

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DON BOURQUE, CHAIRMAN
DEBORAH KEEFE, VICE CHAIRMAN
JEFFREY DUGGAN
MARK DOWGIEWICZ
ROBERT MILLER**

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Mark Dowgiewicz, Deborah Keefe, Don Bourque

Absent: Jeffrey Duggan, Robert Miller

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Bourque led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bourque stated the Meeting Minutes will be tabled until the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Amanda Grenier – New Library Director

Amanda Grenier came forward. Mr. McAuliffe stated Mrs. Grenier has all the credentials that are required and it was a pleasure to announce her as the new Library Director. Mrs. Grenier stated she has been with the Town of Webster for 12 years. She stated this was the right time to step forward and lead the library. She stated the Board of Library Trustees and the Town Administrator have been very supportive. Chairman Bourque stated the last time he had stopped by the library he noticed all the computers were taken. He asked if it was always busy. Mrs. Grenier stated the computers at the library are always full. She stated that is why the proposed new library would be a great asset to the Town. Selectman Keefe suggested Mrs. Grenier look into Tech Soup.

J.T. Gaucher – Storage Water Tank Repainting/2012 Road Improvements Update

J.T. Gaucher stated the Department of Public Works received approval at Town Meeting for the cleaning, painting and rehabilitation of the Park Road water storage tank. He stated they held a pre-construction meeting and will start construction on Friday, October 12, 2012. He stated work will be completed by Thanksgiving. The Department of Public Works has sent out letters to neighboring homeowners informing them of the project.

Mr. Gaucher passed out a breakdown of the 2012 Chapter 90 Road Improvements. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked how the "Hot in Place" worked. Mr. Gaucher stated "Hot In Place" works by scraping the top 2" of asphalt off the road, reheating it and then relaying it down. The road is then microsurfaced. He stated they will update the pavement management plan for next year to finish the process.

Pole Hearing – Wawela Park

A representative from National Grid came forward. She stated this was triggered by a property dispute between two property owners. She stated the pole will now be located between the two parcels.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Keefe to approve the Pole Hearing for Wawela Park.

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

Public Hearing – Stormwater Management Bylaw

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Planning Board was currently holding a meeting downstairs and would be joining the Selectmen's meeting shortly. He suggested he go into his Town Administrator's Report until they arrive.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated the BayPath Vocational School expansion vote was passed. He stated the Town of Webster will need to start thinking about debt exclusion.

He reminded everyone that Monday, October 15, 2012 was the Annual Town Meeting at Bartlett High School.

He stated he attended the Finance Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee recommended the same Town Meeting Warrant Articles as the Board of Selectmen.

He attended the Price Chopper Groundbreaking.

He attended the St. Joseph's 125th Year Anniversary Jubilee.

He conducted a Department Head Meeting.

He passed out the breakdown of the cost to hire three new police officers which had been requested by Selectman Dowgiewicz. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked how much it would cost per household if the town went for a Prop 2 ½ override to fund the three new police officers. Mr. McAuliffe stated it would cost roughly an average homeowner thirty three dollars (\$33.00) a year. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated paying an extra thirty three dollars (\$33.00) a year would be worth the money. He stated the crime rate would go down and the value of houses would go up.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Chairman Bourque to have the Town Administrator set a date for a Prop 2 ½ override ballot vote to hire three new police officers that would be specific task oriented.

Discussion: Selectman Keefe stated she would like the Chief of Police to put something together for the Board before she would feel comfortable to vote on putting a ballot before Webster residents. She stated she would like to know exactly what she is voting to approve. She stated a discussion is needed with the Police Chief. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Board would be voting on putting three new police officers on the streets. He stated these officers would have specific hours. He said he wanted to move the ball forward. Mr. McAuliffe stated this needed to be worked out within the Police Department and the Union. Selectman Keefe asked to have the Police Chief put a proposal together.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Chairman Bourque to have the Police Chief put a proposal together to be presented to the Board in four weeks.

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

The Town Administrator's Report was suspended until after the Stormwater Management Bylaw Public Hearing.

Public Hearing – Stormwater Management Bylaw

Mike Schrader and Gabrielle Belfit from Tighe and Bond came forward. They showed a Power Point Presentation regarding the proposed Stormwater Bylaw. Mr. Schrader stated this Bylaw was tailored to suit the Town of Webster. He stated State and Federal Law require the Town to enact a Stormwater Bylaw. Selectman Keefe asked if the Stormwater Bylaw was to be approved at Town Meeting who would set up the rules and regulations. Mrs. Belfit stated the Planning Board would set those up. Chairman Bourque closed the public hearing.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated Cathleen Liberty will be hosting a Halloween Health Fair on October 25, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He stated the health fair will provide health screenings, raffles, family activities and a costume parade.

He stated the Town of Webster will be holding the 2nd Annual October Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

He stated Trick or Treating will be held on Halloween, October 31, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

He stated Harrington Health Care at Hubbard Hospital will be hosting a Beer, Wine and Chocolate Fair at Indian Ranch on Sunday, October 14, 2012.

He stated he had no need for Executive Session.

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

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

Old Business

Mr. McAuliffe passed out the draft Senior Tax Work-Off Program Policies and Procedures. Selectman Keefe asked to have this tabled until the next meeting when they will have a full Board.

Selectman Keefe stated she was confused with the meeting minutes regarding "Thunder on Webster Lake" event. She stated she was not present at the meeting and was wondering why the Board approved the event for Labor Day. Mr. McAuliffe stated moving the event to an earlier date would upset the residents.

Selectman Keefe asked for an update on the Civil War Monument. Mr. McAuliffe stated he is working on this vigorously.

Selectman Keefe asked to have the Surplus Property Workshop put on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a letter from the Flower Garden requesting a "One Day" Liquor License.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the "One Day" Liquor License for the Flower Garden Florist for November 17, 2012 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Class II Used Car License Renewal time is fast approaching. He stated the Board had shown interest last year with mandatory CORI Checks. Selectman Keefe stated she would like the Town Administrator to put together a new Class I, II, & III License Renewal Packet.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to have the Town Administrator put together a packet for the Class I, II & III Licenses.

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

Chairman Bourque reminded residents that the compost facility was closing for the season on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Selectman Keefe asked if the compost facility could be re-open if the winter is mild. Mr. McAuliffe stated Yes.

Informational Mail

Chairman Bourque stated the Webster Fire Department is holding an Open House.

Other Business Unknown at the Time of Posting

Howard Eddy came forward. He stated he owns Hank's Package Store on Main Street. He stated if Price Chopper was granted a full liquor license it would put him out of business. He stated he has owned Hank's for the last three years. He stated he would like to see the Board of Selectmen not recommend the approval of the proposed article. He stated small businesses are struggling to remain open. If a huge realtor gets a full liquor license they would be able to offer cheaper prices. Selectman Keefe stated the Town Meeting is an open forum and it is a majority vote. She stated that it basically comes down to how many supporters you can have attend the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the Meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland

