



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting Minutes: Town Council
2024 January 8
7:00 pm Eastern Time
WCAT Studio – 24 Hemlock Road | Via Zoom

Call to Order: Jonathan P. Chines called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jonathan P. Chines led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Council: Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines, Chair; Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr., Michael J. McLane (remote), Vice Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin; and Robert E. Vincent II.

Administration: Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator; Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant, and Town Council Clerk.

Town Counsel: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: David Bisson of 20 Hancock Road provided a number of updates regarding the proposed Resolution that was provided for consideration to the Town Council on December 11, 2023.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Preview: Town Administrator Maio provided an overview for Fiscal Year 2025.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets: Evan Kenney, Chair of the Finance Committee Town Hall Subcommittee, recommended favorable action on the following budgets presented by Town Accountant Gill. Mehreen N. Butt moved to approve the following Fiscal Year 2025 budgets: Budget #2 Accounting Department for \$490,152.00; Budget #5 Legal Department for \$206,152.00; Budget #7 Tax Collecting Department for \$311,855.00; Budget #8 Assessing Department for \$258,875.00; Budget #9 Town Clerk Department for \$259,479.00; Budget #10 Election & Registration for \$42,300.00; Budget #11 Election Expense for \$40,350.00; Budget #12 Finance Committee for \$7,060.00; Budget #14 Planning Board for \$10,775.00; Budget #15 Zoning Board of Appeals for \$30,300.00; Budget #25 Council on Aging for \$288,193.00; Budget #27 Recreation Department for \$130,814.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.



Presentations / Updates: Albion Cultural Exchange Facility: The Recreation Department has managed the Albion Cultural Exchange facility for six months. A more welcoming space has been created with not just arts but open mic events, improv shows, workshops, and monthly meetings. The building will eventually be a revenue-generating rental space, but funding for renovations and an elevator will be needed.

License: 2024 License Renewals: Julie Smith-Galvin moved to approve the following 2024 license applications: **Liquor License applications – All Alcohol:** Four Points Wakefield Boston; Oyes, Inc. d/b/a Fengs; CNCMCC, LLC d/b/a Blue Moon Grill; WXSS LLC d/b/a Wei Asian Kitchen. **Common Victualler applications:** Billy's Roast Beef & Seafood, Inc.; Boba Tea & Snow Ice House; Carol's Café; Four Points Wakefield Boston; Naranda Corporation d/b/a Honey Dew Donuts; Leaf and Ginger; Lisa's Family Pizzeria; Morena Cucina Rustica; My Brother's Place; Nick's Pizza, Roast Beef and Subs; Oyes, Inc. d/b/a Fengs; Slice Pizza & More Inc.; Sonny Noto's Restaurant; The Remedy Exchange. **Lodging House application:** Four Points Wakefield Boston; Wakefield House. **Entertainment applications:** Carol's Café; Four Points Wakefield Boston; Leaf and Ginger; Lisa's Family Pizzeria; Slice Pizza & More Inc.; Sonny Noto's Restaurant. **Class II applications:** Allstate Truck Sales; Auto Annex; Highline Motor Sport, Inc.; King's Auto Wholesale; Modern Collision Center, Inc.; Reynolds Auto Sales. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. **One Day Liquor application:** Mehreen N. Butt moved to approve a One Day Liquor License application for Chris DeFeo for an event at the Americal Civic Center on February 2, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Donations: Mehreen N. Butt moved to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Council on Aging for \$175.00 from various donors with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt moved to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library for \$710.00 from various donors with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Fiscal Year 2024 Warrants: Warrant 22 dated November 28, 2023; Warrant 24 dated December 12, 2023; Warrant 25 dated December 19, 2023; and Warrant 26 dated December 26, 2023.

Approval of Minutes: Mehreen N. Butt moved to approve the December 11, 2023 Town Council meeting minutes. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Adjournment: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Dalton,
Town Council Clerk