

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 27, 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 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. Selectman Brian E. Falvey was absent.

Chairman Glynn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the signing of the Wakefield Housing Rehabilitation Program Amendment Assignment and Assumption of Lien Agreement for property at 42 Lake Street, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the Order Estimating Betterments for Mount Pleasant Avenue and Everett Street, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the renaming of the WMHS cafeteria proposed signage to the Dennis M. O'Leary Student Center "It's A Great Day To Be A Warrior", seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman May motioned to approve the requests from The Event Planning Committee to conduct Festival Italia on Saturday, August 20, 2016 with a rain date of Sunday, August 21, between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. with a street closure from 11:00 A.M.–9:00 P.M.; requests that Main Street be closed to southbound vehicular traffic from Yale Ave (south) to Richardson Ave. That Main Street is closed to northbound vehicular traffic from Water Street to Yale Ave. Albion Street is closed to vehicular traffic from Main St. to North Ave. Additional closings; Centre Street- Main Street to the rear of Alano building, Princess Street-Main Street to the Lindquist building. And that the following streets have no access to Main Street; Avon and Chestnut and that Foster has no access to Albion Street. The Committee will meet with the Town's Logistics team, as required, prior to the event to ensure vehicular and pedestrian safety. Also, will work with the DPW to address its needs for event day; request to utilize the Lincoln Street Parking Lot (if necessary, possible Car Show) and the use of all Municipal parking areas (if available) for Festival parking; request is sought for the EPC to once again be authorized the use of the Town's Building on 9 Albion for purposes associated with the Festival that day; request a ten (10) Day Liquor License (to the EPC) to purchase Beer and Wine, this would allow us to obtain and transport alcohol 2 days prior to the event and to return it two days past the weekend. The alcohol is to be used at possible locations within or associated with the event/area, for sale by the EPC staff; request is sought that the Selectman authorizes the EPC, the ability to extend the liquor licenses of those restaurants participating in the event, to a predetermined area in front of their business within the shutdown area of the Town Right of Way, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

At 7:40 p.m. Selectwoman Santos motioned to open the Public Hearing for The Porch at 41 Tuttle Street for a Beer/Wine/Malt License, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Santos – yes

Selectman Longo – yes

Selectman May – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Chairman Glynn – yes

Attorney Michael McCarthy submitted a letter requesting to withdraw the Beer/Wine/Malt License Application for his clients the owners of The Porch. No one from the public spoke in favor or denial of the License.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to accept the withdrawal of the Beer/Wine/Malt License, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

At 7:40 p.m. Selectman DiNocco motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Santos – yes

Selectman Longo – yes

Selectman May – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Chairman Glynn – yes

At 7:45 p.m. Selectwoman Santos motioned to open the Public Hearing for setting the Water & Sewer Rates, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Santos – yes

Selectman Longo – yes

Selectman May – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Chairman Glynn – yes

Department of Public Works Director Richard Stinson appeared before the Board to present the Fiscal Year 2017 water and sewer rates as recommended by the Advisory Board of Public Works. Mr. Stinson said that the new water rate will be \$6.35 per 100 cubic feet and the new sewer rate will be \$10.70 per 100 cubic feet for a combined rate of \$17.05. The new water rate means that an average annual water bill (after the discount is taken) will be \$685.80 or \$171.45 per quarter. The new sewer rate means that an average annual sewer bill (after the discount) will be \$1,155.60 or \$288.90 per quarter. The combined average annual water and sewer bill will be \$1,841.40 or \$460.35 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 41.47 percent of the water budget and 76.86 percent of the sewer budget. The new sewer flat rate, charged mainly to residents with wells, will be \$321.00 a quarter or \$288.90 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.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the water rate of \$6.35 per 100 cubic feet as presented, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the sewer rate of \$10.70 per 100 cubic feet as presented, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the sewer flat fee of \$321.00 per quarter as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

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

Rosemary Sorota of 29 Andrews Road appeared before the Board to address the issue of second water meters. The DPW currently has a ban on second water meter in effect until 2019. Director of the Department of Public

Work Richard Stinson said that there are meters measuring the amount of sewerage flowing out of the town as a whole but each individual house is not metered for sewer outflow. Second water meters would require an initial up front capital cost of \$654,000.00 and about \$64,000.00 in annual operating costs.

At 8:04 p.m. Selectwoman Santos motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Santos – yes

Selectman Longo – yes

Selectman May – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Chairman Glynn – yes

Selectwoman Santos motioned to set a Public Hearing for an All Alcohol License for The Porch at 41 Tuttle Street for August 8, 2016 at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Senator Jason Lewis appeared before the Board along with Police Chief Richard Smith. Senator Lewis presented his case regarding the Massachusetts campaign to oppose a measure seeking to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Senator Lewis headed a yearlong study by a committee of Massachusetts lawmakers on the impact of legalizing recreational marijuana in Massachusetts. Based on everything that he learned, Senator Lewis said that he is strongly opposed to the ballot measure that will likely go before voters in November seeking to legalize marijuana for recreational use and allow it to be sold commercially. Senator Lewis has joined “The Campaign for a Safe and Healthy Massachusetts” a campaign to oppose recreational marijuana. Police Chief Richard Smith said that he was concerned with black market activity since the black market has gone through the roof in Colorado which recently allowed the sale of marijuana for recreational use. Senator Lewis said that public polling on this is shifting and that people are starting to learn what this is about and that they don’t want this for Massachusetts.

Town Engineer Michael Collins appeared before the Board to present the report of Lake Quannapowitt. He told the Board that whatever is done to address the condition of the Lake will not be cheap and will not happen overnight although certain in lake approaches seem to promise quicker results. He said that one goal was to find a way to bring the Lake into a condition where it would meet Massachusetts Water Quality standards for a swimmable and fishable body of water. The other goal was to eliminate blue-green algae due to its toxicity and competition with healthy lake organisms. The committee recommended a consultant be hired to objectively review all available information and help the town decide if more investigation is need to select a final action plan. The committee also recommended continuing to monitor levels of toxicity. Selectman Glynn told Mr. Collins that the Town Administrator would be in touch with him to discuss the next steps regarding the committee’s work.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to appoint Deborah Atkocius of 9 Spruce Street to Precinct Seven as a Teller through December 31, 2016, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to appoint Maureen Howlett of 50 Forrester Road to the Council on Aging Board with a term expiring April 30, 2018, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to appoint Kimberly Hackett of 21A Summer Street from an Alternate Member to a Full Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring April 30, 2019, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve a Common Victualler License for School House Pizza at 927 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the Class II License for RSC Global Holdings, LLC of 35 Avon Street subject to fingerprinting by the Police Department, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Class II License for Arcari Motors of 20 Del Carmine Street subject to fingerprinting by the Police Department, seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Correspondence:

Reserve Fund Transfer Analysis – Fiscal Year 2016

Comments:

Town Administrator - Wakefield resident Karen Faler was named as one of the Unsung Heroines of Massachusetts; on the Town Administrator page of the website there is a survey link; Wakefield is partnering with See Click Fix for the public to report any issue

Selectman Longo – Would like someone to develop an App for the Town of Wakefield referencing events, restaurants, and goings on

Selectman May – Would like to see a dog park on Town property

Selectwoman Santos – 4th of July parade starts of 5:00 p.m.; kudos to Katherine Clark regarding gun control

Selectman DiNocco – condolences go out to the Giannattasio family; kudos to the firefighters for putting out the fire on Highland Street; would like to meet with the Town Administrator regarding the By-law Review and Charter Review; 4 new planters downtown that were donated by the Main Street Program and they look fabulous

Chairman Glynn – Special Election is July 19, 2016; condolences to the Giannattasio family; Happy 4th of July; please remember the Food Pantry

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Selectman Longo and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk