

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – November 13, 2013**

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was posted and held at the WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA, with Chairman Tiziano Doto presiding, Selectman Brian E. Falvey, Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Selectman Patrick S. Glynn, Selectwoman Phyllis J. Hull and Selectwoman Ann McGonigle Santos in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio and Clerk to the Board of Selectmen Sherri Eskenas were also present.

Before the meeting a photo was taken of the Board Members with Matthew Roberto the 11 year old 911 hero along with his family.

Chairman Doto called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Selectman Sheeran motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of October 28, 2013, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Jack Urbaczewski of 27 Orsini Drive was before the Board to express his approval of the proposed Alcohol Regulations.

Police Chief Richard Smith and Lieutenant Steve Skory were before the Board to introduce Matthew Roberto a 11 year old boy who on October 29, 2013 had to call 911 because his grandfather had fallen. Because of Matthew's quick decision making his grandfather is doing well. Police Chief Smith and Lieutenant Skory awarded Matthew with a certificate.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio presented Michael Woronka and David Portman owners of Action Ambulance along with Police Chief Richard Smith and Fire Chief Michael Sullivan and the Council on Aging Director Judy Luciano to the Board. Action Ambulance outlined a concept where they will serve as a connector of services that will link residents and the elderly with long-term services to which they are entitled but may not be receiving. Police Chief Richard Smith and Fire Chief Michael Sullivan both endorsed the initiative as well as the Council on Aging Director Judy Luciano.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to accept the Action Ambulance support services proposal, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Paul DiNocco Chairman of the Event Planning Committee presented to the Board the report for Festival Italia 2013.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to accept the Festival Italia 2013 report, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio presented to the Board the proposed Alcohol Regulations. Town Administrator Maio noted that the town's Coalition Against Substance Abuse with input from the School Department and the Police Department have been working on the proposed regulations. Town Administrator Maio recommended adopting the new regulations because they codify Wakefield's practice, adhere to Massachusetts General Laws, the Selectmen will remain the licensing authority and help make Wakefield more policy driven. Board of Health Director Ruth Clay along with Wakefield's new Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator Katherine Dhingra and Melrose's Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator Jennifer Kelly were in

attendance. Ruth Clay said that one of the key elements that the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition looked at was local underage drinking. Ms. Clay stated that the violations for a first offense by a licensee could range from a warning to a suspension for up to two days. Serious or repeat violations could have more serious consequences at the Board's discretion. Under the new regulations restaurant patrons will be allowed to take home unconsumed wine. Ms. Clay stated that this was intended to discourage people from overdrinking at the table. The new regulations will also prohibit patrons from bringing their own liquor to restaurants. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to accept the proposed Alcohol Regulations and to implement them beginning January 1, 2014, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approved the request from Mike Marando, Troop Committee Chairman for Troop 701, to sell Christmas wreaths in public spaces from November 28, 2013 through December 8, 2013 and to sell wreaths in front of the Post Office on Friday November 29, 2013 and at the Holiday Stroll on December 7, 2013, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted. Selectman DiNocco asked that Mike Marando contact him regarding the location for selling the wreaths at the Holiday Stroll.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from Ngan Wedemeier Co-Chair of the Spring Fling Committee for The Mary Walton Elementary School PTO for a One Day Liquor License for the Spring Fling Fundraiser on Saturday March 29, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center and to have the fee waived, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

#### Correspondence:

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Wakefield Housing Authority – Official Audit Report
- Letter from Comcast
- Letter from Curley Law Firm

#### Comments:

Selectwoman Hull – Requested that the American Flag be displayed on stage for Town Meeting on November 28, 2013 and to also have the Pledge of Allegiance said; congratulated the band at the Veterans Day Service

Selectwoman Santos – The Veterans Event for the school children was a very nice ceremony

Selectman Glynn – The Veterans Day Service at the Galvin Middle School was a special event; thank you to the Pop Warner for procuring the storage bins

Selectwoman Sheeran – Please remember the Food Pantry

Selectman Falvey – Veterans Day Service at the Galvin was a wonderful event; questioned the letter from Curley Law Firm regarding renaming portions of the Galvin Middle School

Board Members signed Weekly Warrants; One Day Liquor License; Order of Taking of Mitchell Lane

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to adjourn at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

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Sherri A. Eskenas, Clerk