

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – May 23, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was posted and held at the WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA, with Chairwoman Ann McGonigle Santos presiding, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Selectman Patrick S. Glynn, Selectman Peter J. May and Selectman Anthony Longo in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen and Clerk to the Board of Selectmen Sherri A. Dalton were also present. Selectman Brian E. Falvey was absent.

Chairwoman Santos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that there is a need for executive session to discuss the Police Chief's Contract because an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town with the intent of returning to open session.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to go in to executive session, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Glynn - yes

Selectman May – yes

Selectman Longo - yes

Chairwoman Santos – yes

The Board returned to open session at 7:06 p.m.

A photo was taken of the Board members along with representatives of the Hartshorne House for their annual breakfast event.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of May 9, 2016, seconded by Selectman May and so voted.

Chairwoman Santos asked for nominations for Chairman for the ensuing year. Selectman DiNocco nominated Selectman Glynn for Chairman. There being no other nominations and Selectman Glynn having accepted the nomination, Chairwoman Santos declared the nominations closed and called for a vote. Selectman Glynn was unanimously elected Chairman.

Chairman Glynn asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Selectwoman Santos nominated Selectman DiNocco for Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations and Selectman DiNocco having accepted the nomination, Chairman Glynn declared the nominations closed and called for a vote. Selectman DiNocco was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Jane Good and Abigail Russell of the Hartshorne House appeared before the Board regarding the Annual Breakfast that is being held June 7, 2016 at the West Side Social Club from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request of William Lee to place a small granite marker for John DiComandrea at Beasley Field, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Administrator Maio spoke regarding the celebration of Father William Coughlin's 50th anniversary as a priest to be held on May 29, 2016 at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church in which Town Administrator Maio will present Father Coughlin with a proclamation.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Mary Remon to accept and expend a gift of \$80.00 for the World War II Memorial in honor of Jim Murphy's birthday, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Farmer's Market Contract as presented by Wendy Dennis, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the Special License for the Sale of Wine for Aaronap Cellars, LLC, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the Special License for the Sale of Wine for Downeast Ciders, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Wendy Dennis, Wakefield Farmer's Market manger appeared before the Board about the possibility of placing a structure or storage unit at Hall Park where the market could store their tents, tables and other equipment during the week. The Board deferred a decision and would like Ms. Dennis to work with Town Administrator Stephen Maio and DPW Director Richard Stinson to determine the type of storage unit that would work best at the site.

Police Chief Richard Smith appeared before the Board regarding his contract for the next three years. Town Administrator Maio highlighted some of Chief Smith's career and said it is impressive where we are as a department and as a town now as opposed to before Chief Smith arrived it is like night and day. Town Administrator Maio also noted that Chief Smith's current salary is comparable to what many communities pay first-year chiefs or those with much shorter tenures and much lesser records of accomplishment. Town Administrator Maio recommended compensation for each year consisted of an initial adjustment based on Chief Smith's experience and record of excellence plus a cost of living increase. Town Administrator Maio stated that it is well deserved and well worth it. The Board gave accolades to Chief Smith and agreed with Town Administrator Maio.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the 3 year contract of Police Chief Richard Smith beginning July 1, 2016 through May 31, 2019, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Correspondence:

Memorial Day Schedule of Events

Invitation from North Star Realtors

Resignation from Cy Bode from the Recreation Committee

Resignation from Anthony Longo from the Recreation Committee

Comments:

Selectwoman Santos – congratulations to the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair; thanked everyone for their support as it was an honor to serve as Chairwoman

Selectman DiNocco – Relay for Life is looking for a speaker. Selectman Longo offered to speak.

Selectman Longo –attended the Albion Street Cultural Exchange event and the Wakefield 101 event, both were well attended; congratulations to his cousin who graduated from Boston College

Selectman May –welcome to the new Chair; would like Town Administrator Maio to ask Senator Lewis to discuss the marijuana issue; Cultural Counsel was a great take; there are 5 active Air B&B's in Wakefield and would like to meet with Town Administrator Maio and Town Counsel Tom Mullen

Town Counsel – regarding the Air B&B's the Building Inspector should send out letter to them

Town Administrator –thank you to Selectwoman Santos for a wonderful year as Chairwoman; congratulations to Chairman Glynn and Vice Chairman DiNocco; MAPC is coming to the Civic Center on June 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. to talk about how Wakefield can develop cultural arts in Wakefield

Chairman Glynn – Good luck to Betsy Sheeran and Phyllis Hull; welcome to Selectman May and Selectman Longo; great

job to outgoing Chairwoman Santos; congratulation to Vice Chairman DiNocco; thank you to everyone who reached out to him and his family regarding the death of his nephew

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Selectman May and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk