



## WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Wakefield High School - Cafeteria**

**60 Farm Street, Wakefield, MA. 01880**

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**PRESENT:**

Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Chair  
Selectman Peter J. May, Vice-Chair  
Selectwoman Mehreen N. Butt  
Selectman Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.  
Selectman Brian E. Falvey  
Selectman Anthony Longo  
Selectwoman Ann McGonigle Santos  
Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator  
Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant  
Thomas A. Mullen, Town Counsel

**NOT PRESENT:**

### ----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

**Call to Order**

Chairman DiNocco called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Public  
Participation**

There was no one present for Public Participation

**Approval of  
Minutes -  
Regular**

Selectman May motioned to approve the minutes of January 22, 2018 as presented. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation  
/ Action Item  
Budgets**

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the Treasurer Budget in the amount of \$202,875.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Tax Collector Budget in the amount of \$255,954.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Assessor Budget in the amount of \$226,068.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Town Clerk Budget in the amount of \$202,502.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Election & Registration Budget in the amount of \$41,000.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Board of Health Budget in the amount of

\$239,472.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Miscellaneous Selectmen Budget in the amount of \$25,125.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the General Insurance Budget in the amount of \$392,845.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Medicare Budget in the amount of \$709,000.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Worker's Compensation Budget in the amount of \$500,454.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation  
/ Action Item  
– Wakefield  
Fire Chief  
Request**

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from the Wakefield Fire Chief to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Mun Su Sa Buddhist Temple, Inc. with thanks. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation  
/ Action Item  
– Town  
Treasurer  
Request**

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from the Town Treasurer to transfer \$119,037.50 from the Town's capital projects account at The Savings Bank to the Town's general fund to pay the following bonds: Public Safety – Interest \$47,150.00; Land Acquisition – Interest \$5,400.00; Galvin Feasibility – Interest \$3,943.75; Athletic Fields – Interest \$62,543.75. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation  
/ Action Item  
– Library  
Director  
Request**

Selectman May motioned to approve the request from the Library Director to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$6,874.00 from various donors with thanks. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation  
/ Action Item  
– Parent  
University  
Banner**

Selectman May motioned to approve the request to hang a banner for Parent University from February 26, 2018 to March 12, 2018. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation  
/ Action Item  
– Wakefield  
Alliance  
Against  
Violence  
Banner**

Selectman May motioned to approve the request to hang a banner for Wakefield Alliance Against Violence White Ribbon from March 12, 2018 to March 26, 2018. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

<b>Presentation / Action Item – Wakefield WWII Memorial Fund</b>	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Wakefield World War II Memorial Fund in the amount of \$200.00 from various donors in memory of Phyllis Hull. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>Presentation / Action Item – Stephen P. Maio Disclosure</b>	Selectwoman Santos motioned to accept the Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest for Stephen P. Maio to serve on the Search Committee for a new Superintendent of Schools and that the search committee is not a conflict of interest. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>License / Permits – Hallmark Health</b>	Selectman Longo motioned to approve the request from Hallmark Health for a One Day Liquor License for May 10, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Subaru of Wakefield. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1. Selectwoman Butt abstained.
<b>License / Permits – Wakefield Educational Foundation</b>	Selectman May motioned to approve the request from Wakefield Educational Foundation for a One Day Liquor License for the Annual Adult Spelling Bee for March 2, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center. Selectman Longo seconded and waived the fee. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>License / Permits – Albion Cultural Exchange Committee</b>	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from the Albion Cultural Exchange Committee for a Two Day Liquor License for March 1, 2018 and March 2, 2018 at the Albion Cultural Exchange Center. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>License / Permits – Rafa Pizzeria – Common Victualler License</b>	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from Rafa Pizzeria for a Common Victualler License at 927 Main Street. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>License / Permits – Rafa Pizzeria – Entertainment License</b>	Selectman May motioned to approve the request from Rafa Pizzeria for an Entertainment License at 927 Main Street. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>License / Permits – Paul DiNocco</b>	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from Paul DiNocco for a One Day Liquor License for February 27, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1. Selectman DiNocco abstained.
<b>Warrant Review and</b>	Selectman Longo signed Warrant #28 dated January 09, 2018; Warrant #29 dated January 16, 2018 and Warrant #30 dated January 23, 2018.

## **Signing**

### **Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair Within 48 Hours of Meeting**

Town Administrator – March 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. there will be tours of the Public Safety Building

### **Recess**

At 7:00 p.m. Selectman May motioned for a 30 minute recess. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman Falvey arrived at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. Chaiman DiNocco called the meeting to order.

### **Public Hearing – National Grid**

At 7:30 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to open the Public Hearing for National Grid. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all seven members voting in the affirmative.

National Grid's in house attorney Bess Gorman made a brief presentation on the history of the project from 2014 when the project was first proposed. Dr. Robert Kavet, the town's expert on magnetic fields summarized his report and noted that EMF has been studied for impacts on health and safety for more than 40 years and the evidence of a connection between magnetic fields and cancer is limited. The ultimate decision on the project will be made by the state Energy Facilities Siting Board and their decision is expected as soon as Wednesday, February 15, 2018. Dr. Kavet said that EMF exposure from the proposed power line would not exceed 3 mg in any homes that are along the Wakefield portion of the route. Dr. Kavet also looked at potential mitigation of EMF levels including using a high pressure fluid filled cable (HPFF). Selectman Dombroski argued that the town insist on using the HPFF cable. A National Grid expert said that by using the HPFF it would add significant cost to the project and said that this type of cable is being used less and less due to concerns over spills from the large quantities of fluid required in the lines. Selectwoman Santos said that she is not convinced that this is going to be a major health issue. Richard Steward a Wakefield citizen spoke against the project saying that even the perception of possible association between EMF and cancer should be enough motivation against the project and wondered if abutters would be able to sell their homes after disclosing the power line to potential buyers. Christine Rioux questioned the need for electricity. No other member of the public spoke. Selectman Dombroski motioned that in the event that the decision comes down to use the XLPE cable that the Board join Winchester and Stoneham in demanding that the HPFF cable to be used. Selectman Longo seconded. The other Board members would like to see what the report from the Energy Facilities Siting Board decision would be before they vote on this. The Board voted against the motion 5-2-0 with Selectman Falvey, Selectman May, Selectwoman Santos, Selectwoman Butt and Chairman DiNocco voting against the motion and Selectman Longo and Selectman Dombroski voting in favor of the motion. The Board then scheduled a meeting for Friday, February 16, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the WCAT studio to discuss the Energy Facilities Siting Board's decision. At 9:30 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to close the public hearing. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with

all seven members voting in the affirmative.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the WCAT Studio, 24 Hemlock Road

**Adjournment**

At 9:37 p.m. Selectman Longo motioned to adjourn. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant