



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
November 28th, 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; Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.; Julie Smith-Galvin; Michael J. McLane and Robert E. Vincent II.

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: Marlene Veldwisch of 598 North Avenue concerned with the lack of sidewalks and crosswalks on North Avenue. Michelle Toppi of 53 Greenwood Avenue encouraged all residents to take care of snow removal on sidewalks. Bob Brooks of 7 Jewell Circle addressed concerns with the construction of the new vocational school building.

Liquor License: Change of Manager application for Prachi Corporation d/b/a McDonough's Liquors was moved to the December 12th, 2022 Town Council meeting at the request of attorney for the applicant.

Northeast Metro Tech: Superintendent DiBarri and Ted Nicoli provided an update on the vocational school project which is on track and expected to stay on track. Superintendent DiBarri addressed the concerns by some residents about the location of the new school and stated other sites that were considered were either too small or required eminent domain takings. He noted the school is creating a tree farm to help offset the impact of trees that will be removed. They purchased new machinery to use the lumber from removal of the trees as material for the school's carpentry program.

Health and Human Services: Health Director Chui introduced Social Services Coordinator Jason Stone who has in his two months on the job helped with recovery services, housing and food for many Wakefield residents. Director Chui along with Board of Health Chair Linehan presented the Intermunicipal Agreement bringing Stoneham into the agreement along with Wakefield and Melrose. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the agreement. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Tax Policy: The Council reviewed the draft of a new financial policy. The policy created guidance for current and future Town Councilors to assure the tax levy supports the budget approved by Town Meeting. After a hardy discussion the councilors were asked to provide feedback to Town Administrator Maio in anticipation of a vote at a future Town Council meeting.



460 Main Street Update: Attorney Brian McGrail drafted a letter to the Town Council regarding his client's vacant property at 460 Main Street. Plans are expected to be filed for a mixed-use development within the coming months. The Council asked that they attend a future Town Council meeting before the plans are filed.

2023 Renewal Licenses: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the following 2023 renewal licenses: Common Victualler – Ben, 123, Blue Moon, Café Italia, Las Chivas Inc d/b/a Tequila's Mexican Cantina, Omelet Headquarters, Sabatino's, Sonny Noto's. Entertainment – Ben, 123 d/b/a Bamboo House, Café Italia, Las Chivas Inc d/b/a Tequila's Mexican Cantina, Sabatino's, Sonny Noto's. Liquor License – All Alcohol – Bere Island Corp. d/b/a Harrington's, CNCMCC, LLC d/b/a Blue Moon Grill, Café Italia, JWR Family Co d/b/a Sei Bar, Las Chivas, Inc. d/b/a Tequila's; Megoz, Inc. d/b/a Bellinos, Sabatino's. Innholder - MEERA LLC d/b/a Four Points Sheraton Wakefield. Club – Knights of Columbus. Beer and Wine – Lucky Thirteen Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Sonny Noto's Restaurant. Lodging House – Hospitality Resources. Fortune Teller: Psychic Reading. Automated Device – Dockside at Wakefield. Class I – Albrecht Buick GMC of Wakefield, Inc. Class II – Phil Howes Towing. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Donations: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept and expend a gift of gifts in the amount of \$540.00 to the Council on Aging from various donor(s) with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts in the amount of \$100.00 to the Youth Council from various donor(s) with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the November 14th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

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

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk