



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

April 12th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86898600907>

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.

Town Council 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: Paul R. DiNocco of 17 Wiley Street announced that tonight would be his last meeting of the Council and used the opportunity to express his thanks to many people and stated the Town needs to unite. Daniel Lieber of 1 Elm Street spoke about the hate group/white supremacy group that marched in town on Sunday, April 11th, 2021. Maria Muti of 34 Hopkins Street gave a brief statement inviting the public to attend the next meeting of the Human Rights Commission. David Hatfield of 23 Butternut Road spoke regarding the appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Pina Masciarelli of 14 Fellsmere Avenue spoke regarding acceptance and openness. Ann Santos agrees that you cannot ignore hate.

Approval of Minutes: Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to approve the March 22nd, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Broadway Crossing Update: Town Engineer Renault gave an update regarding the crossing at Broadway. At this point the Town is in the final stages of review at the FRA and then will go to the Associate Administrator for Safety for signature. Once the Town receives the signature, the Town will have the roadway opened up within three (3) days.

High School Update: Joseph Bertrand, Chair of the Permanent Building stated progress is being made regarding the new High School but it is a long road ahead as he laid out the timeline for the pre-building phase. A vote on a building design will not come up until March 2023 at the earliest and as late as August 2023.

Declaration of Easement: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to declare that a portion of the easement at 123 Pleasant Street, Wakefield is surplus to the needs of the Town. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.



Green Street, Stoneham: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to declare the property known as 124 Green Street, Stoneham is surplus to the needs of the Town. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the bid of \$261,000.00. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Annual Town Election and Town Meeting Warrant: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Annual Town Election, April 27th, 2021 and Annual Town Meeting Warrant, May 08th, 2021 as proposed. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Wakefield State Delegation: Senator Jason Lewis started off with a COVID vaccination update and pandemic response. He said the Housing Bill was completed and signed by Governor Baker as well as the Transportation Bond Bill; work was finally done on a landmark Climate Bill; Mail-In Voting Bill was passed; another COVID relief Bill was passed. He is feeling much more optimistic regarding the fiscal outlook for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 as well. The outlook for Wakefield in unrestricted local aid will be 3.7 million dollars. Wakefield will receive approximately 6.8 million dollars in Chapter 70 funds. Wakefield Public Schools will be receiving approximately 1.5 million dollars in Federal money. Representative Wong reminded people if they paid for PPE and if they already filed their taxes they are entitled to a reimbursement. Representative Lipper-Garabedian expressed her thanks to everyone that advocated to not eliminate some of the MBTA's proposals as those cuts were put off and not added to the proposal. Paul R. DiNocco asked for a commitment from the Wakefield State Delegation to do something about the flooding issue on the Saugus and Mill River. Jonathan P. Chines recognized the outstanding work of the Delegation around advocating for maintenance of public transportation for Wakefield. Mehreen N. Butt worries about vaccine equity and asked the Delegation to not forget people of color. Julie Smith-Galvin expressed her thanks in getting the Climate Bill passed. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. thanked the Delegation for the collaboration at the Federal, State and Local levels.

Clerical Union Contract: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Clerical Union Contract. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Appointments / Committees: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve the name change of the Wakefield Cultural Council to the Wakefield Arts Council. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to re-appoint Christopher Tarr for a three-year term to the Advisory Board of Public Works. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco was not present for the vote.

Jonathan P. Chines motioned to add a 5th appointment to the Albion Cultural Exchange Committee. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 4-1-0 by a roll call vote with Julie Smith-Galvin, Jonathan P. Chines, Mehreen N. Butt and Ann Santos voting in favor of the motion. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Kathy Frey, Christopher Carino, Tracy Shea, AnnMarie Gallivan and Douglas Henning for three-year terms to the Albion Cultural Exchange Committee. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco was not present for the vote.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve the request of the Capital Planning Committee to add an additional committee member. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0 by a roll call

vote. Paul R. DiNocco was not present for the vote. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Frank Conte, David Whitham, Franklin Leone and Jeffrey Giunta all as voting members for three-year terms to the Capital Planning Committee. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to appoint Teresa Belmonte, Peter Miller and Robert Romano for three-year terms to the Conservation Commission. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to re-appoint Maureen Hickey for a three-year term to the Council on Aging. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Joanne Scouler for a three-year term to the Council on Aging. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to re-appoint Sarah Madeleine Guerin for a three-year term to the Arts Council. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to appoint Ira Cummings for a three-year term to the Arts Council. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to re-appoint Marie Rej for a three-year term to the Disability Commission. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to appoint Jennifer Osterhout and Marc DiBella for three-year terms to the Historical Commission. Jonathan P. Chines amended the motion to include Therese Frazier and Frank Giangregorio as non-voting members for three-year terms to the Historical Commission. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Jason Cohen, Philip Renzi, Janine Fabiano and Marc Moccio as voting members for three-year terms to the Permanent Building Committee and Nasos Phillips as a non-voting member for a three-year term. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to appoint Annie Duvall, Anthony Longo and Christine Gargano for three-year terms to the Recreation Commission. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to appoint Joseph Dellolio for a three-year term to the Veteran Advisory Board. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to re-appoint Charles Tarbell as a voting member for a three-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Gregory McIntosh, Michael Feeley and Thomas Lucey as Alternate Members with three-year terms to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Announcements: Jonathan P. Chines: thank you to Paul DiNocco for all his years of service; would like a budget update at the next Town Council meeting; Planning Board has been looking at possible ways of creating a lake district; William D'Amore has resigned from the Planning Board; the second Wakefield Vision 2030 forum is scheduled for April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt: thank you to Paul DiNocco; Happy Ramadan; Human Rights Committee is meeting next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.;

Senator Markey was in Town last week and visited businesses and she asked for an update from the Community and Economic Development Director at a future Town Council meeting. Julie Smith-Galvin: thank you to Paul DiNocco; Earth week is April 19th-24th; ESC has launched a Facebook page; hoping to have an electric vehicle and solar update at the next Town Council meeting. Paul R. DiNocco: William D'Amore retired from the Planning Board; Ruth Clay is retiring; Joe Gaudreau is retiring. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: thank you to Paul DiNocco; White Ribbon Campaign recording is available on WCAT's YouTube as well as waav.org and thank you to WCAT team in helping putting that together. Ann Santos: thank you to Paul DiNocco; congratulations to Dennis Fazio on being named the 2021 Tree Warden of the Year; acknowledged a letter the Police Department received from a local psychologist in stating the Police Officers responding to his call as well as the Mental Health Clinician were warm, inviting and extremely helpful to his client and the client's family.

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: Jonathan P. Chines read a Proclamation that is intended to both condemn the actions of the hate incident as well as reaffirming a Proclamation that the Council made a couple of years ago. After discussion and Ann Santos amending the Proclamation, Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adopt the Proclamation as amended. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. The final version of the Proclamation will be posted to the Town's website.

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk