

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – November 24, 2014

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

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

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of November 10, 2014, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

The Crisis Intervention Team from the Wakefield Police Department was before the Board to talk about the 2014 Community Policing Award which was awarded to the department at The International Associations of Chiefs of Police annual conference in Orlando, Florida. The Board of Selectmen congratulated the Wakefield Police Department for being one of only 10 departments worldwide to receive the Community Policing Award.

Selectman Doto motioned to advertise for an appointment to the Wakefield Retirement Board, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

At 7:40 p.m. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to enter into the public hearing the tax classification, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Roll Call:

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectwoman Sheeran – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Doto – yes

Selectwoman Santos – yes

Chairman Falvey – yes

Victor Santaniello Director of Assessments along with Jane D'Addario Chairwoman of the Board of Assessors was before the Board to present the final Classification Presentation and Selection of a Minimum Residential Factor for Fiscal Year 2015.

Selectman Doto motioned to set the Minimum Residential Factor to .866659, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted with Selectman DiNocco abstaining.

Selectman Doto motioned to not grant a discount for Open Space, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted with Selectman DiNocco abstaining.

Selectman Doto motioned to not grant a residential exemption, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted with Selectman DiNocco abstaining.

Selectman Doto motioned to not grant a commercial exemption, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted with Selectman DiNocco abstaining.

No one from the public was present to talk about the tax classification.

At 7:59 Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Roll Call:

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectwoman Sheeran – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Doto – yes
Selectwoman Santos – yes
Chairman Falvey – yes

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Jane Fanjoy Chairperson of the Wakefield Lions Club for their annual event of the arrival of Santa Clause by fire engine on Saturday December 13, 2014 and to also place Santa's workshop on the upper common at the corner of Church and Common Street during the week of December 1, 2014 through December 23, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen Maio presented to the Board letters to the State Delegates regarding potential 9C budget cuts.

Selectman Doto motioned to endorse the letters and to authorize Town Administrator Stephen Maio to handle all communication with the State Delegates, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to deny the request from Sarah Ragab from the Clarion Inn to extend their liquor license by one hour to 2:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to deny the request from Maria Demoura Donald for a Class II License for IB Auto Sales, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted with Selectman Doto opposed. Motion stands with the vote 5-1.

Correspondence:

Letter from Senator Jason M. Lewis

Comments:

Town Administrator – requested Board members to speak to him about their legislative priorities for next year

Selectwoman Hull – Happy Thanksgiving

Selectwoman Sheeran – thank you to WCAT for their Annual Meeting; please remember the Food Pantry; Happy Thanksgiving

Selectman DiNocco – Happy Thanksgiving

Selectwoman Santos – Happy Thanksgiving

Chairman Falvey – commented on the Sign By-law

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to adjourn at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk