

**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, January 11, 2016. Selectman Dowgiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Donald Bourque

Pledge of Allegiance: Selectmen Dowgiewicz led the Selectmen in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Webster Public Safety Tree Dedication Ceremony

Selectman Dowgiewicz stated the Board of Selectmen would go downstairs to the parking lot for the Webster Public Safety Tree Dedication Ceremony.

**Officer James Young Sr., Robert LaRochelle and Spencer Donovan
Recognition of Bravery**

Selectman Dowgiewicz read the proclamations. Representative Joseph McKenna read a letter of recognition. Senator Ryan Fattman read the Senate proclamations. Selectman Dowgiewicz thanked them for everything they do.

Dolores O'Donnell & Barbara Steiger – Appointment to the Council on Aging

Dolores O'Donnell & Barbara Steiger came forward. Ms. O'Donnell stated they were both seeking appointment to the Council on Aging.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Becker to appoint Dolores O'Donnell & Barbara Steiger to the Council on Aging

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

Deborah Keefe – SWCCC Board of Director's Resignation

Deborah Keefe came forward. She stated the Board of Selectmen allowed her to continue being the Board's delegate on SWCCC Board of Directors on their behalf. She stated there are some big decisions coming up and believed it was time for a current Board member to take over. She stated she submitted her letter of resignation effective March 11, 2016. She stated she will help the newly appointed Board member transition. Selectman Dowgiewicz thanked Ms. Keefe for her assistance. Ms. Keefe stated the Board of Directors meet the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Selectman Starzec stated he was sad to see her go and thanked her for all her time. Ms. Keefe stated she would suggest appointing both a delegate and an alternate.

Thai Lemongrass MA, LLC – BYOB License Application – 129 East Main Street

Ms. Leduc stated Thai Lemongrass is now open and has a current Common Vic Permit. She stated they were seeking a BYOB Permit until their Wine & Malt License is approved by the ABCC. She stated the Board just needed to set their hours.

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Becker to grant a BYOB Permit Application for Tue-Thu: 11:30 am - 9:00 pm, Fri-Sat: 11:30 am - 10:00 pm & Sun: 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm until their Wine & Malt Pouring License is approved by the ABCC.

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

Acting Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Leduc stated she met with Mr. Mark Riel, District Director for Senator Ryan Fattman, on Wednesday, December 30, 2015.

She stated she held a Department Head meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 to kick off the FY2017 budget season.

She stated she met with Mr. Walt Riley, Sales Manager for Smart Shopper, on Monday, January 4, 2016 to discuss the possibility of partnering to provide a no cost local informational publication to Webster residents.

She stated she met with Chief Bent and Lieutenant Shaw on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 to discuss police operational issues.

She stated she met with Community Development Director Cyr, Highway Superintendent Pizzetti and representatives from NOAH and Winn Management on Thursday, January 7, 2016 to discuss winter parking concerns.

She stated she attended a Police/Fire Building Committee meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016.

She stated the FY16 3rd quarter actual real estate and personal property tax bills are back on Monday, February 1, 2016.

She stated that Water Superintendent Crouse reports that the department received a total of eight (8) water quality complaints during the month of December. We have received acknowledgement from MassDEP that we are in full compliance with the Administrative Consent Order (ACO) and she has requested formal notification of the same.

Selectman Starzec asked if there was anything the Board should be brought up to date with regarding the Police operational issues. Ms. Leduc stated the meeting was just to get up to date on certain issues.

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

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

Old Business

Ms. Leduc stated Attorney Brown does a phenomenal job in protecting the Town and is very thorough in his work. She stated the Board and Town Meeting approved the Release of Easement. She stated Attorney Brown needs the Board to vote to sign the Release of Easement.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Starzec to approve signing the Release of Easement.

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

Ms. Leduc stated Chief Bent has sent two letters to the owners of 8 Day Street and has not received a response. She stated this property has become a nuisance property. She stated it is located right next to a school. Chief Bent stated there has been two narcotic incidents in the last year and a half at this property. He stated this has created a great deal of concern. He stated it has come to a point that he felt it should be brought before the Board. Selectman Dowgiewicz suggested the Board use its subpoena powers and have the owners come before the Board. Selectman Starzec asked if the tenants are being addressed. Chief Bent stated the tenants remain in the house but he has not had any communication from the owner of that property. Chief Bent stated it is a very serious situation since it is right next to a school. Ms. Leduc stated they are also searching for a By-law on absentee landlords. Selectman Starzec asked if Town Counsel had been contacted to see what can be done. Ms. Leduc stated they have not yet been contacted.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Jolda to subpoena the owner of 8 Day Street to come before the Board.

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

Ms. Leduc stated there was a serious incident that occurred Christmas Day night at Swingin' Chicken Saloon. Chief Bent stated a local group was involved in an altercation. He suggested the Board write a letter to the owner of the establishment requesting no colors be allowed in the bar. He stated he can't get that much into detail since it is still an active investigation. He stated the incident involved a man being stabbed in the bar. He stated he viewed all the video tapes from the establishment and charges will be forthcoming. He stated the victim was not critically injured. Selectman Starzec asked if overserving was a problem. Chief stated to the best of his knowledge that was not a factor. Ms. Leduc stated the owner of the establishment was very cooperative. She stated this is not a liquor license violation and sending a letter to all establishments might be helpful.

Motion: made by Selectman Becker, seconded by Selectman Jolda to send a letter to all establishments in the Town of Webster that encourages that no colors be allowed.

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

Ms. Leduc stated Webster has no signs for bus stops in Town. She stated local businesses are complaining about people gathering in front of their buildings and becoming a nuisance. Lieutenant Shaw stated Webster is a flag down route. He stated he has been playing phone tag with the WRTA. He stated he would like to set up a meeting with them to find a solution to some of these problems.

New Business

Diane Mandile and Ray Mullins came forward. Mrs. Mandile stated the committee has had some frustrations. She stated they have had a total of seven meetings. She stated they are addressing the usage fees and brainstorming improvements that can be made to Memorial Beach. She stated they are looking at every avenue to bring fees down for residents. She stated the ADA Committee attended one of their meetings and had expressed some ideas to improve the beach to be more ADA accessible. She stated they have identified six areas to focus on. She stated at this point they would like to have seen more progress from the committee. She stated the stickers are grouped together and is not sure what would happen if they separated the sticker for access to the compost and the beach. She stated some members aren't sure they want to continue because there is no data. She stated walk-ins are also a topic of discussion. Mr. Mullins stated the committee has ideas that would impact the 2016 season. Mrs. Mandile stated the committee didn't have any guidance. She stated the group is in turmoil. She stated this year could be an information year where they just collect data and adjust the fees next year based off the data. Selectman Starzec thanked both Mrs. Mandile and Mr. Mullins for taking part in the committee. Mrs. Mandile stated the current members are very busy and it makes it very difficult for everyone to attend. Selectman Starzec stated membership should be priority. Deborah Keefe stated they looked into toll booths and they are not that expensive. She stated the current ticket booth does not work at its current location. She stated walk-ins shouldn't get in for free. Ms. Leduc stated the booth was moved back because of the walking track. Ms. Keefe stated the Town needs to make Memorial Beach a complex. Selectman Starzec stated it is not about what the Board of Selectmen want it is about what the residents want to see happen down there. He stated it is a town wide decision. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated his goal to forming this committee was that this become a long term committee. Selectman Starzec suggested they get a bar code system to implement this year. Ms. Leduc stated it is very important to separate the stickers to alleviate some problems. Selectman Starzec stated the Board should hold a public hearing. Mr. Mullins stated the Town needed to increase the use of the beach. Mrs. Mandile stated the beach had a bad reputation. Ms. Leduc stated Memorial Beach has come a long way. She stated they replaced playground equipment, added beach sand and made beach house upgrades. Mrs. Mandile stated the Town should have a daily fee for residents. Ms. Keefe stated it might attract more residents if there was a low daily rate. Selectman Jolda stated he believed this year should be used to collect data. Selectman Starzec stated he would like to see pricing done for a scanner and software. Ms. Keefe stated the Town still needs to make sure it generates money. She stated she would suggest implementing a walk-in fee. Selectman Becker recommended splitting the stickers. Mrs. Mandile stated the committee members should also be appointed to a term. Selectman Dowgiewicz stated

the committee should come to the Selectmen's Meeting when the Board sets the rates next month.

Ms. Leduc stated she would like the Board to appoint Meagen Donoghue to the Economic Development Committee in her role of Assistant Planner.

Motion: made by Selectman Jolda, seconded by Selectman Starzec to appoint Meagen Donoghue to the Economic Development Committee.

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

Selectman Starzec asked to have the ADA Coordinator on the next agenda for discussion. Ms. Leduc stated she would recommend appointing Ted Tetreault, Building Commissioner, as ADA Coordinator. Selectman Starzec stated that was a great idea.

Informational Mail

Selectman Jolda stated the Board received the list of positions open for elections. He stated nomination paper are now available.

Selectman Starzec asked to have the Town Administrator Screening Committee on the next agenda.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Selectman Starzec, seconded by Selectman Jolda to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney M. Friedland
Executive Secretary