



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
June 28th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Julie Smith-Galvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Julie Smith-Galvin led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Julie Smith-Galvin, Chair; Mehreen N. Butt, Vice-Chair; Jonathan P. Chines; Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Ann McGonigle Santos.

Council Member 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.

Approval of Minutes: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the June 14th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

PACE Program: Wendy O'Malley from MassDevelopment presented an overview of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) finance program. PACE allows commercial property owners to finance energy improvements via special betterment assessments on their property tax bills. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to adopt the PACE program. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Broadway Crossing: Town Engineer Renault stated an informal submittal was sent to the FRA on June 16th, 2021. He has not heard back regarding that submittal. When the final submittal is sent there will be a 60-day appeal period.

Youth Council Appointments: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Ali Zain Al-Abideen Atoui, Thomas Berinato, Lauren Blois, Joshua Catino, Uma Gerweck, Yana Herzog, Paige MacGibbon, Nicholas Pilleri, Elly Tropeano, Nivea Waterman, Sophie Veilleux as High School voting members and Jenna Farber, Charlotte Holmes, Madeline Naper, Teagan Sparhawk, Nicholas Walczewski as Middle School voting members. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. asked that the Youth Council provide a list to the Town Council of active non-voting members. The Town Council also asked the Youth Council to discuss how they want to identify non-voting members and bring it back to the Town Council.

MBTA Youth Pass Program: The Youth Pass Program offers reduced fares to eligible young people between the ages of 18-25. The MBTA will partner with Wakefield to administer the program on behalf of the MBTA. Wakefield must submit an online application which will be reviewed based on



certain requirements and applications are considered on a case-by-case basis. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned that an application be submitted for inclusion in the MBTA Youth Pass Program. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Surplus Property: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to declare one of the Wakefield Fire Department Fire Engines (pumper) as excess property and to be sold to the Malden Fire Department for \$3,000.00. Ann Santos seconded. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. questioned why this is not being handled as other surplus property has been handled. Town Administrator Maio stated he had conversations with Chief Sullivan and Emergency Management Director Walsh and they assured him that \$3,000.00 is a great price and that Wakefield would be helping out a neighboring community as well as a mutual aid partner. Motion passed 5-1-0 with Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion.

Announcements: Jonathan P. Chines: thanked WCAT for keeping town government going in an improved capacity; Vision 2030 3rd and final online survey is open for another 2-weeks; Recreation Department and School Department still have availability in their summer activities for children; congratulations to the Boys & Girls Club and Wakefield Main Street for a successful boat launch. Ann Santos: thanked WCAT; acknowledged a letter the Police Department received from a very grateful citizen. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: 371 days until July 4th, 2022 – please contribute to the parade fund and 4th of July activities; Happy 4th of July. Anne P. Danehy: thanked WCAT; congratulations to the Boys & Girls Club regarding the boating; excited to see the partnership with the Library and the Boys & Girls Club incentives. Mehreen N. Butt: thanked WCAT; non-profit organizations in town have been amazing; Movies by the Lake starts up on July 8th; would like to somehow recognize all the town employees; the Library is open if people want to escape the heat and please call if we can help in any way. Town Administrator Maio: town employees did an amazing job; the Senior Center is also open as a place to escape from the heat; please check on your neighbors. Julie Smith-Galvin: we are looking to do a housing forum in the Fall; nice to see the Farmers Market up and running; thank you to WCAT.

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

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk