



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 08th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81676359188>

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 and Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.

Absent: 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: There was no public engagement.

COVID-19 Update: Health Director Clay and Emergency Management Director Walsh stated Wakefield will be hosting a clinic for Wakefield residents only who are 75 years and older at the Comverse building on February 26th, 2021. The clinic for 2nd shots recipients from the clinic on February 01st, 2021 will be February 22nd, 2021.

Approval of Minutes: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the January 25th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the January 25th, 2021 executive meeting minutes. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Appointments: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to increase the membership on the Youth Council from 3 Middle School appointments to a total of 6 Middle School appointments and from 8 High School appointments to a total of 11 High School appointments for a total of 17 Youth Council members with a quorum of 9 voting members. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to appoint Erin Kokinda as the Wakefield representative to the MAPC for a three-year term. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Second Round of Fiscal Year 2022 Budgets: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget #1 Town Council in the amount of \$579,366.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Brian Cusack, Chairman of the



Finance Committee IT Subcommittee recommended favorable action on the following budget as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to approve Budget #3 Information Technology Department in the amount of \$371,671.00 as presented. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve Budget #16 Police Department in the amount of \$6,312,358.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Daniel Sherman, Chairman of the Finance Committee Library Subcommittee recommended favorable action on the following budget as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve Budget 34 Library Department as presented by Town Gill in the amount of \$1,751,632.00. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Annual Town Meeting: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to set Saturday, May 08th, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the High School Field House as the date for the Annual Town Meeting. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Jonathan Chines motioned to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on February 08th, 2021. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant at 4:30 p.m. on March 31st, 2021. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Announcements: Paul DiNocco: increase in speed on Montrose and Water Street and would like the Traffic Advisory Committee to review; would like DPW detail work on the website. Julie Smith-Galvin: Our Regional Tobacco Program continues to provide education to retailers regarding the tobacco legislation signed into law by Governor Baker in December, 2019. This comprehensive law covered sales, product restrictions, taxation of e-cigarettes, mandated insurance coverage for smoking cessation, and much more. Two provisions that are emphasized in both materials mailed directly to retailers as well as in in-store visits are the flavor ban that went into effect June 1, 2020 and the increase in fines from \$100/\$200/\$300 to \$1000/\$2000/\$5000 for most tobacco sales violations. The goal this past year has been retail store education. Unfortunately, in spite of multiple mailings and store visits one local store sold a flavored disposable vape product to a 22 year-old who was under the direction of the Tobacco Program Coordinator. A large number of banned products was found in a follow-up inspection. The store was fined \$1000. A subsequent violation would result in a \$2000 fine and a seven-day suspension of the retailer's tobacco license. Retailers are reminded that though it may be more difficult to determine a customer's age given that all customers are now wearing masks it is still the retailer's responsibility to make sure they are not selling to an under-age youth. If there is any doubt at all the retailer should ask for an ID. And, of course, it is illegal to sell flavored products, including menthol cigarettes, to anyone, regardless of age; the Light Department in 2015 signed a long-term contract with other communities to build a new natural gas oil plant in Peabody and it is disturbing to her that Wakefield is a part of this. Mehreen N. Butt: requested the Delegation at a future Council meeting; great job with the clinic; requested reminder signage around the lake regarding the 3 W's; applications to boards are due Friday; Recreation Department has posted applications are being accepted for the Community Garden lottery in April. Jonathan P. Chines: Vision 2030 public forum in March 4th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; Albion Cultural Exchange Committee is hosting a New Beginnings exhibit by appointment only; Wakefield Educational Foundation is an event on March 05th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; office hours are February 18th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook live. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: Public forum for VHB on February 24th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; has passed along the concerns he has received regarding the Warrior logo to the School Committee leadership and he is hopeful that the School Committee give this the thought and deliberation that it deserves. Ann Santos: money donations would be better for the Food Pantry challenge; acknowledged the passing of Zachary Boyarges.

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

Adjournment: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED