



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
June 13th, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mehreen N. Butt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mehreen N. Butt led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Mehreen N. Butt, Chair; Jonathan P. Chines, Vice-Chair; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.; Michael J. McLane; Julie Smith-Galvin and Robert E. Vincent II.

Town Councilors Absent: Anne P. Danehy

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: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the May 9th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the June 6th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

32 Nahant Street – 40B MassHousing Project: Paul Haverty, Chris Sparages, Kristen Costa and Scott Green presented the proposed Chapter 48 development at 32 Nahant Street as part of the Mass Housing requirements to solicit feedback from the Town Council in an effort to receive an eligibility letter from Mass Housing. The Council expressed significant concerns about the project that being the height, the density and the lack of green space. When asked from Mass Housing the Council will present a letter to Mass Housing with their concerns. If the project receives an eligibility letter from Mass Housing, the project would then go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for potential approval and permitting.

Fourth of July Parade: Brian Fox was before the Council seeking permission for the 75th Wakefield Fourth of July parade at 5:00 p.m. on July 4th, 2022. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request for the Fourth of July parade. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Licenses: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request of Catherine McDonald for an Entertainment License for Plaza Jazz at the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays from June 2022 through September 2022. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request from Eric Perez Ruiz for a Common Victualler License for Eliz Muni Market Inc. located at 12 Vernon Street. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to extend the date to December 10th, 2022 on



the licenses for House Bear Brewing and Aaronap Cellars to include the winter markets. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Flag Policy Update: Town Counsel Mullen presented the proposed Flag Policy which would apply to all flag poles under the Town Council's control which include those at Town Hall, the Common, the Civic Center, Veteran's Field. The policy would also include the Schools because we have a very unusual provision in our Charter making school buildings and grounds subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. The policy specifically specifies that town flag poles are not intended as a forum for free expression by the public rather the decisions of the Town Council concerning which flags to fly and when and from which flag poles are intended as an expression of official town sentiment. There will be a United States Flag at each facility that has any flags; that nothing may fly over it – no flag or banner; and the only flag or banner that may fly under it on a given flag pole is the POW MIA flag. We must have by state law at least one POW MIA flag somewhere in Wakefield. The Town Council will vote on any proposal to allow a flag or banner on any flag pole under its jurisdiction. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept the Use of Flag Poles on Town Property Policy as presented by Town Counsel Mullen. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. commented that something does not feel quite right about stating town flag poles not being intended as a forum for free expression by the public. It isn't a form of free public expression but in essence for individuals who happen to be elected onto the Town Council at any given time are voting to express the official town sentiment. Motion passed 5-1-0 with Julie Smith-Galvin, Michael J. McLane, Robert E. Vincent II, Jonathan P. Chines and Mehreen N. Butt voting in favor of the motion. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion stating we don't have a policy here amongst this body about how to select what flag we would or would not fly.

Appointments: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Daniel Lieber, Alexandra Makarewicz, Lisa Cutulle, Eric Reid, Timothy Lilley, Joseph Pride, Lucy Fox, Ann McGonigle Santos, Katherine Howitt, Kevin York to the Bylaw Review Committee for a term to end upon completion of their recommendations to Town Meeting. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Charles Ciccone to the Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired term through April 30th, 2024. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Elizabeth Menjivar, Vanessa, Westlake, Juliana Spaulding, Matthew O'Brien, Ali Zain Al-Abideen Atoui, Thomas Berinato, Alla Othman, Paige Arkinstall, Ahmed Othman, Madeline Naper and Sadie Lominac to the Youth Council with terms ending June 30th, 2023. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.; Michael J. McLane; Julie Smith-Galvin; Robert E. Vincent II and Mehreen N. Butt voting in favor of the motion. Jonathan P. Chines abstained from the vote. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Youth Council provided a brief presentation of the Youth Council and the work they did this year which includes a fall clean-up, Snow Angel program and initiatives to prevent littering at the Galvin Middle School. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request to advertise for a Veteran Advisory Board member due to a resignation. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Donations: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Town of Wakefield in the amount of \$77,568.03 from The NRP Group LLC with thanks to be used for infrastructure improvements to Foundry Street and Maple Street by the Town of Wakefield as detailed in the estimate. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts in the amount of \$850.00 to the Library from various donors with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Announcements: Jonathan P. Chines: congratulations to all the graduates and students moving on; thank you WCNA and everyone involved with Festival by the Lake; there is a second Master Plan public forum on Wednesday June 29th, 2022 virtually at 6:30 p.m. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: thank you to everyone involved with Firefighter Sunday and thank you to all our 1st responders. Mehreen N. Butt: Juneteenth celebration is Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. outside at the Library; Pride Concert is Sunday June 19th, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Common; Happy Father's Day; Farmer's Market starts Saturday June 18th, 2022; the Town Council will have a table at the Farmer's Market on June 25th. Town Administrator Maio: thank you to the Veteran Advisory Board for the Memorial Day ceremony; the Town Council team came in 3rd at the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce bowling event.

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: Town Counsel Mullen stated one of the improvements that NRP Group is donating to the town is a portion of a sidewalk on Foundry Street because not all of the sidewalk is technically within the town's layout. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the acceptance of the sidewalk easement on Foundry Street as proposed by Town Counsel Mullen. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Julie Smith-Galvin asked for an update on a future agenda for the re-painting of crosswalks in town.

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk