

**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 Meeting Room at Bartlett High School on Monday, May 11, 2015. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Randy Becker, William Starzec, Andrew Jolda and Donald Bourque

**Absent:** Mark Dowgiewicz

### **Carol Cyr – Contract Award for French Riverwalk Project – Phase II**

Carol Cyr stated on Thursday, May 7, 2015 the Office of Community Development received bids on behalf of the Town for the construction of Phase II of the French River riverwalk and Fredrick Street Parking Lot. She stated they received two bids. The lowest bidder was Jack Goncalves & Son, Inc. of Ludlow. She stated she recommended the Board award the contract to the lowest bidder.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to award a contract to Jack Goncalves & Sons, Inc., of Ludlow, MA, in the amount of \$324,768.00, for the work comprising the two following projects” 1) construction of the Fredrick Street Parking Lot., in accordance with the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., (VHB). The award of the contract to Jack Goncalves & Sons, Inc., is further conditioned on: 1) satisfactory references, 2) said awardee providing the Town with evidence of insurance and 3) of performance and payment bonds as stipulated in the contract documents.

**Vote:** Mr. Becker – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes.

### **FY16 Utility Rate Presentation**

Mr. McAuliffe stated the Board have voted virtually no increases the last four year. He stated last year the Board voted a 1% increase and 0% increase the three years prior. Pam Regis handed out a power point presentation. Ms. Regis stated she gave the Board two options. She stated the water rates would need to have a 10% increase or a 1% increase and a \$200,000 transfer from retained earnings. Selectman Bourque stated he fears a 10% increase would be a big shock to residents since they have done a large increase in many years. Selectman Starzec asked if there would be improvement to the system with this rate increase. Scott Charpentier stated he presented the Board with an improvement plan a couple of months back.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve a 1% increase in the water rates and a \$200,000 transfer from retained earnings.

**Vote:** Mr. Becker – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes.

Ms. Regis stated she gave the Board two options for the sewer rates. She stated the sewer rates would need to have a 9% increase or a 2% increase and a \$200,000 transfer from retained earnings.

**Motion:** made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve a 5% increase in the sewer rates and a transfer from retained earnings.

**Vote:** Mr. Becker – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**Vote:** Mr. Becker – yes, Mr. Starzec – yes, Mr. Jolda – yes, Mr. Bourque – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Friedland