

**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, September 14, 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

Chairman Bourque stated they will table the meeting minutes until the next meeting in order to give the Board additional time to review them.

Chairman Bourque stated Officer Suss and Police K9 Bandit will be on the next agenda.

**Byron Titus, Program Manager and Dominic Barbara, Director of Programs
– Worcester County Sheriff's Office – Update**

Byron Titus, Dominic Barbara and Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis came forward. Sheriff Evangelidis stated the Worcester County Sheriff's Office has great pride in working in Webster. He stated they keep the area clean and do not have people hanging out. He stated there has been no problem at this location since the facility reopened. He stated the State of Massachusetts has noticed the work that is being done in Webster. Mr. Titus thanked the Board for inviting him back to give an update on how the facility was doing. He stated they have 141 clients as of today that have been referred by the Dudley District Court. He stated they have been working locally with Workforce Central, Harrington Hospital and Bartlett High School. He stated they have built a strong community partnership. He stated they will begin offering internships for college students to study the best way to provide services to the community. He stated the facility provides lab testing for the Dudley District Court. He stated clients are usually tested randomly two to three times a week. He stated they are currently providing High Set classes to thirty students. He stated they are trying to provide computer skills to help their clients obtain jobs. He stated they are providing rides to appointments to make sure their clients are taking care of themselves. He stated they are also offering meeting space through their community room. He stated Dudley District Court used the facility. He stated they are going to start a Science Program that will be planting a garden. He stated they will donate all the vegetables to the Senior Center. Sheriff Evangelidis stated there is no judgment. He stated everything they do in the facility is geared towards drug recovery. He stated they are turning people's lives around. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked how many clients have failed the drug tests. Mr. Titus stated there has been around twenty clients that have been found non-compliant. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked what Towns the facility is servicing. Mr. Titus stated they are servicing clients that Dudley District Court would oversee. Sheriff Evangelidis stated they are keeping tabs on these clients and they are making progress. He stated clients never know when they will be tested. He stated the Drug Court has been very successful. Selectman Becker stated he attend their graduation and he said it was an amazing ceremony. He stated the program is changing these people's lives. Selectman Starzec asked if their PowerPoint presentation could get up on the Town's website. Sheriff Evangelidis stated the facility in Webster was part of the operating budget and has been funded through 2016. He stated he is determined to make this program work. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked if they have any plans to open a facility in the Southbridge/Sturbridge area. Sheriff Evangelidis stated he is looking at all avenues. He stated he would love to see something open out that way. He thanked the Board for their support.

Heather Richards – Appointment to the ADA Committee

Heather Richards came forward. She stated she has lived in Town for ten years. She stated she is disabled and would love to give back to the community.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to appoint Heather Richards to the ADA Committee.

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

Michelle Lafleche – March 23, 2015 Dangerous Dog Hearing – Joe George - Violation

Michelle Lafleche came forward. She stated Dauber got loose. She stated Dauber dug a hole underneath his fence to get to a female dog. She stated he was not in a chain link fence as ordered at the last dog hearing. She stated the owner has been down to the shelter several times to see the dog. She stated she would recommend that Dauber be ordered to get neutered.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Starzec to order Dauber to get neutered at the owners cost before he is released by Animal Control.

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

Suzette Raun – Indian Ranch – Noise Complaint

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a letter from Indian Ranch stating they would not be attending tonight's Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Becker asked if they are aware of the complaints. Ms. Regis stated they are aware. Selectman Starzec asked if they don't attend a Selectmen's meeting within a month if the Board could suspend their license.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec to not renew Indian Ranch's entertainment license for 2016. (The motion was not seconded)

Selectman Becker stated Webster has a noise bylaw. He stated the Board needs to understand the bylaw. Faith Rubin came forward. She stated the Town of Webster passed a bylaw in 2011 which needs to be enforced. She stated on June 27, 2015 Huey Lewis and the News played Indian Ranch and it was so loud she had to leave her house and stay in Boston. She stated Indian Ranch did lower the microphones three years ago but she said the situation has gotten worse. She asked the Board to understand her position. Chairman Bourque asked to have this on the next agenda. Selectman Becker stated WPI might analyze the noise level as a project. Ms. Rubin stated Southbridge and Sturbridge has the equipment to meter the noise level. Chairman Bourque asked Ms. Regis to stress to the representatives from Indian Ranch that the Board would like them to attend the next meeting. He stated their attendance is imperative.

Mass Organic Therapy – Patrick Johnson – Cultivation Proposal

Patrick Johnson came forward. He stated Mass Organic Therapy has passed through the second round of the application process for the State. He stated they are looking to use 30 Worcester Road as a cultivation site. He stated they would be seeking a letter of support or non-opposition. Selectman Dowgiewicz asked since they are sharing the same facility as DMCTC if they would be sharing security. Mr. Johnson stated they would share outside perimeter security but would have their own individual security. He stated they will follow all of the State mandated regulations regarding required security. He stated the landlord of the facility is working aggressively to promote this cultivation site. Chairman Bourque stated the Host Agreement with DMCTC has not been signed yet. Mr. Johnson stated they were attending the meeting to introduce themselves. Chairman Bourque stated he would suggest MOT meet with the Police Chief regarding security. He asked if Ms. Regis could send them a copy of the proposed Host Agreement with DMCTC so they could receive what the Board is looking for in an agreement. Selectman Starzec asked if MOT could submit a business plan to the Board.

Paul Saindon – Junk Dealers License

Paul Saindon came forward. He stated he started getting into the scrap metal business in 2007 when the housing market went down. He stated he is now looking to branch out on his own. He is looking for a warehouse style location for his two businesses. Selectman Starzec asked if there was anything the Town could do if they get someone scrapping stolen metal. Mr. Saindon stated he will speak with the Chief regarding proper identification requirements for scrappers.

He stated he will have cameras and will hold the property for 14 days before it is scrapped. He stated it will mostly be business to business.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve the Junk Dealers License for Webster Metals and Base Metals Recycling.

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

Acting Town Administrator's Report

Acting Town Administrator Regis stated she attended the Park Avenue Elementary School ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

She stated she attended a Library Planning and Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

She stated she held a Department Head meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

She stated she participated in Dispatcher contract negotiations on Thursday, September 3, 2015.

She stated she attended a Library Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

She stated she met with the Finance Committee's Town Hall Subcommittee on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

She stated she attended the 9/11 ceremony at the Fire Department on Friday, September 11, 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 she is requesting action be postponed for the appointments to the Personnel Advisory Board until September 28, 2015.

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 has attached the proposed BYOB Policy for the Board's review.

She stated there are several open Board, Commissions and Committee openings.

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

She stated she has attached a letter from NOAH requesting to meet with the Board regarding the age restriction for the AJ Sitkowski Apartments.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Becker 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 the Board received several letter of interest for the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee. Selectman Dowgiewicz suggested each Board member make a recommendation. Selectman Dowgiewicz recommended Diane Mandile. Chairman Bourque recommended Deborah Keefe, Selectman Starzec recommended Ray Mullins. Selectmen Becker recommended Natalie Morin. Selectman Jolda recommended Paul Brinkley.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to appoint Diane Mandile, Deborah Keefe, Ray Mullins, Natalie Morin and Paul Brinkley to the Memorial Beach Advisory Committee.

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

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Jolda to appoint Brian Hickey as delegate to the CMRPC and Michael Dostler as alternate to the CMRPC.

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

Ms. Regis stated the Board received a copy of the proposed overview of the Economic Development Committee. She stated this committee will help streamline the permitting process. Chairman Bourque stated the committee would work proactively to promote growth. Ms. Regis stated from a residential side they might promote a community garden or a home beautification contest. Chairman Bourque stated the Town of Charlton has a CD and a marketing table in their Town Hall.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the Economic Development Committee Policy as presented.

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

Ms. Regis stated she has contacted two communities, Northborough and Winchendon to obtain copies of their BYOB Policy. She said these policies have been approved by their Town Counsel. She stated Attorney Hewig has provided information regarding BYOB Policies. She stated an establishment can't charge a corking fee because the ABCC sees that as a cost associated with a liquor license. She stated the hours of operation would be established for each individual establishment based on their needs. Selectman Jolda stated he had some questions on the language on page two of the proposed policy. He stated no open container should be able to leave the premises. Ms. Regis stated she would amend the policy to state that no open containers shall leave the establishment.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Dowgiewicz to approve the BYOB Policy as amended.

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

Chairman Bourque stated the Board received a list of open positions. He asked that all of the open positions get advertised on the Town's website.

Ms. Regis stated she has worked with the Police Union to come to an agreement for their contract. She stated there have been no changes made since this was last reviewed by the Board. She stated the only change that had been made was language relative to detail rates.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Webster and IBPO Local 428.

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

New Business

Chairman Bourque stated the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on the Water Quality Issue on October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. He stated the Board will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Ms. Regis stated they have chosen an OPM for the Library project. She stated they are very happy with the progress of the project.

Motion: made by Selectman Dowgiewicz, seconded by Selectman Becker to approve the Library OPM Contract.

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

Adjournment

Chairman Bourque adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:53 P.M. in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21a, Item 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to go into Executive Session and not to come back into open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney M. Friedland
Executive Secretary