

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

A Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Hall on Monday, May 18, 2015. Selectman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Randall Becker, William Starzec, Mark Dowgiewicz, Andrew Jolda and Don Bourque

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the meeting minutes of April 27, 2015.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the executive session meeting minutes of April 27, 2015.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the executive session meeting minutes of May 7, 2015.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - abstain, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the executive session meeting minutes of May 11, 2015.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - abstain, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Bourque – yes.

Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Bourque opened the floor to nominations for Chair.

Motion: made by Selectmen Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectmen Becker to nominate Selectman Bourque as Chairman.

Selectman Bourque asked if there were any other nominations for Chair. Hearing none, he closed the nominations for Chair. He asked for a motion on the candidate

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to appoint Selectmen Bourque to Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Bourque – yes.

Chairman Bourque opened the floor to nominations to Vice-Chair.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Chairman Bourque to nominated Selectman Dowgiewicz to Vice-Chair.

Chairman Bourque asked if there were any other nominations for Vice-Chair. Hearing none, Selectman Bourque closed the nominations for Vice-Chair. He asked for a motion on the candidates.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Selectman Dowgiewicz to Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectman.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Bourque – yes.

Chairman Bourque opened the floor to nomination for Secretary.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to nominate Selectman Jolda as Secretary.

Chairman Bourque asked if there were any other nominations for Secretary. Hearing none, Selectman Bourque closed the nominations for Secretary. He asked for a motion on the candidates.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint Selectman Jolda as Board Secretary of the Board of Selectman.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes, Selectman Jolda - yes and Selectman Bourque – yes.

Continuation of May 7, 2015 Nuisance Dog Hearing – Alan Savides

Chairman Bourque stated the dog owner was on present at the meeting. He stated the dog owner was served. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he read the report and after numerous notification the owner still had no regard to show up. He stated the Town should take the dog until he appears before the Board at a hearing. Michelle Lafleche stated she didn't know the legality of taking the dog without a quarantine order. Selectman Starzec stated the Town should keep fining Mr. Salvides because the dog is not registered. Chairman Bourque asked recourse the Board could take against the dog owner. Ms. Lafleche stated they can pick up the dog if the dog is loose. She stated the only other recourse would be taking him to court. Chairman Bourque stated he would support fining the dog owner every day.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to fine Alan Savides every day for not registering his dog and have Michelle Lafleche contact the Court Magistrate to see what recourse the Town can take against Mr. Salvides.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to close the Nuisance Dog Hearing.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Doran Crouse – Water Issues

Chairman Bourque stated he asked Mr. Crouse to attend the meeting to talk about ongoing water issues. Mr. Crouse stated he was notified that a bacteria hit notification letter was taken from the Town's website and posted on Facebook. He stated the notification letter was from 2014. He stated the notification letter was taken down from the Town's website and apologized for any confusion this caused. He stated there are currently no violations. He stated the Town is always battling rusty water complaints. He stated the Water Department dispatched a crew out within a half hour when a rusty water complaint is received. He stated the areas that are getting hit with rusty water are the areas they are doing the flushing program. He stated he is hoping this water flushing will purge the system. Selectman Starzec asked when the flushing program will be complete. Mr. Crouse stated they are half way through the flushing program and have four to five more weeks to go. He stated the flushing program is better than last year but they are still identifying issues that need to be addressed.

Town Administrator's Report

Assistant Town Administrator Regis stated the Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 and nineteen articles were presented and acted upon.

The stated the Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 and twenty two articles were presented. She stated eleven articles were acted upon, six articles were rules out of order and five articles were moved to the end of the warrant to be acted upon on Monday, June 22, 2015.

She stated Mr. McAuliffe met with the Finance Team and the DPW Team.

She stated Mr. McAuliffe attended the SWCCC Board of Director's meeting.

She stated the Town Moderator is still seeking letter of interest for the Town Administrator's Screening Committee.

She stated the Selectmen have called for a Proposition 2 ½ Override Special Election for Monday, June 15, 2015.

She stated Memorial Beach will open up for weekend starting May 23, 2015. She stated the beach will open full time mid-June.

She stated the Water Department continues their biannual flushing program. She stated they have completed three of the six sectors in Town.

She stated all Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 in observation of Memorial Day.

She stated the Independence Day Fireworks Display is scheduled for Friday, July 3, 2015 at Memorial Beach. She stated this event was funded with proceeds from parking fees which have accumulated over the last few years due to generous donations the Town received for prior firework displays.

She stated the Board needed to vote to accept the Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant Award.

She stated the Board needed to vote to post the vacancy for the Chester C. Corbin Public Library Board of Trustees.

She stated the Board needed to address the T.S.K.K. request for a waiver.

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

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Selectman Dowgiewicz asked Ms. Regis if she has sat in on any of the union negotiations. Ms. Regis stated the Police Union is the only one currently outstanding. She stated the DPW and Clerical Unions Contracts have been settled. She stated she was not included of the Police negotiations.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to have Ms. Regis sit in on all Police Union negotiations.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Old Business

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a couple of letter of interest for the Town Administrator's Screening Committee.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Chairman Bourque to appoint Selectman Becker to the Town Administrator's Screening Committee.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

New Business

Chairman Bourque stated he asked to have "Authorization for Use of Town Counsel" on the agenda. He stated he would like to have a policy in place that would authorize someone to use Town Counsel. He stated it should be the Board's decision. He stated the Board needed to be responsible for the use of money related to Town Counsel. Selectman Becker stated he would support a policy and believe it would be a good idea to have one contact person. Ms. Regis stated she would like to expand the policy that would state you will need approval by the Board of

Selectmen and the Town Administrator. Chairman Bourque stated individual members of the Board don't have the right to spend tax payer's money on frivolous topics. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated Kopelman and Paige should be notified of this policy. Selectman Starzec asked if there was any reasoning behind this. Selectman Jolda stated they have a budget of \$100,000 for legal fees. Chairman Bourque stated the Board needed to agree on everything. Ms. Regis stated she will draft a policy.

Chairman Bourque stated the Board needed to appoint someone to the Downtown Liquor License Committee. He stated Robert Miller was the Board's prior appointment.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to appoint Don Bourque to the Downtown Liquor License Committee.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Selectman Dowgiewicz recused himself.

Nancie Zecco came forward. She stated she was looking to two small table out in front of Mama Docle's so that people can enjoy the outside and eat. Selectman Bourque stated he was not sure how it would work with people entering and exiting. Chairman Bourque stated it is a large area. Ms. Zecco stated she was looking for two tables and a couple of umbrellas. She stated she would also like to table the item "street closure for Italian Festival" until she has more information. Selectman Becker stated it is a very nice area and it would add a lot of charm. He stated it would be great for the downtown area. Selectman Starzec asked if the Town would be in ADA compliance with the requested outdoor seating. Ms. Regis stated the Town can look into this.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve Nancie Zecco's outdoor seating request pending they are in ADA compliance.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Selectman Dowgiewicz rejoined the meeting.

Chairman Bourque stated Webster Fish and Game is seeking an Outdoor Entertainment License for Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve Webster Fish and Game's request for an Outdoor Entertainment License for Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Sandra Shablin to the Council on Aging.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the "One Day" liquor license request for St. Joseph's Parish Festival for June 19, 20, 21, 2015.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Chairman Bourque read the Special Election Warrant.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to accept the Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant Award in the amount of \$3,150.00.

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to post the vacancy for the Chester C. Corbin Public Library Board of Trustees

Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated he would like to know why the lake levels are down. Selectman Starzec suggested they come before the Board to explain why they are so low.

Informational Mail

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a letter from T.S.K.K. requesting a fee waiver. He asked to have them come to the next meeting to explain what they are looking to do.

Other Business Unknown at the Time of Posting

Selectman Becker stated that Webster is ranked #23 in the State for heroin use. He stated the Town should put together a committee to come up with thoughts and ideas. Chairman Bourque stated this was a great idea. Selectman Becker stated he had spoken with the Chief of Police and would like authorization from the Board to get a committee together.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to authorize Selectman Becker to act on the Board's behalf to form a committee to deal with Webster's heroin use.
Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Selectman Starzec stated he would like to piggy back Selectman Randy request by also requesting the Board petition the State to adopt a law that would require all prescribed medications be locked up. He stated this would discourage users from being able to access prescribed medication of other people.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to petition the State to adopt a law that would require that all prescribed medication are kept in a locked container.
Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – abstain, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Chairman Bourque stated the Fire Department donated a tree that was planted in front of the Town Hall in memory of Karen Ruda and all the fallen firefighters that have passed. Ms. Regis the area has undergone a complete transformation and have really become a beautiful area. She stated the Town will be putting in an earth base for a real Christmas tree. She stated she spoke with Chief Hickey and got approval before the tree was removed. She stated she was unaware that the tree was in memorial of Karen Ruda. Selectman Starzec stated he would propose a year round memorial. Chairman Bourque stated the Brotherhood of Firefighters bought and planted this tree in memorial of Karen Ruda and all the men and women who risk their lives everyday going to calls. Ms. Regis stated she will contact the Fire Department and get to the bottom of this. Selectman Jolda stated he would like to see the tree replaced.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to plant three tree in respect to Police, Fire and EMS at the Town Hall.
Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.
Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Jolda – yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz - yes and Chairman Bourque – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Friedland