



WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Friday, February 16, 2018

12:00 P.M.

WCAT Studio

24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880

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:
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----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

Call to Order	Chairman DiNocco called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
Presentation / Action Item National Grid	Selectman Dombroski asked Chairman DiNocco to allow Victor Viggiano a representative from Okonite to speak and/or answer questions regarding the pipe type cable that the company manufactures. Mr. Viggiano did not agree with National Grid that the pipe type cable was more expensive, that the cable would take up more space in the ground and that the cable was potentially filled with hazardous fluid. Selectwoman Butt asked the Board to get back to discussing the Energy Facilities Siting Board decision and did not want to hear Mr. Viggiano's sales pitch. Selectman Dombroski asked the Board if they have an opportunity to reduce EMF then why wouldn't the Board. Selectman Falvey said that decades of study have failed to find the link between EMF and any type of disease. Selectwoman Santos agreed with Selectman Falvey. Selectman Longo said that he would like to hear comments from Peter Dion the General Manager of the WMGLD as to the New Salem Street alternate route that is proposed. Mr. Dion said that every time it rains, New Salem Street gets flooded and is concerned with having a transmission line sitting underwater. He also commented that he does not have any concerns regarding EMF and that the Light Department does not have an issue with the newer technology. Selectman Falvey motioned that the Board respond in the affirmative to the Siting Board. Selectman Longo seconded. After discussion Selectman Falvey withdrew his motion. Selectman Falvey motioned that if the Siting Board approves the pipe type cable anywhere then Wakefield wants the pipe type in Wakefield also. Selectman Longo seconded. After further discussion Selectman Falvey withdrew his motion. Selectman Falvey motioned to comment to the Siting Board that Wakefield concurs with the tentative decision however if it is possible to implement the pipe type cable in Wakefield that would be preferable. Selectman Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

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 1:42 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to adjourn. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant