



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

December 07<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88582680471>

**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:** Bronwyn Della Volpe of 1 Cyrus Street submitted the Public Participation form express concern with agenda item 7 – Market Street, Lynnfield traffic; Janine Cook of 6 Jessica Lane spoke regarding concern with agenda item 7 – Market Street, Lynnfield traffic and agenda item 6 – Developments on Salem Street; Shane McCarthy of 14 Old Colony Drive spoke regarding concern for on street parking on Walton Street and the proposed construction plans for Salem Street; Susan Wetmore of 12 Sunset Drive spoke regarding concern with agenda item 7 – Market Street, Lynnfield traffic; and Shelagh Lord of 20 Walton Street spoke regarding concern with the traffic issues in the Montrose area as the Salem Street projects develop.

**Approval of Minutes:** Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Project Updates:** Community & Economic Development Director Kokinda presented a PowerPoint outlining plans and initiatives that included a Small Business Resource Webinar she will be holding on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Town Engineer Renault presented a PowerPoint Quite Zone update which included three steps – Short Term: add jersey barriers to Broadway Street crossing per FRA, Mid Term – File amended Public Authority Application with new ASMs calculations to FRA to open Broadway Street crossing with islands re-installed (30 to 60 day review) and re-install center islands and open crossing, Long Term – initiate design for new Quad-Gate System at Broadway Street, incorporate Town funded Quad Gate System into MBTA track upgrade plans in two years. Town Administrator Maio gave an update regarding the Public Safety Building. The Permanent Building Committee has hired Left Field as the Project Manager and HKT as the Designer. Over the next 8-weeks HKT will be laser scanning the entire building and then we will be going out to bid for construction. Town Administrator Maio also gave an update on the developments on Salem Street which are all apartment ownerships. The first project is a 19-unit mid-rise apartment that has been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals although the decision has not been filed as of yet. The second project is before the ZBA with a proposal of 30-units. The third project is also before the ZBA



and is a 21 residential unit and one office space. He also stated that there is a Traffic Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. that will be looking at any issues on Walton in particular. Town Administrator Maio also gave an update on the High School. The MSBA has been looking at the design enrollment for the school and on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 they will formally invite us into the feasibility study program.

**Market Street Lynnfield Traffic:** Town Administrator Maio and Town Council Chair Santos will be meeting with representative from Lynnfield and Market Street to talk about the issue with the sign.

**COVID-19 Update:** Health Director Clay stated Wakefield residents and Town employees are going to be offered free COVID testing on three (3) separate days at the Voke using CARES Act money for 1000 people each day. She also stated that Wakefield's numbers are increasing dramatically and they are in the process of hiring a full-time employee just for Wakefield. Emergency Management Director Walsh stated the next 6-weeks are going to be crucial for us.

**Licenses:** Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the Common Victualler applications as presented. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Entertainment applications as presented. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Lodging House applications as presented. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Class 2 applications as presented. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Gift Acceptance –** Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts from The Meghan Burnett Foundation in the amount of \$13,000.00 to cover costs associated with the purchase and installation of the new scoreboard at the WMHS softball field with thanks. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Announcements:** A denial letter was submitted to the Emmanuel Episcopal Church regarding an outdoor service on Christmas Eve. Jonathan P. Chines said there is a virtual menorah lighting this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.; the High School Drama Department is doing a live streamed performance of a Christmas Carol next Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; his office hours are next Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on the Library step and it is also the last Sidewalk Sale. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. announced the pit is having expanded hours this Wednesday and this Saturday and permits are required; Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas. Julie Smith-Galvin stated the plastic bag recycling is extended to this Saturday; the Hartshore House is doing their 2021 annual calendar. Mehreen N. Butt provided an update on the Senior Center in which they are still providing transportation, small classes by appointment and any adult can use their computer room by appointment; the Library received a grant and their theme is commit to your community and get involved with a panel discussion on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with more information on their website; three (3) new police officer are graduating on Friday and the Police Department was awarded a grant for \$24,000.00 for traffic enforcement; the drug take back day on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 collected 594 pounds of prescription medication; menorah lighting and asked Steve to give an MTBA update; acknowledged and appreciated the project updates. Paul R. DiNocco asked Steve to reach out to National Grid to congratulate the point person with how the complaints are handled; thanked

all the Town departments throughout the year; Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas. Town Administrator Maio thanked the Town Council for their support and their participation in working with the MBTA on the proposed cuts, at this point the cuts are off the table for now. Ann Santos thanked all the Town's employees for the past year and wished Happy Holidays to everyone.

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

**Adjournment:** Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton  
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED