coming into Town and setting up makeshift shops on street corners and sidewalks which are undermining permanent town businesses. She stated the Town needs to verify that this Peddler's have licenses issues by the Town or by the State of Massachusetts.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Keefe to approve the "One day" liquor license for Saint Joseph Basilica for Friday, June 15, 2012 thru Sunday, June 17, 2012.

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

Chairman Ricci stated the Board of Selectmen has concluded their annual review. He stated Mr. McAuliffe had an overall score of 4.54. He stated he had exceptional performance, completed many outstanding issues and had his best year overall. He stated there was no area that required improvement. He stated Mr. McAuliffe's goals included working on the downtown area, cleaning up Webster, continuing to work on the NOAH project, removal of the new police station, the integration of the Fire Department and Rescue squad, working a five year Capital Plan, Munis training, implementing a tech review process, improving the television broadcasting and surplus properties. Chairman Ricci stated Mr. McAuliffe did an outstanding job this last year.

## **Informational Mail**

Chairman Ricci stated he would like to acknowledge that Brian Hickey was Webster's first accredited Fire Chief's.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from Janet Stoica resigning from the Cultural Council.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Bourque to accept the resignation from Janet Stoica from the Webster Cultural Council.

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

Selectman Keefe stated the Board relieved an itinerary for the Memorial Day Parade. She asked if there was anyway they could be moved so they weren't behind the military trucks.

## **Adjournment**

Selectman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 10:10 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 Bourque.

**Vote: Selectman Keefe – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes, Selectman Duggan - yes, Selectman Bourque – yes, Chairman Ricci –yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland