

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 13, 2016

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

Chairman Glynn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence for the recent Orlando, Florida shootings.

Renee Marceau and Mary Young both residents of Hart Street appeared before the Board regarding the Melvin Street and Hart Street request from the Traffic Advisory. They said that the addition of the “stop” sign would not address their concerns about cars that speed down Melvin Street and then whip around the corner. They asked for some curbing on Melvin Street at the corner of Hart Street to force cars to slow down as they make the turn on to Hart Street.

Jessica Hunt appeared before the Board regarding having a Town Motto / Slogan Contest. Town Administrator Maio suggested that he will put this out on social media to get more town citizens involved.

John Carney, Jim Farrell and Kristen Farrell appeared before the Board regarding the SMA 5K Walk around Lake Quannapowitt on Saturday, August 27, 2016.

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the Special Town Election Warrant for July 19, 2016, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Lieutenant Skory appeared before the Board regarding proposing a Stop Sign on Melvin and Bennett Street and speed warning sign on Melvin Street. And also proposing a flashing speed limit sign at Prospect Street (west bound) near High and Brook.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request of the Traffic Advisory Committee for a stop sign on Melvin and Bennett Street and speed warning sign on Melvin Street, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the request of the Traffic Advisory Committee for a flashing speed limit sign at Prospect Street (west bound) near High and Brook, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Victor Santaniello, Town Assessor appeared before the Board regarding entering into an agreement of professional services of Anthony Ambriano for consultation and representation in regard to Verizon’s attempt to lower the assessment of their poles, wires, etc. to the Appellate Tax Board Appeals (Verizon New England Inc. and MCI entities).

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the hiring of Anthony Ambriano to represent the Assessing Department of the Town of Wakefield, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the execution of closing documents including Deed for sale of tax title property at 23 Eaton Street, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Counsel Thomas Mullen spoke to the Board about drafting an article for town meeting to see if the town will adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 59A. This section will allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate over back taxes owed and taxation going forward regarding the rehabbing of commercial property that is subject to environmental cleanup.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request of Town Counsel Thomas Mullen to draft an article for town meeting to see if the town will adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 59A, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from the Town Treasurer to transfer \$1,097,175.00 from the Town's capital projects account at The Savings Bank to the general fund so that the following bonds can be paid on July 1, 2016: Athletic Field – Principal \$35,000.00 – Interest \$46,525.00; GMS – Principal \$1,050,650.00 – Interest \$455,650.00, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Wendy Dennis, Market Manager for the Wakefield Farmers Market appeared before the Board regarding having a permanent or seasonal storage unit at Hall Park. The Selectmen voted on the placement of a temporary shed and will revisit having a permanent structure.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the placement of a storage shed across the parking lot adjacent to Vet's Field, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted with Selectman May opposing.

Selectman DiNocco 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 \$942.18 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for June 27, 2016 at 7:40 p.m. for a Beer/Wine/Malt License for The Porch at 41 Tuttle Street, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for June 27, 2016 at 7:45 p.m. to set the Water & Sewer Rates, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to appoint Cindy McGrath of 8 Hart's Street, Unit 2 to the position of Warden for Precinct Three, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to appoint Stephen L. Melanson of 27 Hartswood Drive, Haverhill, MA as the Building Inspector vacation replacement, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Correspondence:

Precinct Three Warden Resignation – Richard Pearson

Board of Registrars – Temporary Town Clerk Resignation – Rosemary Morgan

Precinct Seven Resignation – Marie Adinolfi

Rev. William Coughlin – Thank you letter

Comments:

Chairman Glynn – Happy Birthday to Ann Santos; Please remember the Food Pantry

Selectman Longo – Thank you to Rosemary Morgan for filling in as the Temporary Town Clerk; Relay for Life is Friday, June 17, 2016

Selectman Falvey – Questioned if the recycling schedule can be every week; would like citizens to fill out comment cards on how their experience was when visiting Town Hall; stops in at businesses downtown and always asks how their businesses are doing and the response is usually their business is slow except for this past time when they said their business is doing great and they are going to expand their hours

Selectwoman Santos – talked about how she would like to see Wakefield potentially build a hockey rink with private funds. She mentioned that she has talked with the Town Administrator about this and conversations have occurred with the Vocational School about there being land that is half owned by the Town and half owned by the Vocational School. Since the Vocation School is on board the Town Administrator would like to put an RFP out over the summer

Selectman DiNocco – congratulated the Cultural Exchange and congratulated Laura Marie Small for starting the Wakefield's Happening Group; asked that Festival Italia be put on the June 27, 2016 agenda

Town Administrator –Water and Sewer rates will be on the June 27, 2016 agenda; since there is a lot of talk about second water meters he gave the selectmen a packet on second water meters outlining the current policy in which there are no second water meters; attended the MAPC meeting on June 8, 2016 on “How do we create a cultural center” and will be working with the MAPC Planner going forward but noted that Wakefield is ahead of the curve and this will get Wakefield more grants; spoke with Mass Highway about the 129 Rotary which is controlled by them and they are going to monitor it

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk