



## WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, October 15, 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

### ADMINISTRATION NOT PRESENT:

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 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 Longo seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all seven councilors voting in the affirmative.

The Council returned to open session at 7:08 p.m.

#### Public Participation

There was no public participation.

#### Financial Update

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio stated that Fiscal Year 2018 was a very strong year for the town. He noted that the town started Fiscal Year 2018 with a state certified Free Cash balance of \$9,621,013.00. A total of \$2,525,000.00 was spent from Free Cash in Fiscal Year 2018 with the November 2017 Town Meeting voting to use \$2,220,000.00 to balance the budget, \$140,000.00 for Fire Department union contracts, and the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting authorized \$165,000.00 to supplement the Fire Department budget. The Town actually ended Fiscal Year 2018 with about \$10.4 million in Free Cash. He stated that the upcoming November Town Meeting will seek to fund a number of items from the \$10.4 million, but in the end the town will still have \$6.1 million in Free Cash which is in keeping with the town's financial policy. By the end of Fiscal Year 2019 the anticipated amount of Free Cash will be back up to about \$8 million.

#### Deeds

Councilor Longo motioned to declare Parcel 21-052-85A as available for disposition; and to accept deeds to Parcels 33-107-W223A and 33-185-24A; and to execute the Deed for Holland Road Parcel 21-052-85A. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

#### Slice Logo

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request from Slice Pizza & More to

work with Mass Highway to have their logo sign displayed on the highway. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**DPW  
Laborer's  
Contract**

Councilor Santos motioned to accept and approve the DPW Laborer's Contract as presented by Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Traffic  
Advisory  
Recommendation**

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request from the Traffic Advisory regarding parking at 974 Main Street be prohibited on the east side of Main Street ten feet to the north of the driveway and 10 feet to the south of the driveway. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Regular Town  
Meeting  
Warrant**

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the November 5, 2018 Regular Town Meeting Warrant as presented. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Public  
Hearing - Tax  
Classification**

At 7:34 p.m. Councilor Dombroski motioned to open the Public Hearing for Tax Classification. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed on a Roll Call vote with all 7 Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

Director of Assessments Victor Santaniello appeared before the Council with the Tax Classifications recommendations from the Wakefield Board of Assessors and a brief presentation. No one from the public spoke in favor or against the tax classification. Councilor DiNocco motioned to set the Minimum Residential Factor to .8926. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Councilor Santos motioned to not grant a discount for Open Space. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Councilor Santos motioned to not grant a residential exemption. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Councilor Santos motioned to not grant a commercial exemption. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Tonno  
Wakefield**

Councilor Santos motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for October 29, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. for Change of Manager and Alteration of Premises for Tonno Wakefield at 175 North Avenue. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Shell Gas  
Station**

Councilor DiNocco motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for October 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. for Change of License for Shell Gas Station at 356 Lowell Street to include diesel fuel. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Human Rights  
Commission -  
Appointment**

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Jennifer Boettcher to the Human Rights Commission to finish out the term of Kevin Dua who resigned. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Regular  
Minutes -  
September  
27, 2018**

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the amended September 27, 2018 Regular Minutes as presented. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

<b>Executive Minutes – September 27, 2018</b>	Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Executive Minutes of September 27, 2018. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Common Victualler License - Two Guys Breakfast &amp; Lunch</b>	Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the request for a Common Victualler License through December 31, 2018 for Two Guys Breakfast & Lunch at 61 New Salem Street. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Entertainment License – Two Guys Breakfast &amp; Lunch</b>	Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the request for an Entertainment License through December 31, 2018 for Two Guys Breakfast & Lunch at 61 New Salem Street. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>One Day Liquor License – Wakefield Food Pantry</b>	Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License for the Wakefield Food Pantry on November 3, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Wakefield Soccer Association Donation</b>	Councilor Santos motioned to accept with thanks the fencing on the far side of Beasley Oval, the six foot fencing on the Vernon Street side of Dolbeare Field and the flat screen television in the Heritage Room at the Americal Civic Center all of which were purchased and installed with costs paid solely by Wakefield Soccer Association. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Library Donation</b>	Councilor Santos motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts from the Library in the amount of \$34,546.74 from various donors with thanks. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Warrant Review and Signing</b>	Councilor Smith-Galvin signed Warrant #12 dated September 18, 2018 through Warrant #14 dated October 2, 2018 regarding town affairs.
<b>Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair Within 48 Hours of Meeting</b>	<p>Councilor Smith-Galvin – The Hate You Give book discussion was very enlightening, thank you to the Human Rights Commission; the Library will be doing a tour of the Waste Management facility; thank you to Wendy Denis for all her time with the Wakefield Farmer’s Market as Wendy has stepped down</p> <p>Councilor Dombroski – congratulations to the Wakefield Boys and Girls Club on a successful Gala; congratulations to WAAV on their recent 5K</p> <p>Councilor Santos – thank you to Wendy Denis for her help with the Farmer’s Market; the book presentation on The Hate You Give was excellent; please</p>

register to vote, Town Hall has extended hours

Councilor Longo – Healthy Living Expo was a success; thank you to the Light Department with your efforts in Florida

Councilor Butt – WAAV 5K was successful and great; HRC is presenting two events this week, Anti-Defamation League will be coming to their meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday they will be having a transgender conversation; reminder that the Town Bylaw requires notice of any appointment regardless who is in power to make the appointment; a lot of the committee membership and terms on the website are outdated and would like to have that updated

Councilor May – thank you to Steve Maio for all you do for the Town

**Next Board Meeting**

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. if there is Executive Session at WCAT, 24 Hemlock Road

**Adjournment**

At 9:02 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant