

**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, August 31, 2015. Chairman Bourque called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman 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 August 17, 2015.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2015.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the executive session meeting minutes of August 24, 2015.

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

Doran Crouse/Scott Charpentier/Tighe and Bond – Water Quality Issues

Doran Crouse thanked the Board of Selectmen for giving them the opportunity to speak with the Board about the outstanding water quality issues and the proposed corrective measures. Mike Schrader from Tighe & Bond stated the Town has been working steadily towards a solution. He stated the Town has solicited bids for a SCADA System. He stated this system will allow the Town to have better control over the pumps. Mr. Crouse stated when someone calls either the Police Department or the Water Department the call is logged and mapped. He stated they try to remedy the problem right away. He stated the problem with the water is the iron and manganese. He stated these two minerals get into the water source. Mike Schrader stated Webster has three water sources. He stated Station 1 is partially online, Station 2 is offline and Station 3 is fully supplying the Town with water. He stated all the water in Webster is ground water. He stated the pipes are old. He stated the Town is required to add chemicals to the water before it is sent into the distribution system. He stated there are near term and long term solutions. He stated near term solutions would be the cleaning of the pipes. He stated they have implemented a Unidirectional Flushing Program. He stated a significant amount of material was flushed out during the first flushing. He stated it takes several years to control. He stated less debris is being flushed. He stated the UFP is State mandated. Ms. Regis stated the Town of Webster was issued an ACO because the Town was not addressing its water quality issues for many years. Mr. Schrader stated the Town has gone through a lot of changes in the last couple of years. He stated there has been a lot of turnover in the Water Department. Ms. Regis stated this is a multi-prong approach. Mr. Schrader stated they are also looking to start the Ice Pigging Program. He stated pigging is a physical means of cleaning the pipes. He stated more Towns are using this Ice Pigging Program. He stated they are currently analyzing data to select the streets that will be treated. He stated they are also going to have a diver come out to inspect the Park Road water tank. Mr. Crouse stated they are trying to collect all the data from every complaint call to see why there are water complaints without an event occurring. Mr. Schrader stated the Town is also looking to implement the Cleaning and Lining Program. He stated the Town has budgeted \$200,000 for phase one of this program next year. He stated this program will restore pipes to like new condition. He stated all pipes would be mechanically cleaned, valves and hydrants replaced and a new lining is installed. He stated the Town needs to keep in mind these programs when setting the annual water rates. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if the State offered any grants

that would help with the water quality issues. Mr. Schrader stated grants from the State are not common. He stated the long term goal for the Town would be to install a Water Filtration Plant. He stated with the elevated levels of iron and manganese and because the redundancy is significantly reduced because of these minerals the Town needs to look ahead to a long term solution. He stated they are looking to put a Water Filtration Plant at the entrance of Memorial Beach. He stated building this facility would allow the Town to have all stations be online. He stated this would be a lengthy process and would go online in 2021. Selectman Becker asked if there were other Towns putting in Water Filtration Plants. Mr. Schrader stated many Towns have put in these facilities. He stated Webster has been working very hard to correct the water quality issues. He stated he encourages everyone to call if there are any issues with their water. Diane Mandile came forward. She stated this water issue has cost a lot of people money in replacing their appliances. Mr. Schrader stated they recommend running the bathtub or an outside spigot to run the water clean. He stated you do not want to run laundry or appliances until after the discolored water is gone. Selectman Starzec stated the Town should send a notice to all water users letting them know they should not run their appliances and to run their bathtub or outside spigot if they are experiencing discolored water. Selectman Jolda asked if the slideshow shown could be put on the website. Chairman Bourque stated the Board will be holding a Public Hearing on the water quality issues with Senator Fattman and Representative McKenna. Mr. Charpentier stated the Board adopted a Capital Improvement Plan without the Filtration Plant. Ms. Regis stated the Board needs to reevaluate the CIP and vote to endorse the construction of a Water Filtration Plant in order to address the ongoing water quality issues permanently.

Scott Charpentier – Indian Ranch Noise Complaints – Discussion

Mr. Charpentier stated he sent a response via email to the Board regarding the two noise complaints the Board received. He stated he marked out the area in which noise should not be a nuisance. Selectman Starzec stated he was out in Reid Smith Cove and could hear the concert music from that location. He stated that would be a violation of the noise by-law. Selectman Jolda stated the water makes the noise travel. Mr. Charpentier stated he has worked with a sound consultant on noise complaints before in another Town. Selectman Starzec asked Mr. Charpentier his opinion on whether Indian Ranch violated the noise by-law. Mr. Charpentier stated the Town would have to hire a sound consultant in order to determine if the sound is a nuisance. He stated a sound consultant would cost roughly \$2,500 to \$3,000 to make a determination. Chairman Bourque asked about the noise from loud boats. He stated this would be considered at nuisance. Mr. Charpentier stated the noise level of boats would be a factor in the noise levels that would be found a nuisance. Selectman Becker stated the Board should speak with the owner of the business. He stated although the season is coming to an end it might help the neighbors for the last couple of concerts. Chairman Bourque stated the Board will ask that a representative from Indian Ranch come to the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Kenny Pizzetti – Webster Memorial Beach – Grilling Update

Kenny Pizzetti and Danielle Phelps came forward. Mr. Pizzetti stated there were a couple of incidents that occurred during the trial period. He stated some people dumped charcoal in the tree trunks. He stated there were some positive and some negative aspects during the 30 day trial period. He stated the grilling drew people with alcohol. Ms. Phelps stated there were 10-12 incidents that happened that involved alcohol. She stated some were arrested and some were asked to leave. She stated people camp out at the beach all day. She stated they set up hammocks. She stated she would like to see the grilling become successful for next year. Mr. Pizzetti stated the beach is now closed for the season and no grilling is allowed. Chairman Bourque stated the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee was postponed to the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Danielle Jacques – “One Day” Liquor License Request – September 13, 2015

Danielle Jacques came forward. She stated they will be holding a bike run to benefit Karen Erickson on September 13, 2015. She stated the bike run will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. in Capellini's parking lot. She stated this event is to help a wonderful women with cancer and also help bring in revenue.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the “One Day” liquor license for Danielle Jacques for September 13, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vote: Selectman Becker - yes, Selectman Starzec - yes, Selectman Dowgiewicz – yes and Chairman Bourque - yes

Acting Town Administrator's Report

Acting Town Administrator Regis stated she attended a Library Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

She stated she attended a Retirement Board meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.

She stated she participated in Police contract negotiations on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

She stated she participated in Dispatcher contract negotiations on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

She stated she attended a Library Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

She stated she attended a Town Meeting Review Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

She stated the Town of Webster Cookbook is on sale and available. Employees, friends and family have compiled their tastiest tried and true recipes into a single book that will be treasured for generations to come. This mouthwatering cookbook contains 247 recipes – everything from appetizers to desserts. Each recipe includes the contributor's name and work location. All profits to benefit a Webster family in need. For more information or to purchase a cookbook, please contact one of the following members of the Cookbook Committee: Lisa Dumont in the Office of the Town Accountant, Kelly Ford in the Assessor's Office, Danyel Guiou or Tina Landry in the Office of the Town Treasurer.

She stated the Town of Southbridge is hosting an Open Meeting Law Training conducted by the Attorney General's Office on Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They have extended the invitation to the Town of Webster's Board of Selectmen, department heads and committee/board chairpersons.

She stated the FY16 1st quarter utility bills are due on Monday, September 14, 2015. The Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

She stated the Recreation Committee's 2015 Summer Concert Series concluded last week with a repeat performance by the Pulaski Brass Band. Congratulations to the Recreation Committee for another successful concert season.

She stated she attached a draft copy of an overview for the creation of an Economic Development Committee for the Board's consideration.

She stated she would like to postpone action on the Town Owned Facilities Use Policy until September 14, 2015.

She stated the CMRPC Delegate and Alternate advertisement has been posted. She stated she would recommend postponing action until September 14, 2015.

She stated the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee advertisement has been posted. She stated she would recommend postponing action until September 14, 2015.

She stated the Personnel Advisory Board advertisement has been posted. She stated she would recommend postponing action until September 14, 2015.

She stated she has requested a formal response from the Sewer Superintendent detailing our emergency response plan in the event of a catastrophic breach of the sewer utility line in question. She stated she attached the emails and Lake Circle Station Narrows Line Break SOP for the Board's information.

She stated she has attached the proposed Selectmen's meeting schedule for September through November.

She stated she would like the Board's input on the proposed BYOB Policy. She stated she would like direction regarding any limitations as to weekdays/weekends and/or hours and also the license fee.

She stated she did have a need for executive session. She stated she attached the proposed License Agreement for 14 Kenneth Avenue.

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

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

Old Business

Chairman Bourque stated they were getting very tight on time. He asked Nancy Healy when her restaurant wanted to open. Mrs. Healy stated the restaurant would like to know as soon as possible. She stated she would not be in favor of a high cost for a BYOB license. She stated these establishments are not making any money off of a BYOB license. She stated they should not be charged a lot of money to obtain them. Selectman Becker suggested charging 50% of a regular wine and malt license fee. Chairman Bourque stated they will add this to the next agenda for discussion.

New Business

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a letter from Pete Carbonneau requesting a "One Day" license for the 14th Annual Killdeer Island Block Party being held on September 26, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve Pete Carbonneau's request for a "One Day" license for the 14th Annual Killdeer Island Block Party being held on September 26, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church's request for a "One Day" liquor license for September 12, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and September 13, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint James Reed Morrison to the Trustees of Soldiers' Monuments.

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

Chairman Bourque stated the Board will table the Review Committee Appointment List item until the next meeting.

Adjournment

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21a, Items 2 and 6, To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

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

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

The Board of Selectmen reconvened in Regular Session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the license agreement for 14 Kenneth Avenue.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney M. Friedland
Executive Secretary