

**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, November 18, 2013. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Starzec to approve the meeting minutes of October 4, 2013.

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

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

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

**Introduction – Scott Charpentier, Planner/Town Engineer  
Gerry Ouillette, Water Superintendent**

Mr. McAuliffe introduced Scott Charpentier and Gerry Ouillette. He stated Mr. Ouillette has over twenty (20) years in water experience. He stated he will bring stability to the Water Department. Chairman Keefe stated she is very happy to welcome both Mr. Ouillette and Mr. Charpentier on Board. She stated she has been trying to get a Town Planner for a couple of years. She stated she believes the Town really needs a Town Planner. Mr. Charpentier stated he looks forward to working with Carol Cry and moving this Town forward.

**Nimz 17, Inc – Change of DBA**

Michael Niemzzyk came forward. He stated he is looking to reopen. He stated he would like to change his dba to give the restaurant a new name and a new look. He stated he is looking to open November 23, 2013.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Change of DBA for Nimz 17, Inc. from The Talk of the Town to Bubba's Café.

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

**National Grid – Public Hearing for Electric Conduit Location  
Grant of Easement - Fredrick Street  
Easement Agreement – Charter Communications  
Easement Agreement – Verizon**

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Grant of Easement for Fredrick Street would need Town Meeting approval and recommending tabling this issue until the next Town Meeting.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Electric Conduit location for National Grid

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Easement Agreement for Charter Communication.

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Easement Agreement for Verizon.

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

### **MMTC – Proposed Medical Marijuana Cultivating Center**

Chairman Keefe asked to take MMTC out of order under Business Unknown at Time of Posting. Greg Stone and Greg Kokocinski came forward. Mr. Stone stated MMTC Boston is in the process of Phase II with the Department of Public Health for a medical marijuana dispensary/cultivating center. He stated they are looking at Webster to host their marijuana cultivating center. He stated the cultivating center would be located at 30 Worcester Road. He stated he would like to go through the operational items, security plan and interaction with the community with the Board of Selectmen. He stated the deadline is Thursday, November 21, 2013. Chairman Keefe asked what Mr. Stone was looking for from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Stone stated he would be looking for a letter of non-opposition or a letter of support. He stated this would allow them to move forward in the process into Phase III. Chairman Keefe stated he has some concerns. She stated the Town of Webster passed a medical moratorium that is in effect until June 30, 2014. She stated this medical moratorium allows the Town enough time to get more information about medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivating centers. Mr. Stone stated he selected Webster because it has great security. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked what the structure will look like. Mr. Stone stated the location will be very discrete. He stated the location is set back and will not have any signage. He stated there will be a 1.5 million dollar budget for the building and for security. He stated they will be cultivating an average of 150 pounds on a monthly basis. Mr. Kokocinski stated he would gladly talk in Executive Session regarding the security but did not want to give out the information to the public. He stated they would have seed to sale security. He stated everything will be tracked. He stated the facility will be monitored 24-7 with manned security. Chairman Keefe stated she doesn't understand why the Board was only given a two day window. Mr. Stone said they have been working on this for the last couple of months. Chief bent came forward. He stated he received a phone call last Friday regarding the proposed cultivating center and did not have enough information to discuss anything. Mr. Stone stated they are a non-profit organization and would distribute over three hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000) back into the community through infrastructure and substance abuse programs. He stated they are not looking for a dispensary in Webster only a cultivating center. Mr. McAuliffe stated there is nothing written on what percentage they would give back to the town. Chairman Keefe asked the Board if they would like to post a meeting for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 to discuss this further.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to post a meeting for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 starting at 7:45 p.m. to discuss MMTC – Proposed Medical Marijuana Cultivating Center.

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

### **Chief Bent – Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement**

Chief Bent came forward. He stated Larry Geavry passed away and would like to hold a moment of silence. He stated he was before the Board for the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for MEMA.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectmen Dowgiewicz to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign.

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

### **Chief Bent – Regional Dispatch Agreement**

Chairman Keefe stated she has attended several meeting with the Town of Dudley regarding the Regional Dispatch Agreement. She stated she has gone through the contract with a fine tooth comb. Mr. McAuliffe stated that time is of the essence.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, Seconded Miller to approve the Regional Dispatch Agreement with the Town of Dudley.

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

### **Chief Hickey – Mutual Aid Agreement**

Chief Hickey came forward. He stated that the Board received a copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Webster and the Town of Thompson, Connecticut. Chairman Keefe asked if this agreement had been reviewed by Town Counsel. Pam Regis stated this is the same contract from the Town of Southbridge and it has been reviewed by Kopelman and Paige.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Thompson, Connecticut.

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

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

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board already welcomed aboard Scott Charpentier, Town Planner/Engineer and Gerry Ouillett, Water Superintendent. He stated he would also like to recognize Richard Holewa as the Town's Veteran's Agent.

He stated he attended a meeting with the Board of Selectmen of Dudley regarding the Regional Dispatch Center.

He stated he held a meeting with the Building Department, Board of Health and Legal Counsel regarding 39 Prospect Street and 31 Prospect Street.

He stated he held a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he held a DPW Team Meeting.

He stated he held a full Department Head Meeting.

He stated he conducted Collective Bargaining with the Police Union.

He stated he attend the interviews for the part-time Library position.

He stated he would like to remind everyone that the compost facility is closed for the season.

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.

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

### **Old Business**

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received several submittals from residents for the name of the new Senior Center. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he would recommend naming the Senior Center the Irene Martel Senior Center. Chairman Keefe stated they have already dedicated a conference room to Irene Martel in the Town Hall very recently and she stated she would like Webster residents to know that the senior center is open for everyone. Selectman Duggan suggested the Webster Senior Center. Chairman Keefe asked to table this until January.

Mr. McAuliffe stated that the Town did not sign a contract with Solterra for net metering because Blue Wave offer net metering. He stated he would like to continue with Blue Wave. He stated the School Department just signed a contract with Blue Wave for net metering to supply electricity to the school system. He stated this project is up and running. Eric Graber-Lopez and Aiden Foley came forward. Mr. Graber-Lopez stated that this project will be worthwhile to the

Town. He stated Bluewave has more than 30 years of combined experience in all aspects of solar development. Mr. McAuliffe stated the School Department went with the monetary savings. Mr. Graber-Lopez stated through net metering the Town will save in credits on four components on the Town's bill. Chairman Keefe stated the Town gets the credit by the bills being offset. She stated the Town could then budget down those line items.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz, to approve SREC 1 VNM – Pricing Option # 2 with Bluewave Capital.

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

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Bluewave Capital.

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

Chairman Keefe stated the board received an application for a class II license from Atlantic Motors. Mr. McAuliffe stated this type of business has been becoming more and more popular. He stated he will be buying cars from auctions, housing them in Webster then shipping them overseas. He stated the cars might get dismantled before shipping. He stated this kind of business might need a class III license. He stated where the cars are going to be housed is zoned Industrial. He stated he will get more information.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a copy of the open positions of Boards, Commission, and Committees. She stated she would like the information updated and put on the next agenda for review.

## **New Business**

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Town approved at Town Meeting an article to give the Selectmen the authority to petition the State for an act of special legislation for an additional full liquor license for Green Pepper, Inc. located at 41 Worcester Road.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to petition the State for an act of special legislation for an additional full liquor license for Green Pepper, Inc. located at 41 Worcester Road.

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

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received the renewals for the ABCC 2014 renewals which all of the establishment have signed.

Chairman Keefe stated she would like to remind everyone that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Webster Tree Lighting will be held Friday, December 6, 2013. She stated they will have arts and crafts, face painting and pictures with Santa.

## **Informational Mail**

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a letter from Paige Chiropractic requesting a one day liquor license for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the one day liquor license request for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he would like to have the Town Administrator start looking into zoning regulation and State regulations for a marijuana distribution center. He stated he doesn't want to see anything like that on Main Street.

Selectman Starzec stated he would like to commend Michelle Lafleche and Jose Herrera for all their hard work and dedication for the Paws for a Cause. He stated he attended and it was a great time. He stated they are always in need of donations.

Page 5  
Selectman Meeting  
11/18/13

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the regular session meeting at 9:21 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland