



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 26th, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89906880510>

Call to Order: Ann Santos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ann Santos led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Ann McGonigle Santos, Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin, Vice-Chair; Mehreen N. Butt; Jonathan P. Chines; Paul R. DiNocco; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Peter J. May.

Administration Present: Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk and Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator.

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: Delia Castriano and Katie Richter, 3rd graders at the Dolbeare School and members from Brownie Troup 88219 spoke briefly about the process they are going through for obtaining their Suffrage Centennial Patch which promotes voting.

Approval of Minutes: Paul DiNocco motioned to approve the October 15th, 2020 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Personnel: Erin Kokinda, Community and Economic Development Director was introduced.

Regular Town Meeting: Town Administrator Stephen Maio stated the Regular Town Meeting is scheduled for November 07th, 2020 in the Field House at the High School so that there can be maximum social distancing just like at the Annual Town Meeting in June. There will be tents outside with heaters as well as an area inside designated as a mask free zone for people that have medical conditions and cannot wear a mask. All others will be required to wear a mask.

Outdoor Dining: Paul DiNocco motioned to extend outdoor dining through "60-days after the ending of the State of Emergency" COVID Order No. 50. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

COVID-19 Update: Health Director Clay stated the numbers are not looking great. There is a strong likelihood that Wakefield will be red again which makes three (3) weeks in a row. If this happens Wakefield is required to go back to Step One (1) Phase Three (3) which will take effect on Monday. The website now has a dashboard regarding COVID-19. Enforcement through videos will take place every Friday with WCAT, message boards will have enforcement after the election is over, kiosk videos as well as the billboard on Route 128 will also have enforcement.



Gift Acceptance: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library with special thanks to the Constance C. Murray Estate. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Announcements: Ann Santos: noted the Food Pantry can use donations; Wakefield has kept the AAA Bond rating; looking into committee guidelines; noted with regret the passing of Jeff Klapes' father. Jonathan Chines: Planning Board will be hearing two (2) Citizen Petitions at their Public Hearing on November 05th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; Halloween is coming up – be careful and be safe; voting is a week away and Town Meeting is next Saturday. Mehreen N. Butt: Family Flu Clinic is tomorrow at the High School from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.; early voting is very safe at Town Hall; Pumpkin Drop at the four (4) elementary schools on November 02nd, 2020. Julie Smith-Galvin: questioned whether Broadway Street is open – the next few days it will be open. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: voting in person on November 03rd, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. will be a very safe experience. Stephen P. Maio: close to thirty (30) people so far have been recipients of the Emergency Fund and there is a balance in the account of over twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00).

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: There were no matters unanticipated.

Adjournment: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk