

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ROBERT MILLER, CHAIRMAN
DONALD BOURQUE, VICE CHAIRMAN
ANDREW JOLDA
MARK DOWGIEWICZ
WILLIAM STARZEC**

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, March 9, 2015. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance: William Starzec, Mark Dowgiewicz, Andrew Jolda, Don Bourque and Robert Miller

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the meeting minutes of February 23, 2015.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the executive session meeting minutes of February 23, 2015 and hold until the issue is resolved.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

Representative Joseph McKenna

Representative Joseph McKenna came forward. He thanked the Board for having him attend the Selectmen's Meeting. He stated he wanted to thank Chief Bent and Sergeant Brooks for the recent ride along he participated in. He stated it was a very eye opening experience. He stated he attended the recent walkthrough of the Sheriff's Correction Center. He stated this center will be a great tool to fight addiction. He stated he will be testifying at Quinsigamond Community College for the Regional Drug Taskforce. He stated he wanted to also give a brief update on the FY16 budget. He stated Governor Baker recently released his proposed FY16 budget. He stated local aid was increased. He stated there was a 3.47% increase in local aid and a 4.87% increase in Chapter 90 funding. He stated Governor Baker knew Towns needed the aid. He stated the Governor encouraged early retirement to help with the budget deficit. He stated Baker has not proposed a tax increase and has not taken money from local aid. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked Representative McKenna what his opinion was on the location of the Sheriff's Correction Center. Representative McKenna stated the location was fair. He stated the center was not a methadone clinic and no drugs would be administered at that location. He stated the presence of the Sheriff's Office on Main Street should bring some sense of security to the community. He stated he does not have any concerns about the location. He stated the permanent location will have to go through a bid process in order to access the best location for its permanent location. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he did not believe the location would benefit the Town. Selectman Starzec stated the Sheriff's Office will have its own internal transportation which will be provided to all of its clients. He stated the location fits. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Town has a need for this center but should not be located in the downtown area. Representative McKenna stated he will keep an eye on this. Mr. McAuliffe stated the increase to state aid was fantastic but would not be enough to cover all of the Town's costs. He stated the Town has been stable but with the Veteran's Benefits increase they need to start looking a different mechanisms to help towns raise funds. He stated they are looking for tools. He stated the Town has utilized the meals tax and the GIC look-a-like plan to help generate money. He stated the communities in Massachusetts need a boost. He stated they need Municipal Relief Packages. Representative McKenna stated he can look into this. He stated they are still working through the budget. Mr. McAuliffe stated it is very early in the process and things will change but that doesn't leave Towns enough time to prepare.

Jeffrey Lougie – Class II License Application

Selectman Starzec stated this was the old Saraphin property. Mr. McAuliffe stated this application has been reviewed by the Town Engineer. He stated the property is zoned properly.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve Jeffrey Lougie's Class II License Application.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McAuliffe stated he held his Financial Team Meeting. He stated the Accounting Department is continuing work on the balance sheet for submittal to the Department of Revenue.

He stated the Treasurer's Office is working on a succession plan. He stated they continue to work on health insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Town's consulting firm. He stated there is a new hire in that office. He stated Linda Slota is retiring at the end of the month.

He stated the Assessor's Office is working on the Form of List's for personal property.

He stated the Tax Collector's Office is working on late fees and demand notices.

He stated the Town Clerk is working on the ballots for the next election. He stated they are seeking a new Registrar.

He stated the Water Department is working on water issues. He stated there has been improvement in water complaints. He stated there continues to be some water breaks. He stated the most recent break was on Klebart Avenue. He stated there was also a bad fire on Malden Drive which caused the change in flow stirring up sediment.

He stated the Sewer Department continues work on the landfill pump station. He stated they have suspended work on the clarifier unit.

He stated he conducted DPW Collective Bargaining. He stated he had a need for executive Session.

He stated Webster hosted a Mass Municipal Legislative Breakfast for the Region. He stated Chairman Miller attended.

He stated the Board attended a joint meeting with the School and Finance Committees to discuss the FY16 budget.

He stated he is working on a replacement for the Board of Health Agent. He stated looking in to future goals the Town might want to look at separate restaurant inspections and flu clinics from housing inspections.

He stated the Town is seeking a vendor for the Memorial Beach Concession Stand.

He stated he has attached the schedule for the Special and Annual Town Meeting. He stated the Board will open the warrant tonight.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to open the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

He stated he did have a need to go into Executive Session.

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

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

Old Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated Deborah Keefe and Pamela Regis was unable to attend the Selectmen's Meeting. Chairman Miller stated the Board will table this until the next meeting.

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked Mr. McAuliffe for an update on the date in which North Village will be installing the cameras. Mr. McAuliffe stated he will get an update for the next meeting.

New Business

Mr. McAuliffe stated with Linda Slota's impending retirement that Tina Landry would need to be appointed Acting Town Treasurer by the Board.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint Tina Landry Acting Town Treasurer from April 1, 2015 through May 4, 2015.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

Chairman Miller stated the Board received a letter from Capellini's requesting an indoor entertainment license. Selectman Bourque stated he remembers that there was an issue in the past with the prior owners and the adjacent neighbors. He stated they had been before the Board complaining about the noise. He stated the Board might want to keep an eye on this.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to approve Capellini's request for an indoor entertainment license ending at 11:00 p.m.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

Adjournment

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21a, Item 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

Motion: made by Selectman Miller, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to go into Executive Session and to come back into open session.

Vote: Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Dowgiewicz – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes, Chairman Miller – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland