

**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, March 4, 2013. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

### **The Party Planner – Proclamation**

Chairman Bourque stated that the presentation of the proclamation for The Party Planner was not on the agenda. He stated the Board wanted to present Dan Marcoux with a proclamation for The Party Planner's Twenty Fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary. Chairman Bourque read the proclamation. Mr. Marcoux stated he opened the store at age twenty-eight (28) and had high expectations for the success of the store. He stated it has been an interesting ride.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the meeting minutes of February 19, 2013.

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

### **Bruce Hamm and Christopher Trainor – Swearing In**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he took great pride in the two newest graduates from the Police Academy. Chief Bent stated Officer Hamm has been with the Police Department for a very long time. He stated Christopher Trainor was born and raised in Webster. He stated Mr. Trainor was the President of his class at the Police Academy. Town Clerk Robert Craver swore Bruce Hamm and Christopher Trainor in as full time police officers. The officers' families pinned on their badges. Chairman Bourque congratulated the new officers.

### **Park Avenue School Building Committee – Update**

Ted Avlas came forward. Mr. Avlas stated he was before the Board to give them a update on the new Park Avenue School building project. Dave Billings from Dore & Whittier came forward. Mr. Billings stated they have early construction documents. He stated they will erect a construction fence around the front entrance. He stated the bus drop-off will remain the same. He stated the parent drop-off will be relocated to the street. He stated the walk from the parent drop-off is a very short distance to the school. He stated the project had been reviewed by the Safety Committee. He stated the Park Avenue parking issues will be eliminated after the construction is complete. He stated a high technologically advanced security system is planned for the new elementary school. He stated the new security system will include security cameras, video intercom, motion sensors and all doors will be equipped with electronic card access. He stated after the children arrive at school the building will be locked down. He stated the outside of the building has been framed to get a residential feel. Chairman Bourque asked where the security cameras are going to be viewed. Mr. Billings stated the security footage will be accessed through the web. Mr. Avlas stated that the bids have been coming back very favorable. Selectman Keefe asked if the Committee has been getting local residents who live around the school involved. Mr. Avlas stated the Committee has already met with residents, but will meet with them again before the new school year starts.

### **VHB – Master Plan Engineering Firm Introduction**

Mr. McAuliffe asked to have VHB taken out of order. He stated they are currently meeting with the Planning Board and are on a time restriction. He stated he is very excited about the introduction. He stated today was the kick-off for the Master Plan project. He stated VHB, Department Heads and himself embarked on a two hour drive around Town. Paul Laframboise stated he is very excited. He stated the Planning Board needs help in forming the Master Plan Steering Committee. He stated VHB needs as much input as they can get. He stated the process

to produce a Master Plan usually takes two years. He stated the Town is producing a Master Plan in nine months. A representative from VHB stated the Master Plan development is truly a project with the Town. He stated VHB will hold public hearing with key people and organizations. Mr. Laframboise stated the Master Plan is a Planning Board project. He stated Linda Krupsky will be the coordinator. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Master Plan is one of the more enjoyable projects that the Town gets to be involved in. He stated the Town is looking for fresh talented people.

### **Webster School Department – Request for Remote Participation**

Mr. Avlas came forward. He stated one of the School Committee's members travels a lot, but would still like to participate. He stated the Towns of Dudley and Oxford have already voted to approve remote participation. He stated they can conference call in or Skype. Chairman Bourque stated when the Board takes a vote on remote participation it will be approved for all committees, commissions and boards. Mr. Avlas stated as a committee they can opt out. He stated that this was a great way to get more people involved with the Town who have busy schedules. Selectman Keefe stated she supports remote participation, but would like to see a policy in place before taking a vote. She stated certain things have not been addressed. She stated she would like to table this until the next meeting in order to gather more information. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated it would be the responsibility of the committee, commission or board to lay the ground rules. Selectman Duggan stated it will be at the Board of Selectmen's discretion whether to discontinue remote participation if it doesn't seem to be working. Selectman Keefe stated she would like to see a written policy of how a violation would be handled.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the use of remote participation.

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

### **Public Hearing – Demolition of 38-42 Prospect Street**

Chairman Bourque opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone was present to speak. Hearing none he turned the floor over to the Town Administrator. Mr. McAuliffe stated Inspectional Services became involved with 38-42 Prospect Street after the police had gone to the complex for a raid. Ted Tetreault came forward. Mr. Tetreault stated 38-42 Prospect Street consisted of eleven (11) units with eight (8) parties living within those units. He stated the buildings are in very dangerous conditions. He stated the stone structure walls are starting to fall. Chairman Bourque asked if there was any way to salvage to units. Mr. Tetreault stated there was no way to salvage the units. He stated the Town is ready to take the next step in protecting the residents. Chairman Bourque asked again if anyone was present for the public hearing. Hearing none, Chairman Bourque closed the public hearing.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve moving forward with the demolition of 38-42 Prospect Street.

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

### **Jeffrey Dowgiewicz – Appointment to the Conservation Commission**

Chairman Bourque stated he would like to take Jeffrey Dowgiewicz out of order. Jeffrey Dowgiewicz came forward. He stated he has experience in excavation and would like to join the Conservation Commission. He stated he is into the building and remodeling professions and believed this was a great way to give back to the community.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Keefe to appoint Jeffrey Dowgiewicz to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

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

### **Police Station Building Committee – Recommendation for Construction Contract Award**

Brian Perry and Chief Bent came forward. Mr. Perry stated they would recommend awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, which included option one. Selectman Duggan asked how the project was falling within the projected budget. Mr. Perry passed around a budget packet. He stated the overall budget was unfavorable. He stated they have been incurring expenses while going along. He stated the Police Station budget is roughly a million dollars over budget. He stated the demolition and abatement of the Garg building was not included in the original

estimate. He stated the land swap with Joe Waskiewicz and Jimmy's Convenience was also not included in the overall budget. Mr. Perry stated the unbudgeted costs would be coming out of the Fire Station renovations budget. He stated that there would be cut backs on extras at the Fire Station. Mr. Witzell of Maguire Group stated masonry, mechanical systems, water proofing and caulking came in very high. He stated they are going back out to bid for the elevators and will adjust the bid price accordingly. Selectman Miller stated he is not happy at taking away fifty (50) percent of the Fire Station's renovation. He stated the purpose was to make the building at Thompson Road usable. Selectman Keefe asked why the additional costs were never anticipated. Mr. McAuliffe stated the original project amount goes back over two and a half years. Mr. Perry stated the costs covered the construction of the building not the furniture. Mr. McAuliffe stated the driving force behind the budget is the market rate. He stated the Police Station needs things that are customized.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to award the General Contractor contract to Orlando Annilli and Sons and to give the Town Administrator authority to sign the contract.

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

### **Sean and Amy Hazard – Dog Hearing Compliance Update**

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received an email from Amy Hazard explaining she would not be attending the meeting. Michelle Lafleche came forward. Ms. Lafleche stated she spoke with Mr. Hazard and he stated he had no intentions of attending the Selectmen's meeting. She stated she had asked the Hazards to move the kennel away from the road, but they refused. She stated the dog is still barking and scaring people. Selectman Keefe stated the Hazards had thirty (30) days to comply with the Board's order. She stated she would like to have them subpoenaed to the next Selectmen's meeting. Mr. McAuliffe stated he would check with counsel to see if they can subpoena someone.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to subpoena the Hazard's to the next Selectmen's meeting.

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

Chairman Bourque called a ten minute recess.

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

Mr. McAuliffe passed out his Town Administrator's Report.

Chairman Bourque asked that Mr. McAuliffe move the election announcement to the beginning.

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town of Webster will hold a Special Election on March 11, 2013 for the Bay Path Prop 2 ½ override.

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

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

### **Old Business**

Selectman Keefe stated Saint Joseph's supplied the requested documents requested by the Board in regards to their request for a "One Day" liquor license.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the "One Day" liquor license for Saint Joseph's School on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

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

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from St. Louis Church requesting a "One Day" liquor license.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the "One Day" liquor license for St. Louis School on Saturday, March 23, 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 regarding presenting identification when voting. She would like to have this letter forwarded to the Town Clerk.

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received a letter of resignation from Sue Ann Canty from the Historical Commission.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to accept the resignation of Sue Ann Canty from the Historical Commission.

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

Selectman Keefe stated the Board received an application for a Class II & III License. She asked to have this on the next agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 9:22 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Item 2 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in an open meeting.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to go into Executive Session and not to come back into open session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland