

**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 18, 2013. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Robert Miller, Mark Dowgiewicz, Don Bourque

**Absent:** Jeffrey Duggan, Deborah Keefe

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2013.

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of March 4, 2013.

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Chairman Bourque to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of February 19, 2013.

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

**Sean & Amy Hazard – Dangerous Dog Hearing**

Amy Hazard came forward. She stated she found a new home for the dog. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if the dog was still located in Town. Mrs. Hazard stated she didn't have to tell the Selectmen where the dog was located. She stated she didn't want to see the new owners harassed. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Board needs to know where the dog is located. Michelle Lafleche stated she would like to know where the dog is located so that she could make a courtesy phone call to the Animal Control Officer of the Town where the dog is located. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated it is the Town's responsibility to keep the residents safe. Selectman Miller stated that if Mrs. Hazard would feel more comfortable telling Ms. Lafleche off camera where the dog is located that would be fine. Mrs. Hazard said she will speak with Ms. LaFleche off camera.

**Nicholas Gregory Bernstein – Class II & III License Application**

Nicholas Gregory Bernstein came forward. Selectman Miller asked if this location was behind a house. Mr. Bernstein stated that the located is behind a house but would be mostly online advertising. Mr. McAuliffe asked if this was Mr. Bernstein's residence. Mr. Bernstein stated yes. Mr. McAuliffe stated this might spark a site plan review. He stated if Mr. Bernstein wanted to make an appointment with his office he would go over everything needed.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to table Nicholas Gregory Bernstein's application for a Class II and III License for further review.

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

**Sean & Amy Hazard – Dangerous Dog Hearing**

Michelle Lafleche came forward. She stated she spoke with Mrs. Hazard off camera and stated Mrs. Hazard would not release where the dog is currently located. She stated Mrs. Hazard would only tell her that the dog is located at a friend's house in Oxford for a week then they were looking for a shelter to place the dog. She stated she has suggested many different shelters to Mrs. Hazard throughout the course of the last few months.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to impose the following: *If the Hazard's dog returns or is relocated back in the Town of Webster, the dog will*

*immediately be detained by the Webster Animal Control Officers and all costs associated with detaining the dog at the Webster Animal Shelter will be at the Hazard's expense.*

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

## **Webster School Department – Statement of Interest for Bartlett High School**

Mr. McAuliffe introduced Dr. Barbara Malkas. Dr. Malkas stated she has been very busy. She stated when she started, she hit the ground running. She stated great things are happening. Mr. Avlas stated the MSBA is accepting applications for the 2013 fiscal year for school building projects. He stated Bartlett High School has some deficiencies. He passed out a list of existing problems at Bartlett High School to the Board of Selectmen. He stated the School Committee is taking this under review and will vote at their next meeting. He stated this is just the start to a very long and detailed process. He stated he is aware that the community has a lot of projects going on at this very time. He stated the Park Ave School project took over eight (8) years. He stated they are not looking at a new structure; they are looking to address the existing conditions. He stated multiple things are showing signs of wear. He stated the Town needs to look ahead a couple of years. He stated the track field is in such bad shape that the Town hasn't had a meet in several years.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to resolve to: Having convened in an open meeting on March 18, 2013, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Webster, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 10, 2013 for the Bartlett Jr. Sr. High School located at 52 Lake Parkway, Webster, Mass. which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:[See attached] and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority

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

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he would like to thank the community for their support of the Bay Path Debt Exclusion.

He stated he attended the Finance Committee Meeting.

He stated he attended the Police/Fire Building Committee Meeting. He stated the potential bid protest has been dropped. They will be able to proceed with the contract negotiations with Orlando Annulli and Son as planned.

He stated he attended the Trustees of Soldiers and Sailors Monuments meeting. He stated the Trustees are gearing up for Memorial Day and thinking of landscaping ideas.

He handed out a draft of the FY2014 budget. He stated he couldn't stress enough that this is just a rough draft. He stated this will change as the Town continues to review state aid figures.

He stated he would like to remind all residents that the Webster Police Department will be holding a wrestling event to benefit community policing on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Town Hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

He stated the Recreation Committee & the Boys and Girls Club will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Memorial Beach from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

He stated he did not have a need for Executive Session.

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

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

## **Old Business**

Chairman Bourque stated the Board of Selectmen would be opening the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to open the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants with all Articles due on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 by 3:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Bourque stated that the Board needed to vote on the 2013 beach sticker rates.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the 2013 beach sticker rates as presented.

**Discussion:** James Bazinet came forward. He stated the beach sticker fee was voted down over 30 years ago. He asked why the Town is still charging for a sticker. He stated the State owns the water and that the Town has no right to charge people to use it. He stated the residents have to pay more money and are getting less. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town needs to charge people in order to keep the beach clean. He stated it costs a lot of money to keep the beach up to date. He stated they have increased police patrols, replaced the boat ramp and made upgrades to the beach house, just to name a few things. Chairman Bourque stated they have offered the concession stand at no cost and it is very hard to find someone to run it. He stated life guards are needed. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated there were issues with people coming from out of town and making the beach a mess. He stated he wants Webster Residents to enjoy the beach. He stated the Town spends a lot of money picking up after people who are not residents. Selectman Miller stated he would like to make a change that would allow windows and widowers to receive a sticker at no cost..

**Amended Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the 2013 beach sticker rates as presented with the change that widow and widowers can receive a veterans sticker at no cost.

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

Chairman Bourque stated the Board would be taking a five (5) minute break.

## **New Business**

Mr. McAuliffe handed out a list of the Master Plan Steering Committee Members. He stated he has reached out to everyone and this is a compiled list of who is interested. Chairman Bourque stated he has a letter of interest from Selectman Keefe.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to appoint the Master Plan Steering Committee as presented and to appoint Selectman Keefe as the Board of Selectmen's Representative.

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

Chairman Bourque read the Special State Primary Election Warrant.

Chairman Bourque stated the Board of Selectmen received a letter of interest for the Recreation Committee from Christian Leatham. He stated unfortunately Mr. Leatham was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded Selectman Miller to appoint Christian Leatham to the Recreation Committee.

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

## **Informational Mail**

Selectman Miller stated the Board received a letter regarding large tractor trailer trucks getting stuck on the corner of May and Foster Street. He stated he would like to forward this letter to the Safety Committee for further review.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m..

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland