

**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 Monday, November 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m..

Attendance: Robert Miller, Mark Dowgiewicz, Jeffrey Duggan, Deborah Keefe, Don Bourque

Adjournment

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 6:30 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 to come back into open session made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller.

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

Chairman Bourque called the regular session meeting back to order at 7:09 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2012.

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

Public Hearing – CMR Change

Mr. McAuliffe stated there has not been any new information regarding the Board's letter for the proposed CMR change. He stated the Public Hearing is premature to hold. He stated he would recommend postponing the Public Hearing until a future date.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to postpone the Public Hearing until a future date.

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

Selectman Duggan recused himself.

J. T. Gaucher – Street Acceptance

J.T. Gaucher came forward. He stated paperwork received from the Planning Board recommending the Town accept Ragina Avenue. He stated the road has passed all the inspections. He stated the Board of Selectmen would have to hold an on-site walking inspection of the road before the spring Town Meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to accept Ragina Avenue pending a walking inspection by the Board of Selectmen.

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

J.T. Gaucher stated he had an update on the Webster/Dudley bridge. He stated the closing of the bridge has caused some traffic problems. He stated the initial plan was to jack a sleeve under the railroad. He stated during this process they hit rock and had to re-evaluate the plan. He stated the bridge should be re-opened by November 22, 2012.

Selectman Keefe stated Negus Street is in very bad shape. J.T. Gaucher stated the asphalt plants companies close in December so they should be wrapping up the project soon. Selectman Keefe asked to have a specific date for the completion.

Selectman Duggan returned to the meeting.

Pole Hearing – Peter Street

Selectman Keefe asked where the pole would be located because sidewalk is very narrow and there is a retaining wall in that location. Shelly McCarthy, a representative from National Grid, stated she was unaware of the specifics for this pole hearing because she was filling in for someone that was unable to attend the meeting. She stated she would be able to get more information for the Board if the public hearing was postponed.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated the first phase of the Civil War Monument repairs has been completed. He stated they are looking at next week's weather to see if the next phase can begin.

He stated the October Harvest Festival was very successful.

He stated the Regional Health Fair went very well and they are looking forward to holding the event again next year.

He stated the Senior Dance went very well.

He stated Hurricane Sandy caused minor damage and limited power outages. He stated he would like to Thank the Highway, Water and Sewer Departments for their outstanding efforts throughout the storm.

He stated they will be designating a vehicle to Code Enforcement. He stated Cathleen Liberty and Ted Tetreault need an identifiable vehicle.

He stated Harrington Health Care will be hosting Community Baby Shower on November 17, 2012 from 12:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

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

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

Old Business

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from Michael Horan resigning from the Cultural Council.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller, to accept the resignation of Michael Horan from the Cultural Council.

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

New Business

Chairman Bourque stated that the Board received a recommendation from the Safety Committee. He stated they are recommending installing a "Blind Driveway" sign at the corner of Hill Street and High Street Ext.

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

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated NOAH is looking to extend the Land Disposition Agreement for the A.J. Sitkowski School. Selectman Keefe stated NOAH has worked tirelessly on trying to get funding for the proposed project. Selectman Keefe suggested the Board give them a six month extension. Selectman Duggan stated the Town didn't find out about last years funding until the end of May. He stated he would recommend extending the Land Disposition Agreement until the first meeting in June.

Motion: made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Keefe to extend the Land Disposition Agreement with NOAH for the A.J. Sitkowski School until June 3, 2013

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

Informational Mail

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from the Mass Development stating KLT Industries is moving to Webster. Mr. McAuliffe stated he has met with the company's owner and feels as though this will be great for the Town.

Selectman Keefe stated she would like to congratulate Marc Becker on his recent achievement.

Leslie Baker came forward. She stated herself and five other Webster residents would like to form a Recreation Committee. She stated she would like to get involved with bringing different events to the Town.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Duggan to appoint Valerie Beals, Jules Emerson, Stacey Tucker, Leslie Baker, Kelly Wolfsen-Guay and Michelle Budney to the Recreation Committee.

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

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland