

**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, February 24, 2014. 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 January 29, 2014 as amended.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the executive session meeting minutes of January 29, 2014.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2014.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the executive session meeting minutes of February 10, 2014.

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

Drake Petroleum – Request to Amend License for Underground Storage Tank

Ronald Fortune came forward. He stated Drake Petroleum is seeking approval to amend their license for an underground storage tank. He stated the current tanks currently hold twenty-four thousand (24,000) gallons. He stated they are seeking to replace the tanks and increase the storage amount to thirty thousand (30,000) gallons. He stated all of the piping and components will be replaced. He stated fuel storage is a heavily regulated industry. He stated tanks usually have a thirty (30) year life expectancy. He stated they are right around that timeframe for the current tanks.

Chairman Keefe asked when the construction will start to replace the tanks. Mr. Fortune stated construction will start March 24, 2014 and will continue for eight weeks.

Chief Hickey came forward. He stated the application has already gone through the Fire Marshall's Office. He stated he will monitor this construction closely.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the request to amend the license for the underground storage tank for Drake Petroleum Co., Inc.

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

Kretschmann Brewing Company, LLC – Request for Farmers Series Pouring Permit

Brian Kretchman came forward. He stated the brewing company has been open since May 2013. He stated he would like to offer potential customers small samples of beer. He stated they would not be allowed to leave with the sample and would only be used to taste the beer before buying.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Miller to approve the application for a Farmers Series Poring Permit for Kretschmann Brewing Company, LLC.

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

The Lobster Nook, LLC – Application for Alteration of Premises

Dean Packard came forward. He stated he is looking to serve beer and wine outside in a fenced in area. He stated he is looking to put out four picnic tables so that people can sit outside and enjoy the fresh air. He stated this will also provide additional seating.

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked when the restaurant will open. Mr. Packard stated the menu is still being put together. He stated he is looking to open in April. He stated he is currently selling lobsters per the pound.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Application for the Alteration of Premises for The Lobster Nook, LLC.

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

Ted Avlas – Approving the Submittal of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Renovation of Bartlett Jr-Sr High School

Ted Avlas came forward. He stated he was in front of the Board for their approval of the Statement of Interest Form for Bartlett Jr-Sr High School. He stated the Board approved this last year. He stated the application, last year, was denied and a new one needs to be filed every year. He stated Bartlett High School's roof is showing signs of wear. He stated he would like to address these problems before they get worse. He stated last year there were over 201 applications filed with the MSBA.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the motion as read: Having convened in an open meeting on February 24, 2014, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Webster, in accordance with its charter, by-law, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated no later than April 11, 2014 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 of Webster to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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

Glenn E. Krevosky – Waterway Signage for the French River and Mill Brook

Glenn Krevosky came forward. He stated he is looking for the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to Mass DOT asking them to replace the French River and Mill Brook signs. He stated replacing these signs will allowing the public to know the waterway they are passing over. He stated if people know the name of something they may come to appreciate it more than if it is nameless. He stated people are also less likely to throw trash in it.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to send a letter to Mass DOT requesting they replace the French River and Mill Brooks signs with two new signs going in both directions for each one.

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

He stated he had another issue he would like to discuss but will get on a future agenda.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he held Departmental Budget Meetings.

He stated he held a Financial Team Meeting.

He stated he held a DPW Meeting.

He stated he attended a meeting with VHB, the Master Plan Consultants. He stated they are gearing up for the last portion of the review. He stated there is a full department Head meeting tomorrow to go over the future goals of the Town. He stated there has been very good input this far from everyone involved.

He stated he had a meeting with the Sewer Superintendent regarding the sewer charges and the septage dumping fee that the Town currently charges. He stated Bill Burke will be coming before the Board at the next Selectmen's Meeting to talk about an increase in the current charge. He stated Mr. Burke is also looking to declaim two pieces for equipment surplus property, a lathe and milling machine surplus. He stated the Town has had very good luck with selling items like this on Ebay.

He stated he attended the State Inspection for the Animal Control Facility. He stated they had some recommendation for the facility. He stated the Animal Control Facility is one of the newest ones in the state.

He stated he attended the second meeting for the Dock/Lake Policies Committee. Selectman Starzec stated the committee is very popular and is very well attended. Mr. McAuliffe stated things are being addressed. He stated the Board might want to look at transitioning the Dock/Lake Policies Committee to a Study Committee. He stated the current committee's composition is very close to a Lake Advisory Council. He stated they needed one property owner that was a non-resident and one person who had a sewer easement from the East lake Sewer Commission. He stated the Board might also have to lower the number of people on the Committee.

He stated he did have a need for Executive Session.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz 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 Chief Bent has reviewed and approved the Webster Sailing Association 2014 Schedule.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Webster Sailing Association's 2014 racing schedule.

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

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked Mr. McAuliffe for an update on the solar farm project. Mr. McAuliffe stated the agreement is being reviewed by Town Counsel. He stated they are still working through this agreement.

New Business

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received an update from Alan Linkevich; the Board's Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission delegate. She stated he has provided some information on a District Local Technical Assistance Application. She asked that the Town Administrator review this information.

Chairman Keefe stated the Board received Bay Path's FY15 proposed budget. She stated enrollment has gone up. Mr. McAuliffe stated that Webster is now at their max number of enrollments. He stated this year's budget will be very challenging.

Adjournment

Chairman Keefe adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23b, Item 2 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in an open meeting.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Miller to go into Executive Session and not to come back into open session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland