

**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, December 2, 2013. Chairman Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: William Starzec, Robert Miller, Deborah Keefe

Absent: William Starzec, Mark Dowgiewicz

Pledge of Allegiance: Selectman Keefe led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Keefe stated since regular scheduled item, The Lobster Nook, was at the Planning Board meeting she would like to take the Charter Communication Contract Update out of order.

Status of Charter Contract and Progress on Equipment

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Charter Communication Contract is complete. He stated Greg Roberts has secured five communities that have done recent build outs on their telecommunications systems to tour. He stated this will allow the Town to see the pros and cons of each system. He stated the upgrades to the fiber optic cable will begin in late spring/early summer. He stated he would love to see a small studio in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Chairman Keefe asked if it would just make more sense to build the existing studio out on both sides. Mr. McAuliffe stated they will be looking into ever possibility. He stated anything would be better than what they have right now.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he attended the Regional Dispatch Center Meeting. He stated they are creating organizational structure. Chairman Keefe stated she has added the Selectmen's Appointment to the Dispatch Committee to the agenda which they will discuss later in the meeting.

Mr. McAuliffe stated he held a Fincial Team Meeting.

He stated he held a DPW Team Meeting.

He stated he held a Code Enforcement Team Meeting.

He stated he conducted collective bargaining with DPW, Clerical and the Firefighters Union.

He stated he would like to remind everyone that the Master Plan Breakfast Forum will be held Wednesday, December 4th starting at 7:00 a.m.

He stated he would like to remind everyone that the 6th Annual Webster Tree Lighting will be held Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.

He stated he would like to remind everyone that Winter Wonderland will be held Friday and Saturday, December 13th and 14th at Memorial Beach from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.\

He stated he would like to remind everyone that the Webster Police Department has started their annual Toy drive and Coat Drive.

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

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

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

Marc Becker – Tax Classification Public Hearing

Chairman Keefe called the public hearing for the tax classification to order. Mr. Becker explained the reasoning behind the classification hearing. He stated this happens annually. He said the fiscal 2014 tax levy limitation for Webster was \$18,465,235. He stated the fiscal year 2014 maximum allowable levy was \$19,273,372. He stated there are 110 communities with a split rate. He stated he would like the Town of Webster to move towards a single rate. He stated he suggested a 1.36 CIP shift. Chairman Keefe stated she was concerned that that increase would be too much for residential. She also stated she would hate to leave money on the table if they choose a difference CIP shift. She stated that the increase on residential this year may allow not amending the split next year as taxpayers would get hit with all of the debt exclusions next fiscal year.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the 1.36 CIP shift.

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

The Lobster Nook, LLC – Wine & Malt License Application

Chairman Keefe stated Mr. Packard was before the Board a month ago requesting a Wine and Malt License. She stated at that time the Board requested that Mr. Packard go through the Planning Board before they approve the license. Mr. Packard stated he just came from the Planning Board for a site plan review and he was approved. Chairman Keefe asked Mr. McAuliffe if Ted Tetreault has gone down there to inspect the location. Mr. McAuliffe stated Mr. Tetreault has been working closely with Mr. Packard and everything is all set to go.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the Wine & Malt Application for The Lobster Nook, LLC

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

Old Business

Chairman Keefe stated she asked to get an update on the Committee for the Dock/Lake Policies. She asked if the Board could get a list of the name of the people who are interested in participating on the Committee. She asked that this gets tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman Keefe asked to have an update on the non-connected properties from sewer on the agenda. Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board appointed Selectman Miller to work on this project with him. He stated they are down to 16 non-connected properties. Chairman Keefe asked if there was any way that they Board could get the ones not able to connect off the list. She stated this would narrow down the list. Mr. McAuliffe stated they are thinking of having informal meetings with the homeowners. He stated there are properties that can absolutely connect. Chairman Keefe asked to have an update on this for the December 30th meeting.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board will table the Update on North Village- Progress with Improvements until the next Selectmen's Meeting. She stated unfortunately Selectmen Dowgiewicz was unable to attend tonight's meeting and he has spearheaded this issue.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a copy of the updated appointments to Board, Commissions and Committees. She asked that under the Firework's Committee the recreation Committee is listed.

Lori Borrows came forward. She stated her husband is in a wheelchair and has worked with the disabled in another community. She stated she would like to get involved. Chairman Keefe stated the ADA Coordinator position is open. She asked if Mr. McAuliffe could get more information on the requirements for that position. She stated if Mrs. Borrows could get a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen for the ADA Coordinator's position then she wouldn't have to come to the next Selectmen's meeting.

Chairman Keefe asked if the 2013 Fireworks Committee could be changed to the Firework's Committee and that the Recreation Committee be listed under the Committee members. She stated Paul Brodeur's position has expired on the Conservation Commission. She asked to have the list of applicants that submitted letters of interest for the next agenda.

Selectman Miller asked if the milk inspector would tie in with the Board of Health. Chairman Keefe asked if Mr. McAuliffe could look into whether a milk inspector is required. Chairman Keefe stated the Board received a letter of interest for reappointment from Matt Fitton to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion: made by Selectman Keefe, seconded by Selectman Miller to reappoint Matt Fitton to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

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

New Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated the 2014 license renewals are going smooth again this year. He stated there are some outstanding building/fire inspection issues that need to be addressed with some of the liquor license holders. Chairman Keefe asked to have this on the December 30, 2013 agenda for an update.

Chairman Keefe stated she and Selectman Miller attended the South Worcester County Communication Center meeting. She stated she attended the last one for continuity since the board did not appoint anyone once the IMA with Dudley was signed. The IMA states there will be an appointment from the Selectman as a Director of the center. She she would be happy to remain on the board if the board so chose.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Miller to appoint Chairman Keefe as the Board of selectmen representative on the South Worcester County Communication Center.

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

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland