

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – March 14, 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, Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran, Selectman Tiziano Doto, Selectman Patrick S. Glynn and Selectwoman Phyllis J. Hull in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen and Clerk to the Board of Selectmen Sherri Dalton were also present. Selectman Paul R. DiNocco and Selectman Brian E. Falvey were absent.

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

Selectman Doto motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of February 22, 2016, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Cathy Donovan from The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield made a presentation to the Board. Chairwoman Santos read and presented a Proclamation and the Board designated the week of March 14, 2016 through March 20, 2016 as The Scholarship Foundation Week in Wakefield. A photograph was taken with the Board before the meeting.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the Class II License Application for Wakefield Auto Gallery d/b/a Wakefield Motor Galley, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Peg Barringer from FinePoint Associates and Town Planner Paul Reavis appeared before the Board to discuss the Main Street Market Assessment Report. Ms. Barringer recommended viewing the downtown as more than just a shopping area. She said that shoppers today are looking for a social place where they can sit and gather. She recommended creating a restaurant guide for distribution to hotels, etc; developing a smart phone “app” as to what’s available in the downtown; making sure the downtown looks open and welcoming with hours posted on businesses. The full Downtown Wakefield Market Assessment Report is available on the town’s website.

Police Chief Richard E. Smith presented the Police Department budget.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Police Department budget in the amount of \$5,113,817.00 as presented by Chief Richard Smith, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Department of Public Works budget.

Selectman Glynn motioned to increase the Sidewalk Repair line item by \$25,000.00 to a total amount of \$75,000.00, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran. After discussion Selectman Glynn withdrew his motion.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the DPW Budget in the amount of \$4,771,310.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the Snow & Ice Budget in the amount of \$750,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the Sewer Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$7,611,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the Water Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$4,505,493.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Northeast Vocational School budget in the amount of \$1,146,683.00,

seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the Eminent Domain Warrant Article in the amount of \$1.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Refuse/Recycling/Yard Waste Warrant Article in the amount of \$1,515,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the NPDES (storm water) Warrant Article in the amount of \$100,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Roadway Improvements Warrant Article in the amount of \$200,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the New Sidewalks Warrant Article in the amount of \$50,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the Betterment (Mount Pleasant/Everett Street) Warrant Article – Borrowing - \$251,415.00 (estimate) as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Water Treatment Plan Upgrades (Phase 1) Warrant Article, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve a \$500.00 contribution to the 2016 Wakefield Youth Health & Safety Guide for Parents, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the request from the Council on Aging to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$1,339.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the request from the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the library in the amount of \$7,381.00 from various donor with thanks, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Correspondence:

Letter from the Office of the Attorney General

Letter regarding political signs

Comments:

Town Council – needs the Boards signature for the Brightview Easement

Selectwoman Sheeran – please remember the Food Pantry, happy Pi day, happy St. Patrick's Day

Town Administrator – thank you to the department heads as we are on track with the budgets

Selectman Glynn motioned to adjourn at 9:24 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk