

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

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, July 22, 2013. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Jeffrey Duggan, Mark Dowgiewicz, William Starzec, Robert Miller, Deborah Keefe

Pledge of Allegiance: Selectman Keefe 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 June 24, 2013.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – abstain, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of June 24, 2013.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the meeting minutes of July 10, 2013.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – abstain, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Duggan to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of July 10, 2013.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board will table Cindy Johnson until the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Gregory Vasale – Building Permit Request

Gregory Vasale came forward. He stated he is trying to get a building permit for 25 Fifth Street in order to do exterior work. He stated is acknowledges that he owes back taxes but stated he is trying to do everything he can in order to make the house livable again to make money. He stated the Board of Selectmen can grant him a permit although he does owe back taxes. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked Mr. Vasale how long he had is last building permit. Mr. Vasale stated he had his last permit for 14-16 months. He stated the work is almost done. He stated there was a water leak and he had to put a tarp on the house. Selectman Miller stated the house is condemned. Mr. Vasale stated the house has a large red "X" on it and he believes it shouldn't be there. He thinks the house need a couple of things done and shouldn't be condemned. Mr. McAuliffe stated the house is condemned. He stated the Fire Department and Board of Health have put an order on the house. He stated the house needs to have a considerate amount of work done to it before it can be habitable. He stated if the Board does approve a building permit he would recommend that it is for a short amount of time. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if six (6) months would be enough time to do the repairs. Chairman Keefe asked if the Board could get a list from the Board of Health and Building Inspector of what needs to be done to the property of 25 Fifth Street. She stated this will determine whether there is too much work required to salvage the house. She stated Mr. Vasale is having a hard time finically and might not be able to afford to complete the list required by the Board of Health and Building Inspector. Selectman Miller stated the property seems to be getting worse.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to table the agenda item “Gregory Vasale – Building Permit Request” until the next Selectmen’s Meeting and to get a detailed recommendation from the Board of Health and Building Inspector of what work/repairs are needed at 25 Fifth Street.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Application for New Director – PACC

Chairman Keefe stated the Board needed to make a final decision on the PACC’s Application for New Director. She stated they have been before the Board several times and they have supplied the Board with all the required information. Selectman Duggan stated the Board received verification that taxes were not owed at the time they renewed their license.

Motion: made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by selectman Starzec to approve the Application for New Director for the Polish American Citizens Club.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – no, Chairman Keefe – yes.

National Grid Pole Hearing – Bates Point Road

Iris Geeston-Price came forward. She stated she was a representative from National Grid. She stated National Grid was looking to install a new pole for height requirements. Paul Turner came forward and stated the old wires were always getting knocked down by trucks. He stated he supported the new pole.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the installation of 1 JO pole beginning at a point approximately 27’ northeast of the centerline of the interception of Bates Point Road and continuing approximately 55’ in a northwest direction.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

National Grid Pole Hearing – Lake Street

Ms. Geeston-Price stated National Grid was looking to install an anchor pole on the corner of Lake Street and Granite Street. She stated the current pole is leaning. Selectman Duggan asked if this would hinder the crosswalk. Ms. Geeston-Price stated the plow would not hinder the crosswalk.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the installation of 1 JO pole beginning at a point approximately 17 feet North of the centerline of the intersection of Lake Street & Granite Street and continuing approximately 20 feet in a West direction.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Henry Konkol – Dock Complaint

Henry Konkol and Judy Konkol Deary came forward. Mrs. Deary stated she was at the meeting to speak about her father’s property. She stated the neighbor has four docks and eight vassals that abut her father’s property. She stated the docks are places 5-6 feet from their property line and boats are using their waterfront to maneuver their boats in and out of his docks. She stated a couple of weekends ago her children were playing in the water when a boat and a jet ski both tried to dock and came very close to her children. She stated she went out and bought swimming noodles and set up a safe swimming area around her father’s property. She stated the neighbor was very upset and said he was going to cut the closed in area. Chairman Keefe stated she has heard several complaints that the neighbor is actually selling his dock space. Mr. McAuliffe stated there needs to be a system in place. He stated the neighbor cannot have a commercial venture on a private property. Chairman Keefe stated the Board needed to do some research. Robert Allen came forward. He stated he lives directly across the street from this property. He stated the parking has become a problem. He stated the renters of the docks come and park their vehicles all over the place. Brian Williams came forward. He stated the boat renters have been bringing their pets and allowing them to poop all over the place. He stated they are leaving trash everywhere. He stated they are also parting at night. Selectman Dowgiewicz suggested the Board get a report from the Harbor Master. He also suggested the Harbor Master patrol the area

near the property and have the parking on the street patrolled. Chairman Keefe stated this should not be happening.

Motion: made by Selectman Duggan, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to table the agenda item "Henry Konkell – Dock Complaint" and to have the complaint reviewed by the Building Inspector, Harbor Master and the Zoning Committee.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Chairman Keefe stated that since there was a large group of people attending the meeting to hear the Power Point Presentation on the Indian Process by Dick Cazeault. She stated the Board of Selectmen has decided to move the meeting down to the auditorium.

Chairman Keefe called for a ten (10) minute recess at 7:50 p.m.

Dick Cazeault – Indian Princess – Power Point Presentation

Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m. She read out loud the ground rules for the presentation. She asked for no outburst and that people will be asked to leave if they get out of hand. Dick Cazeault stated he was hired by Chris Roberts to do all the research regarding the Indian Princess. He stated the Captain of the Boat was in attendance to answer any questions. The Captain came forward and stated he has been a boater his whole life and was Coast Guard certified. He stated he was a retired Police Lieutenant. Dick Cazeault stated the Indian Princess has four (4) rutters and would go four (4) MPH on the lake. He stated the boat has two engines that are turbo charged and can stop at a very fast. He stated the boat takes up less space than a safety zone than a boat with a skier or tube. He stated the boat has sonar, radar and GPS chart plotter. He stated the boat can be used as a rescue device. He stated when the boat was removed from the water it was pressure washed and repainted. He stated everything was flushed with bleach dilute. He stated the boat does not have a cutter bar and will not be uprooting weeds and dispersing them throughout the lake. He stated the tank is collision proof and will not leak into the lake. Chairman Keefe opened it up to the Board to ask questions. Selectman Duggan stated the movie that was shown at the beginning of the Power Point Presentation did not show any houses. He stated Webster Lake is very populated. He asked if a noise study had been conducted. The Captain stated that Mr. Cazeault showed that clip to illustrate the maneuverability of the boat through narrow channels. He stated he has driven his boat every day through narrow channel in Florida that was heavily populated. He stated the boat is very quiet. Chairman Keefe asked if the boat will use all three ponds. The Captain stated the boat will use all three channels. He stated there is plenty of room. He stated the boat would pass through the channel in about one minute. Chairman Keefe stated on days that Indian Ranch holds concerts people anchor their boat in the cove. She asked how the Boat would be able to maneuver during those times. The Captain stated that tours on the boat will not occur during concert times. Mr. McAuliffe stated he has met with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Cazeault. He stated there are still outstanding issues on evacuation plans, environmental issues and dock structure. Judy Keegan stated this boat will affect the quality of life for people who live on the lake. She stated the horn that the boat will use is a U.S. Coast Guard horn. She stated the boat will also be playing music. She stated noise carries around the lake. She stated the Indian Princess Facebook page suggested that they will be serving alcohol. She stated the boat will make one continuous loop over and over again. The Captain stated the horn is for extreme emergencies only. He stated the PC system is not noisy. He stated the boat only travels four (4) miles per hour and tours will only be 1 ½ hours long. The boat will not loop around every time. He stated there is a bar on the boat but at this time they are not looking for a liquor license. He stated the horn has to be blown three (3) times when backing up. He stated he is looking into getting a quieter horn. Paul Turner asked how fast the boat could stop. The Captain stated there is no current on the lake which would allow the boat to easily stop. He stated he can slip the boat into reserve instantly. He stated the boat will be located in front of Indian Ranch. Chairman Keefe stated the Conservation Commission did request a Notice of Intent. She asked if the boat will be re-Coast Guard Certified. The Captain stated the Coast Guard has not interest re-certifying this boat since it will not be going on open waters. Faith Rubin stated the duck tours in Boston have been regulated this year to not go through residential neighborhoods with the tour boats. She stated if the Selectmen allow this it will open the door to other paddle boats. Chairman Keefe stated the Town has gone through very measure to make sure the Town and the residents are protected. She stated it is not the Selectmen's decision to allow the boat. She stated every avenue goes through the Department of Environmental Protection. She stated the Board of Selectmen cannot supersede DEP. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Chris Roberts has been nothing but professional but there are some real concerns still pending. He asked who is going to be stuck if there was an accident. He stated everything falls on the Town. He stated the town does not have the capacity

to handle an emergency concerning the boat. Jow Kajowski stated there is a public safety issue. He stated the wind draft on the lake is very strong. He stated the boat will be very hard to control. He stated the boat will have the right of way on the lake. The Captain stated the boat does not have any right of way over any of boat on the lake. Christine Wallace stated she would like to know the environmental impact for the lake. He stated there are 700 homes on the lake that will be affected. She asked what are residents suppose to do when the boat goes by. The Captain stated the boat passed by over 400 houses daily in Florida. He stated residents in Florida were very happy when the boat went by. Sherri McKinny stated Fort Myres Florida cannot be compared to Webster. She stated there are many large boats on the waters in Florida. She asked if there will be buoys throughout the lake. The Captain stated the boat does not need buoys. He stated Mr. Roberts has offered to purchase buoys. Ms. McKinny asked if the horn needed to be blown through the channels. The Captain stated the horn does not have to be blown through the channels. Ms. McKinny asked if there would be alcohol on the boat. Chris Roberts stated they will obey ever rule that is out there. Bobby Hershberg asked if people can still swim in front of Indian Ranch and where the boat will be located. The Captain stated he is not aware of why people would not be allowed to swim and he stated the boat will be located in front of Indian Ranch. Mike Hopkin stated Chris Roberts has been very professional and supports the Indian Princess on Webster Lake. Sandy Gerard asked how people would be evacuated from the vessel in an emergency. The Captain stated the boat will be dependant on its own. Peter Lawless asked if the permit for moving the boat has been issued. The captain stated no permit has been issued to move the boat. Linda Littleton asked what kind of discussion Chris Roberts will have with the people who have a loss in their frontage. Mr. Roberts stated he had previously offered to meet with lake residents. He stated the offer is still out but wants the group to be neutral. Chairman Keefe asked how the boat will be winterized. The captain stated there were two options to winterize the boat. He stated they can leave the boat on the lake or pull the boat onto the beach. Chairman Keefe stated the session had run for an hour and a half. She stated if people had additional questions than they can email the Board of Selectman which wil then forward it to Mr. Cazeault for a answer.

Chairman Keefe called for a 10 minutes recess in order to reconvene the meeting back in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman Keefe called the meeting back to order at 9:55 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he held a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he attended a Police Station Building Committee Meeting with the Owners Project Manager and Architect. He stated the steel was delivered to the site.

He stated he attended a meeting with Mike Grendell regarding the Thunder on Webster Lake.

He stated he held a meeting with the Water Department Consultant regarding the Leak Detection Program, Backflow Prevention Program, Cross Connection Control Program, Corrosion Control Program and the Rawson Road Main Replacement.

He stated North Village is posed to invest five million dollars in North Village. He stated they are looking to hire a Social Service Consultant. He stated he has a draft letter regarding the loan subordination. He stated in order to streamline the process he would recommend the Board give authority to Chairman Keefe or himself to sign on the Board's behalf. Selectman Duggan asked if the security measures would be prioritized in the sidebar.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to grant the Town Administrator or the Chairman to sign the agreement between North Village and the Town, which will also include a sidebar with the scope of work prioritized and the timeframe to complete the upgrades.

Vote: Mr. Duggan - yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes.

Mr. McAuliffe reminded everyone that the summer concert series event was taking place every Wednesday for the next five week at the French River Park at 6:30 p.m.

He stated he did have a need for Executive Session.

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

Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Old Business

Selectman Duggan recused himself.

J. T. Gaucher came forward. J.T. Gaucher went through the water and sewer abatement for February 2013.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the sewer abatement for 113 East Main Street, account number 111998, in the amount of \$2,528.59.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Doegiewicz. Seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the sewer abatement for 204 North Main Street, account number 13232101, in the amount of \$138.45.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the sewer abatement for 6 South Point Road, account number 13625, in the amount of \$255.05.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the sewer abatement for 181 Gore Road, account number 15279320, in the amount of \$524.67.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the sewer abatement for 50 Lakeside Avenue, account number 984061, in the amount of \$291.48

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the water and sewer abatement for 3 Goya Drive, account number 14275771, in the amount of \$1559.30

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the sewer abatement for 7 Hickory Drive, account number 183424, in the amount of \$379.80

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

J.T. Gaucher went through the water and sewer abatement for May 2013.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the water abatement for 18 Reid Smith Cove, account number 10641, in the amount of \$59.43

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the sewer abatement for 54 Killdeer Road, account number 152815, in the amount of \$721.43

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Chairman Keefe asked why the water abatement was approved for St. Joseph's Parish in the amount of \$10,861.76. J.T. Gaucher stated the Town is currently conducting a leak prevention study. He stated this study will help determine leaks that need to be fixed. Chairman Keefe asked who determined the percentage to abate. She stated The Board of Selectmen is the Water/Sewer Commissioners and they are the ones who approve abatements and determine the percentage to be abated. She stated the letter notifying them of the abatement was sent three days before the Selectmen's Meeting. She stated this could have waited. Selectman Miller stated the Board takes the fall in situations like this. He stated this does not make sense. He stated this is a leak on St. Joseph's end and they should be responsible for it. He stated there needs to be a chain of command. Mr. McAuliffe stated the abatement list have gotten shorter. Chairman Keefe stated with something of this magnitude the Board needs to be aware.

Chairman Keefe stated J.T. Gaucher was looking for an increase of \$62,000.00 for the interim loan for the Massachusetts Water Abatement Trust.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the increase of \$62,000.00 for the interim loan for the Massachusetts Water Abatement Trust.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

New Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated he would like to table the ratification of the union contracts until the correction are complete.

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town currently uses the current practice of Property Owner to the Curb Box. He stated he would just like the Board to formally take a vote to ratify it.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to ratify the current Practice pf the Property Owner to the Curb Box.

Vote: Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Chairman Keefe wanted to remind everyone that there will be a Wind Turbine Meeting in the Town of Douglas on August 8, 2013. Selectman Starzec suggested in sending a delegate to attend the meeting. Chairman Keefe asked if selectman Starzec was volunteering to go for the Board. The Board decided to have Selectmen Starzec go on the Board's behalf.

Adjournment

Chairman Keefe adjourned the regular session meeting at 10:29

Vote: Mr. Duggan – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Starzec - yes, Mr. Miller – yes, Chairman Keefe – yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland