

**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, April 22, 2013. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

Chairman Bourque called for a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombings.

Chairman Bourque stated he would like to take Chief Bent out of order.

### **Chief Bent – Update on Boston Marathon Bombing**

Chief Bent stated the Boston Bombings have been very tragic and traumatic for Massachusetts residents. He stated on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, he received a call from Boston requesting additional manpower. He stated the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council SWAT Team responded right away. He stated three of our officers, Lieutenant Shaw, Officer Collins and Officer Lee all responded. He stated they worked with other local agencies to protect hospitals, secure various targets and search homes in Watertown. He stated Boston also requested additional K-9 units. He stated Officer Suss responded with Red and Radar. He stated all four Officers returned home shortly after suspect2 was apprehended. He stated these four Officers did a very remarkable job. Mr. McAuliffe stated Chief Bent had a very close and personal relationship with the bombings. Chief Bent stated he was at a Red Sox game and received a call from his daughter who was at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, stating she was safe and that there had been a bomb. He stated his daughter and her friend carried a 19 year old girl to a triage center and waited with her for three hours before the girl was taken to a local hospital. He stated everyone was helping. Chairman Bourque stated he couldn't thank everyone who helped enough and would especially like to thank the four Officers that went from Webster.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to send thank you letter to Lieutenant Shaw, Officer Collins, Officer Lee and Officer Suss.

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

### **Proclamation – Guy Leboeuf**

Mr. McAuliffe stated that it is a very special privilege to recognize someone in the community that did a remarkable act of kindness. He stated Mr. Leboeuf, who is employed by Shaw's Supermarket, found a bag full of money in the parking lot and turned it over to his supervisor who then called the Police. He stated Mr. Leboeuf set a great example for everyone. Chairman Bourque read the proclamation. Mr. Leboeuf thanked the Board of Selectman and he said it is amazing how great things turned out. He said it is great to be recognized for what he did.

Chairman Bourque recused himself from the Board of Selectmen.

### **Full-Time Fire Department Study Committee – Final Report**

Don Bourque stated he was speaking on behalf of the Full-Time Fire Department Study Committee. He stated the Committee has reviewed the option of taking over the ambulance service for the Town. He said that option was discredited because the Town already has a full-time paramedic service. He said Webster has already merged the Rescue Squad into the Fire Department to create one Department run by the Fire Chief and Deputies. He read the Committee's summary to the Board. Selectman Miller asked for the breakdown of the cost. Mr. McAuliffe stated they looked at every possibility and the Town can afford two full time fire fighters plus the Chief. He said this department has waited long enough. He said the Fire Department is looking at an additional fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in the budget this year.

He stated that will fund a full time Fire Chief and two full-time fire fighters. He said with a Town of this size we lack of coverage. Selectman Keefe asked what the hiring process will be for these two new positions and what qualifications are required. Mr. McAuliffe stated these new positions will not be Union positions. He stated the Fire Department needed to restructure the Board of Fire Engineers. Chief Hickey stated the hiring process is done by the Town Administrator. Selectman Miller stated again he would like a breakdown in costs (medical, salary, profits). Don Bourque stated he has a breakdown of all the costs.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to dissolve the Full-Time Fire Department Study Committee.

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

Chairman Bourque return to the Board.

### **Safety Committee – Recommendations**

Kenny Pizzetti and Chief Bent came forward. Mr. Pizzetti stated the Safety Committee is looking to put up temporary signage for the Park Avenue Elementary School during construction. He said the Safety Committee is also looking to place permanent signs on Ray Street near Memorial Field. He said Ray Street is very narrow and cars are unable to pass when there is a game.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Keefe to accept the Safety Committee's Recommendations.

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

Selectman Keefe stated she had asked for a list of one way streets and whether they were have restricted parking on them. Mr. Pizzetti stated he supplied the Board with a list of one way roads and their restrictions on parking. He said this will be on the Safety Committee's next agenda in June. He said Prospect Street is a tough road and is very hard for emergency vehicles to pass through.

### **Pete Carbonneau – Request for Killdeer Island Block Party & Poker Run**

Pete Carbonneau came forward. He stated the Killdeer Island Association will hold their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Killdeer Island Block Party on Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He stated they are looking for a "One Day" liquor license. He stated everyone is welcome.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the "One Day" liquor license for Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Pete Carbonneau stated the BOW Association is looking to hold their 5<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Poker Run on Saturday, August 17, 2013. He said the final card will be dealt at a dinner to be held at Point Breeze at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Poker Run on Saturday, August 17, 2013.

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

### **Norman Duclos- Resident Complaint**

Norman Duclos came forward. He stated he received a letter from the Building Inspector stating he is in violation for parking his truck in front of his house. He stated he is only home four to six days out of the month. He stated he has always parked his truck and trailer in front of his house. He said the generator comes on for twenty minutes then shuts off. He stated he had asked neighbors and they didn't have a problem with him parking his trailer in front of his house. Building Inspector Ted Tetreault stated this is a zoning bylaw. He said Mr. Duclos would need to go in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to get approval to park his truck in front of his house. Patricia McCannon came forward. She stated he understands Mr. Duclos is trying to make a living, but she is just trying to live. She said the truck vibrates her house and wakes everyone up. She stated she doesn't sleep when it is running. She said she is concerned about the summer when the windows will be open. Selectman Keefe stated the Board does not have the authority to override the Building Inspector's decision. She stated it is a Town Bylaw.

## **Nicholas Gregory-Bernstien – Class II License Application**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he met with Mr. Bernstien and advised him to move forward with the Class II Application because the area is not zoned for a Class III License. He said a Class III License Application would trigger a site plan review. Mr. Bernstien stated he will be marketing the used vehicles online. He said he will be storing the used vehicles in his garage.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Class II License to Nicholas Gregory Bernstein.

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

Chairman Bourque called for a five minute break. Selectman Keefe left the meeting.

Selectman Duggan recused himself

## **FY14 – Water/Sewer Rates**

Mr. McAuliffe stated he took a lot of pride in the Water/Sewer rates remaining at the same level for the last three years. He went through the PowerPoint presentation with the Board. He stated he is requesting a 1% increase in the water rates and a debt shift of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) and a 0% increase in the sewer rates. Chairman Bourque thanked the Town Accountant, Pam Regis, for all of her hard work and dedication she put into the setting of these rates.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the 1% increase in the water rates and a debt shift of \$200,000 and a 0% increase in the sewer rates.

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

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McAuliffe introduced Dave Brunell as the new Water Superintendent. He stated Mr. Brunell has been with the Town for five to six weeks. He stated Mr. Brunell was the number one pick. J.T. Gaucher stated Mr. Brunell will make significant improvements in the Water Department.

Selectman Duggan returned to the Board.

He stated the transfer of property at 64 Chase Avenue has been completed. He stated there was a slight snag in the existing deed which required additional work.

He stated he conducted a Financial Team meeting.

He stated the he and the Board of Selectmen's secretary finalized the Town Meeting Warrants.

He stated the Town has finalized the utility rates and the budget will be completed mid-week.

He stated he met with Board members regarding his evaluation.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining sessions.

He stated he conducted numerous Master Plan tours.

He stated he attended the pre-construction meeting for the new Police Station. He stated Orlando Annulli has placed a trailer on the site.

He stated he met with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Representatives to review the renewal.

He stated he met with a property owner regarding property damage caused by the Rawson Road water main break.

He stated the concession stand at the beach has been rented.

He stated he met with the new business agent for SEIU Local 888

He stated he would like to remind everyone that the Town Wide Planning Charrette will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at Bartlett High School.

He stated he has a future meeting planned with Winn Residential regarding North Village's Rehabilitation.

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

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

## **Old Business**

Mr. McAuliffe read through the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to recommend approval of Articles One (1) through Ten (10) and recommend refer to sponsor for Articles Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13).

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to recommend approval of Articles One (1) through Seven (7) and refer to sponsor for Article Eight (8).

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the postings of both the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants.

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

Selectman Miller requested the Board receive copies of the agendas and meeting minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Conservation Commission from now on.

## **New Business**

Chairman Bourque read the overall evaluation for the Town Administrator. He stated the Town is on the right track and that Mr. McAuliffe is doing an excellent job. Mr. McAuliffe stated he is very appreciative of all the great comments. He said he feels great about the community and where it is going.

Selectman Miller stated the water level of the lake is very low. He asked if the gate was closed.

Selectman Miller stated the Polish Festival that was to benefit Harrington Hubbard Hospital was a great success. He thanked everyone who attended.

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a letter from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish requesting a "One day" liquor license for Saturday, May 11, 2013.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the "One Day" liquor license for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

## **Adjournment**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland