



WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, September 27, 2018

6:30 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 6:30 p.m. and stated there is a need for Executive Session to discuss Woods Subdivision litigation and the DPW Laborer's Contract because an open meeting may have detrimental effects on the bargaining position of the Town, with the intent of returning to open session. Councilor DiNocco so motioned. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all seven councilors voting in the affirmative.

The Council returned to open session at 7:02 p.m.

Public Participation Richard Stevens of 237 Vernon Street appeared before the Council and addressed his concerns regarding memorial benches and policies for them.

Liaison Updates Councilor Smith-Galvin presented an update on the WMGLD and said she attends the Commissioner meetings and the Commissioners are working on programs for winter heating needs as well as a pilot program for battery storage. They are also working on customer satisfaction surveys. The Light Department's website now offers the ability to download applications. Councilor Smith-Galvin also gave an update on the Department of Public Works and stated the DPW has submitted 30 projects to the Complete Streets program, the Hopkins Street bridge construction is underway as well as a number of street paving jobs, National Grid work will be starting soon. For every ride share that happens in Wakefield via Uber or Lyft, 10 cents goes to Wakefield and last year Wakefield received \$6,800.00.

Councilor Butt presented an update on the Social Services. The Lynn Economic Opportunity group will be at the Council on Aging to meet with people and take applications to help with fuel assistance on October 3, 2018 and October 17, 2018 and November 17, 2018. WAAV is having a 5K on October 6, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Appointment - Design Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Jeff Stikeman of 12 Humphrey Street to the Design Review Board with a term through April 30, 2021. Councilor

Review Board	DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
Regular Minutes – September 10, 2018	Councilor Santos motioned to approve the September 10, 2018 Regular Board Minutes. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor Santos, Councilor Longo, Councilor Galvin, Councilor Dombroski, Councilor DiNocco and Councilor Butt voting in favor. Councilor May abstained.
Human Rights Commission	<p>Pina Masciarelli-Patel and Richard Greif of the Human Rights Commission appeared before the Council and discussed upcoming events and meetings.</p> <p>Police Chief Richard Smith was asked about the recent graffiti. He could not comment as it is an open active investigation but assured the Council that the Wakefield Police Department is working on this and that he has spoken with Dan Levenson from the Anti-Defamation League and Dan agreed with how the department has handled the investigation so far.</p>
Memorial Benches	Karen Faler and Bill Conley from the Friends of Lake Quannapowitt appeared before the Council to discuss policies and procedures for memorials. After discussion Councilor Santos motioned to form a committee to be made up of a member of the Friends of Lake Quannapowitt, a member of the Wakefield Center Neighborhood Association, a member of the Town Council, 2 members of the public at large, the Town Administrator and to instill a moratorium that includes the lake area and the two commons. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
Memory Plaque – Roy Moore	Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve concept on the request from Roy Moore for a plaque in the memory of Margaret Moore to be placed on the children’s play space at Colonel Connelly Park subject to the Council reviewing the plaque prior to installation. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
Warrant Article – Corridor Study	Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve an article for the Regular Town Meeting on November 5, 2018 to fund a corridor study for the refurbishment of the Main Street and Albion Street area. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
Holiday Stroll	<p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request from the Wakefield Community Partnership to conduct the Holiday Stroll on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (street closing to occur at 1:00 p.m.) and to use the Right of Way within the shutdown area. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the request from the Wakefield Community Partnership to close Main Street to vehicular traffic from Yale Avenue to Richardson Avenue; leaving Richardson Avenue open for right turn only (south) bound travel. Closing of the Lincoln Street parking lot on Smith Street so that access to the lot can be secured for WCP use. Closing of Albion Street to vehicular traffic from Main Street to North Avenue. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p>

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the request from the Wakefield Community Partnership to utilize the area surrounding the Civic Center and part of Armory Street at the commencement of the Parade and Lincoln Street parking lot for stroll activities, if needed. There will be a rolling shutdown from the Civic Center to Lincoln Street starting a 2:55 p.m. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

One Day License

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the request from Wakefield Partnership for a One Day Liquor License on December 1, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. License will be good from November 26, 2018 until December 5, 2018. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request from Colonel James Hartshorne Association for a One Day Liquor License on November 10, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Hartshorne House for a fundraiser. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Common Victualler License

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Schoolhouse Pizza at 927 Main Street for a Common Victuallar License through December 31, 2018. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Entertainment License

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request from Schoolhouse Pizza at 927 Main Street for an Entertainment License for one (1) television through December 31, 2018. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Sweetbay at 391 Main Street for an Entertainment License for acoustic music on September 29, 2018 and September 30, 2018. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Pool Table License

Councilor Dombroski motioned to table the request for the renewal pool table application for Lakeside Inn at 595 North Avenue and requested to bring the owners to a future meeting. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Licensing Fees

Councilor Santos motioned to table the request to amend the current licensing fees for Liquor Licenses, Common Victualler Licenses, Entertainment Licenses, Auto Amusement Licenses, Class I and Class II Licenses, Livery Licenses, Fortune Teller Licenses, Bowling Alley Licenses, Pool Table Licenses, Second Hand Dealer Licenses, Lodging House Licenses and Peddler Licenses. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to waive the One Day Liquor License fee for all Wakefield Non-Profits. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Warrant Review and Signing

Councilor Smith-Galvin signed Warrant #6 dated August 9, 2018 through Warrant #11 dated September 11, 2018 regarding town affairs.

Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair Within 48 Hours of Meeting

Councilor DiNocco – Wayfinding Committee meeting was great and the committee will come before the Town Council at a future meeting; Chamber breakfast was this morning in Melrose with Jay Ash

Councilor Butt – October 11, 2018 the Human Rights Commission book club will be at the library on the book “The Hate You Give”; October 16, 2018 the Antidefamation League is coming and is hoping that the Town Council will attend both of those events; Cultural Council has grant money that people can apply for by October 15, 2018 that the Cultural Council will distribute for Arts, Humanities and Sciences

Councilor Smith-Galvin – Flu Shots are being giving by the Department of Health and also this Saturday at the Farmer’s Market; citizens should have received ballot information in the mail; commented that there are local resources available for those who may be having a difficult time or memories triggered by that day’s federal Supreme Court hearings

Councilor Dombroski – the WAAV 5K is next Saturday, October 6th; was nice to hear from Jay Ash at the Chamber breakfast on how well Wakefield is doing and what Wakefield is intending to do; Main Street had a great Annual Meeting

Councilor Santos – mentioned the poor condition of the Wakefield High School building; would like to see a police officer at the intersection of Farm Street and Hemlock Road since traffic is so backed up

Councilor Longo – The Savings Bank and The Co-Operative Bank are having loan programs for any business that would like to repair the facade of their building; water quality in the lake needs to be improved

Town Counsel – spoke about amending the licensing fees and that each fee covers the association cost

Town Administrator – thank you to WCNA for repairing the fence on Church Street; By-Law Review Committee will be proposing a store front by-law; there are a couple of MMA events in October; Senior Center is hosting a dementia workshop on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilor May – since he is the Finance Committee liaison he will be meeting with the Finance Committee chairperson and the Town Moderator to appoint new members to the Finance Committee. Councilor Butt asked if a request for applicants had been advertised. She was told no

Next Board Meeting

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at WCAT, 24 Hemlock Road

Adjournment

At 9:20 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Dalton

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