

**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, April 13, 2015. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

Town Administrator Screening Committee

Chairman Miller stated after receiving word that Mr. McAuliffe has taken another job in Swansea the Town needed to put together a Screening Committee. He stated the Screening Committee will consist of a nine person committee. There will be one appointment from the Board of Selectmen, 1 appointment from the School Committee, 1 appointment from the Board of Assessors, 2 appointments from the Finance Committee and 4 appointments from the Town Moderator. He asked that the Board's secretary notify each designee.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Bourque to advertise the Board of Selectmen's open position on the Screening Committee.

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

Town Administrator's Hours - Discussion

Mr. McAuliffe stated it has been a very emotional time. He stated he has accomplished a lot of large scale projects within the last six years. He stated he feels very privileged to have been part of this community for the last couple of years. He stated he held a Department Head Meeting last week and it was very emotional. He stated it was a very tough decision. He stated part of his decision was based upon not knowing if this opportunity would come again. He stated his first day in Swansea would be June 1, 2015. He stated he would like to help on the Screening Committee. He stated Webster is a great community. He handed out draft copies of his schedule. He stated going forward he will be in the office every day. He stated he will be cutting back on Tuesday but will put in the time on Fridays. Selectman Starzec asked Mr. McAuliffe what he would be doing after the Town Hall closed. Mr. McAuliffe stated he would be attending meetings. He stated there are a lot of different meetings going on throughout the week. He stated his last day here would be May 29, 2015.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to accept Mr. McAuliffe's revised schedule as presented.

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

Appointment of Assistant Town Administrator – Pamela Regis

Mr. McAuliffe stated he has talked about appointing Mrs. Regis as Assistant Town Administrator for a while. He stated there will be no salary adjustment for this position. Chairman Miller stated this has been talked about for quite some time and that when the Town Administrator is not here there needs to be someone that will run the Town. Mr. McAuliffe stated Mrs. Regis reflects what happened here every day. He stated she has the insight, knowledge and dedication. He stated she already does the day to day management. Selectman Jolda stated he spoke with Attorney Goldberg. He stated the Board is allowed to recognize Mrs. Regis as Assistant Town Administrator. He stated she would not be allowed independent authority. He stated because it is the Board's appointment that the Board could rescind the vote is necessary. He stated he had no problem appointing Mrs. Regis Assistant Town Administrator. Selectman Starzec stated this would be a big donation of Mrs. Regis's time and stated the Board appreciated all of her hard work. Mrs. Regis stated she has staff support and has the help in place. Chairman Miller stated the Town is just putting everything into place.

Selectman Bourque asked if everything was up to date. Mrs. Regis stated yes everything is up to date. She stated there was an illness in the Treasurer's Office that caused some delay. Selectman Bourque stated he doesn't want to see Mrs. Regis bogged down with too much work. Mrs. Regis stated she already works in that roll now and would only be a title. She stated she will always be open for help and will let the Board know if she is overwhelmed.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Bourque to appoint Pam Regis as Assistance Town Administrator.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Pam Regis as Acting Town Administrator starting June 1, 2015 until the Town Administrator's role is filled.

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

Other Business Unknown at Time of Posting

Chairman Miller stated the Board received a letter from Governor Charles Baker regarding the FY16 Chapter 90 funds. He stated the Town of Webster is expected to receive \$479,690 in State funds.

Adjournment

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Motion: made by Selectman Bourque, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to adjourn the regular session meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland