



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
April 11th, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Julie Smith-Galvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.; Michael J. McLane and Ann McGonigle Santos.

Administration Present: Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk and Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator.

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Executive Session: At 6:32 Jonathan P. Chines motioned to enter in to Executive Session to discuss Department of Public Works contract because an Open Session may have detrimental effects on the bargaining position of the Town, with the intent of returning to Open Session immediately thereafter. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Anne P. Danehy arrived at 6:33 p.m. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Open Session returned at 6:43 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the March 28th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Donations: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$387.00 from various donor with thanks. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$10,995.00 from various of donors with thanks. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Public Engagement: There was no public engagement.

Public Hearings: At 7:03 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to open the Public Hearing for liquor license for L&B, LLC d/b/a Laurie's 909 located at 93 New Salem Street. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Attorney Brian McGrail with law offices at 607 North Avenue, Wakefield, MA along with his client Laurie Rizzo presented the application for an All Alcoholic Beverage License. Description of the premises to be licensed: Approximately 1,200 square feet of first floor space. The restaurant has a kitchen, dining room, bar area, bathroom with one customer entrance with seating for 18. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Sundays; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays. No one from the public spoke in favor or against the application. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve the application for an All Alcoholic Beverage License with the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Sundays and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Mondays through



Saturdays and that the issuance of an All Alcoholic Beverage License is not detrimental to the spiritual activities of churches within 500 feet of the licensed premises. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. At 7:15 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to close the Public Hearing. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to set the date of April 25th, 2022 at 7:03 p.m. as the Public Hearing for Megoz, Inc. d/b/a Bellino's liquor license. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Articles: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Outlay in the amount of 2.1 million as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to Debt Service in the amount of \$4,133,698.00 as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Supplemental Appropriations in the amount of \$202,500.00 as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Police & Fire Indemnification in the amount of \$130,000.00 as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Recodification of Zoning Bylaws in the amount of \$50,000.00 as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budgets: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the amended Budget 29 - Department of Public works in the amount of \$6,734,130.00 for the Operation Budget, \$9,148,699.00 for the Sewer Budget and \$6,204,494.00 for the Water Enterprise Budget as proposed due to the recent settlement of a collective bargaining agreement with the Laborers Union. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget 40 – Medicare in the amount of \$874,280.00 as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget 46 – Group Health Insurance in the amount of \$15,205,320.00 as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget 47 – Cable Television in the amount of \$606,505.00 as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

License and Policy: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the first extension renewal of the Revocable Permit Agreement between the Town of Wakefield and the Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham for the daily rental of canoes, kayaks, pedal boats and rowboats to be operated from land belonging to the Town at the southern end of Lake Quannapowitt during the period of May 30th, 2022 through October 15th, 2022. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Town Council tabled the Flag Policy until the April 25th, 2022 Town Council meeting.

Annual Town Meeting: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting Warrant as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Appointments: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to move the slate to appoint the applicants as proposed with three-year terms starting May 1st, 2022 and ending April 30th, 2025 to the Advisory Board of Public Works; Albion Cultural Exchange Committee; Arts Council; Capital Planning Committee; Commission on Disabilities; Council on Aging; Historical Commission; Human Rights Commission; Permanent Building Committee and Veteran Advisory Board. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0 with Julie Smith Galvin recusing from the Permanent Building Committee. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to appoint Silvana Bouhlal and Paul Wendelgass as voting members and Haley McHatton Battou as a non-voting member to the Conservation Commission with three-years terms starting May 1st, 2022 and ending April 30th, 2025. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to appoint Myra Session to a two-year term starting May 1st, 2022 and ending April 30th, 2024; Robin Greenberg, Tiana Veldwisch and Christopher Lewis to three-year terms starting May 1st, 2022 and ending April 30th, 2025 to the Environmental Sustainability Committee. Ann Santos

seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to appoint Jeanne Stinson, Bob Burnett and Julie Grillon to three-year terms starting May 1st, 2022 and ending April 30th, 2025 to the Recreation Commission. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to appoint James McBain and Joseph Pride to three-year terms to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Town Council requested to advertise for the vacant position on the Recreation Commission due to a resignation for the remainder of that term ending April 30th, 2024 and to also re-advertise for the Bylaw Review Committee.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Fiscal Year 2022 Warrants: Warrant 32 dated February 8th, 2022; Warrant 34 dated February 22nd, 2022; Warrant 36 dated March 8th, 2022; Warrant 38 dated March 22nd, 2022.

Announcements: Jonathan P. Chines: a report is due to the MSBA on May 4th, 2022 for the High School feasibility study process and there will be a community info session on April 27th, 2022; Wakefield Education Foundation is having their 26th annual celebration of learning this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Galvin Middle School; the carnival is next week; his office hours are tomorrow from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Library. Ann Santos: addressed the letter in the Item regarding the Flag Policy and stated "we are so much better than that letter". Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: Wakefield trivia is returning to the Senior Center tomorrow. Anne P. Danehy: Master Plan Community Survey is open through April 27th, 2022. Mehreen N. Butt: really proud of the people that were appointed today and encouraged people who were not appointed to participate with any committee; Happy Easter.

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: Michael J. McLane stated he received a call from a constituent yesterday who is concerned about the potentiality of the eviction of Dr. Luise from 5 Common Street and formally asked that this be discussed at our next meeting. Town Administrator Maio said that Dr. Luise has been there for a really long time without a lease and now the Town needs the space for the expanded Health and Human Services Department. Julie Smith-Galvin noted that this will be on a future Town Council agenda.

Adjournment: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk