

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – October 26, 2015**

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, Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, and Phyllis J. Hull in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen and Clerk to the Board of Selectman Sherri A. Dalton were also present. Selectman Patrick S. Glynn was absent.

Chairwoman Santos called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of September 28, 2015, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of October 14, 2015, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Maria Donald along with her translator Martin Corona appeared before the Board to discuss the Class II License Application for Brandon Auto Sales. The Board had many questions and concerns regarding the application. Ms. Donald did not present the required Bond along with the application.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to table the Class II License Application for Brandon Auto Sales until she has the required Bond, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Karen Faler a representative of the Friends of Lake Quannapowitt appeared before the Board to discuss the poles at the head of the lake. Ms. Faler announced that the poles will be removed and the wires will be placed underground with no cost to the taxpayers or electric ratepayers. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio informed the Board that the electrical portion will be covered by the WMGLD in the ordinary course of business. The Wakefield's state legislators had succeeded in securing \$100,000.00 in state funding toward the project and that another \$30,000.00 is being contributed by the Friends of Lake Quannapowitt which leaves a shortage of \$95,000.00. Town Administrator Maio explained that the \$95,000.00 shortage could be funded by using a portion of the project income that is left in the now defunct Community Block Grant program.

Selectman Falvey motioned to utilize \$95,000.00 from the Community Block Grant program for the remaining amount owed to complete the pole project at the head of the lake, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Town of Wakefield from The Savings Bank in the amount of \$2,990.00 for the purpose of upgrading the Walton Field scoreboard to a wireless control system with thanks, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted with Selectwoman Hull abstaining.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the request from the Wakefield Fire Department to accept and expend a gift or gifts from the Wakefield Rotary Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 to replace worn out fire equipment with thanks, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the request from the Wakefield Fire Department to accept and expend a gift or gifts from Mrs. Mary Lally in the amount of \$25.00 to replace worn out fire equipment with thanks, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Brian McGrail, Attorney for Shelter Development appeared before the Board along with the Director of Shelter Development Michael Glynn to get the Board's approval to relocate the sewer, utility and other easements on or near the future Brightview site. Mr. McGrail also told the Board that after meeting with John Kennedy of VHB they have proposed changes to the Eaton Street and Crescent Street intersection and also parking prohibition between 11 and 25 Crescent Street.

Selectman DiNocco motioned that the Board vote to relocate and/or reconfigure sewer, utility and other municipal

easements or other property rights, including those obtained pursuant to a Taking to Construct a System of Sewage dated October 25, 1901 and recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds at Book 2925, Page 446, on property shown on Town of Wakefield Assessors Map 17, Lots 84A, 86A, 86, and 87A also known and numbered as 11, 15, and 17 Crescent Street and 338 Main Street as follows:

To abandon a portion of said existing easement or property right labeled "Portion Of Existing Sewer Easement To Be Abandoned" as shown and delineated on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Wakefield, Mass Showing Sewer & Utility Easement" prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc. dated October 22, 2015 for consideration of \$1.00 and the granting of a substitute easement;

To accept a substitute sewer and utility easement for sewer and drainage purposes labeled as "Proposed Sewer & Utility Easement" as shown and delineated on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Wakefield, Mass Showing Sewer & Utility Easement" prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc. dated October 22, 2015, recognizing that a building and improvements will be constructed on portions of said easement as contemplated by Special Permits granted by the Board of Appeals and filed with the Wakefield Town Clerk on September 28, 2015; and

To accept as a gift any sewer and/or drainage infrastructure improvements constructed by Shelter Development, LLC as contemplated by the said Special Permits, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned that as part of the completion of a certain Assisted Living Facility, as contemplated by Special Permits granted by the Board of Appeals and filed with the Wakefield Town Clerk on September 28, 2015, the Board vote to prohibit parking along portions of Crescent Street as shown on a plan entitled "Sketch Plan in Wakefield, Mass Showing Street Parking to be Prohibited Crescent Street" prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc. dated October 7, 2015, provided, however, that Shelter Development, LLC shall be responsible for the cost of the acquisition and installation of the necessary signs and pavement markings implementing said parking prohibition, and furthermore, that the Board authorize the acceptance as a gift of any work, materials, or sums of money donated by Shelter Development, LLC to cover the cost of acquiring and installing the signs and pavement markings required to implement the said parking prohibition, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from the Traffic Advisory Committee regarding parking restrictions on the west side of Farm Street between Nahant Street and Old Nahant Road, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from the Traffic Advisory Committee regarding improvements to the intersection of Melvin Street and Valley Street by placing a "Stop" sign for Melvin Street and including pavement marking, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the comments for the comment letter going to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act for the Eversource project in relation to the proposed underground electric, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio addressed the Board regarding the Fiscal Year 2015 Year End Review. Town Administrator Maio stated that the town closed fiscal year 2015 in great shape. As of July 1, 2014, the state certified Wakefield's Free Cash in the amount of \$8,491,969.00. Even after Town Meeting voters approved spending \$1,150,000.00 of its Free Cash reserves in Fiscal Year 2015 which left a balance of \$7,341,969.00. Town Administrator Maio reminded the Board that Free Cash comes from unspent money returned from town departmental budgets along with revenues that exceed the projected amount for a fiscal year. Last year town departments returned close to \$900,000.00 in unspent money and revenues for last fiscal year were \$1,368,113.00 higher than conservative projections. The town's current Free Cash balance is \$9.6 million but at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting voters approved a large increase in the School Department budget as well as \$1.2 million in snow and ice overdrafts from last winter.

Those amounts comprise the bulk of the \$2,956,874.00 that voters at the Regular Town Meeting on November 16, 2015 will be asked to appropriate in order to balance the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. That will leave \$6.6 million in Free Cash at the close of the November Town Meeting.

Correspondence:

Invitation from Wakefield Alliance Against Violence

Comments:

Selectwoman Hull - Veteran's Day ceremony is November 11<sup>th</sup>, questioned why the new trash trucks aren't always picking up the trash

Selectman Falvey – would like to know what is happening with the scoreboards at the Americal Civic Center

Selectwoman Sheeran – please remember the food pantry; congratulations to Selectman Doto regarding the opening of Title Boxing Club; October 29<sup>th</sup> is Frightnight; questioned the blue trash bins if they were for businesses; condolences on the death of John Boghos

Selectman DiNocco – the food pantry received a \$700.00 for the donations from the dunk tank at Festival Italia; questioned why trash was being picked up on one side only on Albion Street

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio – On October 22, 2015 he attended a very good Opioid meeting which District Attorney Marion Ryan spoke at; Civic League invitation regarding the lake water quality at Harrington's

Chairwoman Santos – Wakefield Alliance Against Violence is sponsoring a presentation of the short play, The Yellow Dress which deals with the issue of teen relationships and dating violence on October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wakefield Memorial High School

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.



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Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk