



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 11th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88582680471>

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; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and 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.

Business Recognition: Batten Brothers and Carol's Café were recognized for receiving recognition and awards at the 17th Annual MassEcon (the State's private sector partner in promoting business growth in Massachusetts) event for their assistance in combating COVID-19.

Approval of Minutes: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the December 07th, 2020 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

COVID-19 Update: Health Director Clay stated Wakefield numbers are not good as there at 30-40 positive cases a day. Both Health Director Clay and Emergency Management Director Walsh talked about the COVID-19 clinics the Town is doing in conjunction with the public health collaborative. The first round of vaccinations is being rolled out this week to first responders and tomorrow there is a vaccinate the vaccinators clinic. The Town has committed to the State to do public vaccinations clinics. There will be a COVID hotline number available shortly with current information only.

Traffic Advisory Committee Recommendations: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve the recommendations of the Traffic Advisory Committee for the installation of one (1) stop sign at the intersection of Nelly Street and Broadway Street and one (1) stop sign at the intersection of Plymouth Road and Broadway Street. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Sale of Town Owned Land – 94 Butler Avenue: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to ratify and confirm the Acceptance of Deed and establish the Determination of Uniqueness relating to the purchase of 94 Butler Avenue. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Fiscal Year 2022 Updates: Town Administrator Maio stated the 2022 budget process is underway and suggested that the smaller budgets be presented by Town Accountant Gill. Budgets will be



emailed to the Council early so any questions that presented to the department managers can be answered ahead of time. Larger department presentation will continue to include the department managers. He also presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Preview PowerPoint. He is confident going forward that the Town will be able to continue moving forward with the budgets and will continue to increase the services to the residents within 2 1/2.

Emergency Fund Update: To date the Emergency Fund has help 25 residence of Wakefield in need since the pandemic began. The fund is starting to deplete and asked for people that are able to, please donate.

License Application: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Change of Manager application to Sarah Boyle for Oyes, Inc. d/b/a Feng's, 963 Main Street. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Mystic Valley Charter School Discussion: For years, Mystic Valley Charter School has been asked to come before the then Board of Selectmen to simply discuss their budget and bring total transparency. To date, they have never responded. The Council agreed that the Charter School be contacted again for an invite to a future Town Council meeting.

Gift Acceptance: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$101.95 from various donors with thanks. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Warrant 16 dated October 20th, 2020 through Warrant 24 dated December 15th, 2020.

Announcements: Jonathan P. Chines: Albion Cultural Exchange Committee has been in touch with the Disability Commission regarding the rear accessible door and received their support with the approach; their outdoor sign is moving ahead and going before the ZBA this week; acknowledged the great work of the Farmers Market, The Sweetbay Shop, Voltage Boutique, Public Kitchen and Wakefield High School golf and cross country who all received citations; mentioned that a number of appointed board/committee/commission positions are due to be filled later this Spring and Town election is in April. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: reminded local small business that the second round of funding is starting today; recognized the Police Department as Saturday was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Julie Smith-Galvin: MLK and Coretta Scott King Day celebration is Monday on Facebook live; the Light Department has completely redone the Substation on Wakefield Avenue. Ann Santos: noted with regret the passing of Chris Fowlie and Gil McCarthy.

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

Adjournment: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk