

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 12, 2017**

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

Chairman Paul R. DiNocco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Annie Duvall of 27 Paon Boulevard appeared before the Board for Public Participation. Ms. Duvall stated that her son was bitten by an unleashed dog and would like the By-Law changed so that a higher fee can be imposed.

Selectman May motioned to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Department of Public Works Director Richard Stinson appeared before the Board to present the Fiscal Year 2018 water and sewer rates as recommended by the Advisory Board of Public Works. Mr. Stinson said that the new water rate will be \$6.95 per 100 cubic feet and the new sewer rate will be \$10.90 per 100 cubic feet for a combined rate of \$17.85. The new water rate means that an average annual water bill (after the discount is taken) will be \$750.60 or \$187.65 per quarter. The new sewer rate means that an average annual sewer bill (after the discount) will be \$1,177.20 or \$294.30 per quarter. The combined average annual water and sewer bill will be \$1,927.80 or \$481.95 per quarter based on an average single family house using 12,000 cubic feet of water. Mr. Stinson stressed that the assessments that the MWRA charges the town represent 44.04 percent of the water budget and 77.35 percent of the sewer budget. The new sewer flat rate, charged mainly to residents with wells, will be \$327.00 a quarter or \$294.30 after the discount. Sewer charges for most properties are based on the amount of water used, as sewer flow leaving individual properties is not metered. Since there is no town water to measure going into homes with wells, those homes are charged the sewer flat rate.

Selectman May motioned to approve the water rate of \$6.95 per 100 cubic feet as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman May motioned to approve the sewer rate of \$10.90 per 100 cubic feet as presented, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectman May motioned to approve the sewer flat fee of \$327.00 per quarter as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman May motioned to approve the septic disposal rate fee of \$110.00 per delivery as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman Longo motioned to approve the request from the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gift to the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library in the amount of \$728.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectman May and so voted.

Selectman Dombroski motioned to approve the request from the Wakefield Public Schools regarding the Greenwood School Sign with the caveat that the quotations are removed and the font is changed, seconded by Selectman May and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from the Wakefield Public Schools regarding Bikes Surplus, seconded by Selectman Dombroski and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio presented to the Board the Market Street Agreement. Chairman DiNocco amended the Agreement by adding an additional clause to Page 3, item 1A, new line iii reaffirms the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the Agreement with the additional clause added, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from the Town Treasurer to transfer \$1,102,725.00 from the Town's capital projects account to the Town's general fund so that the following bonds can be paid by July 1, 2017; GMA principal \$610,000.00 Interest \$446,725.00; Athletic Fields principal \$35,000.00, Interest \$11,000.00, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Chairman DiNocco asked Town Administrator Stephen Maio to open the discussed regarding the name change of the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrator Maio stated that 30 communities have already formerly changed the name of their Board of Selectmen to another name. Town Administrator Maio said that the Wakefield Board of Selectmen is the only gender specific board in town and if the Board would like a name change it would have to go before the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Longo would like any change brought forth to a general election. Town Counsel Thomas Mullen responded that it would first need at 2/3rds vote a Town Meeting and then recommended to be put on the ballot. Selectwoman Santos told the Board that this was not brought up by either women on the Board but she supports a name change but feels the Board should come up with a new name and not leave that up to the Town. Selectman Dombroski asked what the process would be. Town Counsel Mullen state that there are a couple of ways. One way would be a 2/3rds vote at Town Meeting and then that recommendation is put on the ballot. The other way is that Town Meeting can vote by majority vote and ask the legislature to amend the Charter and then the legislature grants the request on the contingency that the Town put it on the ballot. Selectman Dombroski would like to hear what the constituents have to say. He feels that getting the Charter Review Committee involved is the right way to go and then decide if there will be public participation. Selectwoman Butt stated she is curious about the name change going to the general ballot where this Board is the only gender specific board. Town Counsel Mullen said that if the Charter is going to be changed this is the process in which to do it. Selectwoman Butt said that the Charter is not going to be bringing anything before the Board until October 2018 and that she would like to have something done before that. Chairman DiNocco suggested that there be a forum for the public to see what their opinion is. Selectwoman Santos said that a forum is fine but it needs to be made clear that the opinion can't be to keep the name. Chairman DiNocco suggested that the Board keeps the discussion open with a forum and to have the Charter Committee involved also.

Selectman Dombroski motioned to form the Sign By-Law Review Committee with members being the Town Administrator, the Building Inspector, the Town Planner, two members of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Board of Appeals, one member of the Chamber of Commerce, one member of the Main Streets Program and one member of the business community, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectman May motioned to form the Plastic Bag By-Law Review Committee with members being the Town Administrator, the Building Inspector, the Town Planner, two members of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Chamber of Commerce, one member of the business community and two citizens at large (one being offered to Caitlyn Brackett), seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Pony Shack Cider, Inc. Liquor License for the Farmer's Market, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectman Dombroski motioned to approve the Common Victualler License for The Bread Shop, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

The scheduling of a Public Hearing for the alteration of the premises known as Caffè Italia at 21-23 Water Street has been tabled.

Selectmen May motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for outdoor dining for The Bread Shop for June 26, 2017 at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for the transfer of an All Alcohol Liquor License from Caryn's Restaurant to JRMM, Inc. d/b/a Public House for July 10, 2017 at 7:10 p.m.

Maureen Hickey, Chair of the Wakefield Housing Authority Board along with Al Confalone and Jane Good members of the Wakefield Housing Authority Board appeared before the Board to appoint a member to fill the unexpired term on the Wakefield Housing Authority Board.

Selectman Longo motioned to appoint Charles L. Geier of 41 Forrester Road as a member of the Wakefield Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term until 2021, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Chairman DiNocco signed Warrant #45 dated May 9, 2017; Warrant #47 dated May 23, 2017; Warrant #48 dated May 30, 2017 and Warrant #49 dated June 6, 2017.

Matters Not Anticipated By The Chairman Within 48 Hours of Meeting -

Selectman Dombroski – there are a number of postings on line for Air B&B's and he would like to see some enforcement from the Town; would like to make sure that Greenwood is included with the sprucing up of the downtown area

Selectman Longo – attended a funeral this week and would like everyone to reflect with what is going on

Selectman May – there are a growing number of Air B&B's and the Board should give attention to that

Selectwoman Butt – thank you to the organizers of the Festival by the Lake and to all of the non-profits that attended; thank you to Marianne Cohen for her service as Director to the Chamber of Commerce

Selectwoman Santos – makes sense to have upgraded assessments for dog bites; should be proud as a community for coming together for all families

Town Counsel – just an update on Air B&B's, it all depends on how the By-law is written for the Air B&B's and the By-laws were written long before Air B&B's were ever around

Town Administrator – the West Side Social Club is requesting to use the upper and lower commons to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration beginning at 6:00 a.m. on July 3, 2017 to Wednesday July 5, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. and to use the outside area of Veteran's Field on July 4, 2017 for food concession location. Selectman May motioned to accept the request of the West Side Social Club, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted. Has a few dates for the Strategic Planning sessions for July 22, 2017, July 29, 2017 and August 19, 2017 and would like to have the whole Board attend if at all possible and the majority of the Board can meet on July 22, 2017.

Chairman DiNocco – forum on Group Homes is scheduled for July 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Savings Bank Theatre with Senator Lewis and both Representatives attending; would ask everyone to leave the light on tonight in memory of Zack Frank

Selectman Longo motioned to adjourn at 8:41 p.m., seconded by Selectman May and so voted.



Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk