

WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, November 15, 2018 7:00 P.M. WCAT - 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Mehreen N. Butt Councilor Paul R. DiNocco

Councilor Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.

Councilor Julie Smith-Galvin

Councilor Anthony Longo, Vice-Chairperson

Council Peter J. May, Chairperson Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio Executive Assistant Sherri A. Dalton Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen

---- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

Call to Order

Councilor May called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and started off by saying that the Veteran's Day festivities on Sunday were terrific. Veterans have reached out to him and suggested at the start of Town Council meetings the Pledge of Allegiance is recited. Councilor May led the Town Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Tall Spire Pre-School Town Administrator Maio stated that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education needed to approve the space which they did but the Town also needed to test the water and test for lead paint. Unfortunately the lead paint test resulted in lead being present in all of the windows and window sashes. In order to remove the lead paint it would cost the Tall Spire Pre-School in excess of \$40,000.00 and it could take weeks or months to have the lead paint removed. Mr. Maio contacted the Director of the Tall Spire Pre-School and informed her that the Hurd School is not an option. Tall Spire Pre-School is looking into other locations.

At 7:12 p.m. Councilor Santos joined the meeting.

A-Frame Signs

Councilor DiNocco stated that the A-Frame Pilot Program was a success and suggests that the Town Council vote to make the a-frame signs a permanent use by the businesses. Councilor Dombroski motioned to adopt the Rules and Regulations Regarding Portable Signs in the Public Way for one year through January 1, 2020 and to revisit the Rules and Regulations at that time. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Lake Events

Councilor Longo stated that the Lake is a very popular location for people to hold races and walks for charities and these events tend to be expensive for the Town. He is suggesting that the fees be increased as proposed. Councilor Smith-Galvin finds the language in the Policy a little confusing and suggests that the Town Council reviews the Policy a little more as she would like to

add recycling language to the Policy. Councilor Dombroski suggested that the tax payers do not front the cost of the electricity when organizations use the gazebo and also thinks the proposed fees seem very small and that the Town Council should think about instilling a penalty for non-compliance. Councilor Longo motioned to table the Policy for Use of Parks, Playgrounds, Recreational Areas and certain Public Ways for Fundraising Purposes and other Organized Events and to place a 2 week moratorium for scheduling any events until the Town Council and approve the Policy at the November 26, 2018 Town Council meeting. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Regular Minutes – October 29, 2018

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the October 29, 2018 Regular Minutes as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Menorah

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the request for the Menorah on the Upper Common from Sunday, December 2, 2018 to be lit for 8 nights. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Gator Gallop Banner

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request to hang a banner across Main Street for the 5th Annual Gator Gallop 5k on April 6, 2019 to be hung from March 25, 2019 and taken down on April 8, 2019. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

One Day Liquor License

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License on January 13, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center for a baby shower. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Hospitality Resources, LLC - 2019 License Renewals

Lieutenant Steve Skory and Attorney Brian McGrail along with his clients from Hospitality Resources, LLC at 595 North Avenue appeared before the Council and at the Council's request. The Town Council had some concerns regarding the property and the calls for service at Lake Side Office Park. After discussion with Lieutenant Skory regarding the calls for service and a presentation from Attorney McGrail, Councilor Santos motioned to approve the 2019 Retail Liquor License, Common Victualler License, Lodging House License and Entertainment License for Hospitality Resources, LLC. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Hospitality Resources, LLC - 2018 Pool Table License

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the 2018 Pool Table License for Hospitality Resources, LLC. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair

Councilor Smith-Galvin – congratulations to all the participants in the fall sports including the girls swim team; Happy Thanksgiving and the Thanksgiving Football Game will be streamed; Interfaith Celebration on

Within 48 Hours of Meeting

Tuesday November 20th at the Methodist Church and the chairperson of the Human Rights Commission is the guest speaker; thank you to everyone for a great Town Meeting and Election; Jennifer McDonald is the recent hire for the Communications position; Cinderella opens tonight

Councilor Dombroski – Thank you to everyone in the Town Clerks office regarding a great election; Public Safety Building Reassessment Committee's advertisement is on the Town's website, Facebook page and will be in the Item for applications to be submitted to Sherri Dalton by December 14, 2018; Happy Thanksgiving; Go Warriors

Councilor Santos – Thank you to the Town Clerks office regarding the election; apologized for arriving late to the meeting; Happy Thanksgiving

Councilor Longo – Thank you to WCAT regarding the Annual Meeting; thank you to the Town Clerks office regarding the election; Happy Thanksgiving

Councilor Butt – Thank you to the Town Clerks office for the election; thank you for everyone that voted yes on question 3; thank you to Steve Maio and Sherri Dalton regarding Town Meeting; Happy Diwali, Happy Thanksgiving

Councilor DiNocco – Echo's everyone's thank you's; November 24, 2018 is Shop Local Saturday

Town Administrator Maio – Thank you to everyone regarding Town Meeting; April 29, 2019 will be the proposed date for the Annual Town Meeting; at the December 10, 2018 Town Council meeting he will have the Fiscal Year 2020 budget presentation; State delegation will be at the November 26, 2018 Town Council meeting

Councilor May – Thank you to everyone regarding Town Meeting and thank you to Dan Lieber and John Carney; Veteran's Day celebration was wonderful; read the correspondence letter from the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District; read a letter that Fire Chief Michael Sullivan sent to the surrounding Fire Chief's for their assistance with the fire

Next Board Meeting

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at WCAT, 24 Hemlock Road

Adjournment

At 8:47 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant