



WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, March 12, 2018

6:25 P.M.

WCAT Studio

24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Chair
Selectman Peter J. May, Vice-Chair
Selectwoman Mehreen N. Butt
Selectman Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.
Selectman Anthony Longo
Selectwoman Ann McGonigle Santos

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:
Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator
Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant
Thomas A. Mullen, Town Counsel

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
Selectman Brian E. Falvey

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

Call to Order Chairman DiNocco called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Executive Session - Litigation Chairman DiNocco stated that there is a need for executive session to discuss the Litigation regarding 94 Butler Avenue because an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town, with the intent of returning to open session. Selectman Dombroski motioned to go in to executive session. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all six members voting in the affirmative.

The Board entered in to open session at 7:16 p.m.

Public Participation Faith Hodgkins, President of The Scholarship Foundation along with the Student Directors spoke regarding the Phonathon on March 24 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – Regular February 26, 2018 Selectman May motioned to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018 as presented. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Approval of Minutes – Executive February 26, 2018 Selectman May motioned to approve the Executive minutes of February 26, 2018 as presented. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Selectwoman Santos abstaining.

**Presentation
/ Action
Items –
Budgets**

Selectman May motioned to approve the Selectmen Budget in the amount of \$474,431.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Selectman DiNocco commented that he would like to have an Economic Development Director in the next year's budget.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Accounting Department Budget in the amount of \$401,089.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Information Technology Budget in the amount of \$353,021.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill and Chief Executive Officer Todd Bowden. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Inspectional Services Budget in the amount of \$302,962.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill and Building Inspector Jack Roberto. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Library Budget in the amount of \$1,625,472.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill and Library Director Catherine McDonald. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman May motioned to approve the Retirement Budget in the amount of \$5,840,177.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill and Retirement Board Executive Director Cathy Cheek. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation
/ Action Item
– Tarrant
Lane**

Attorney Ted Regnante appeared before the Board to present the 40B project of 190 units consisting of three five story apartment buildings on the 3.75 acre parcel off of Hopkins Street near the Reading line. Attorney Regnante reminded the Board that the land was taken by eminent domain by the federal government in 1950 for use in connection with a missile base. The land was later transferred to the US Coast Guard for use as officer housing and the homes presently on site have been unoccupied for years. The federal General Services Administration put the land up for auction last year and developer Anthony Bonacorso of Middleton was the successful bidder. An Engineer, an Architect and Mark Fougere of Fougere Planning and Development for the development also discussed the project. Selectman Longo questioned Mr. Fougere statement that a 190 unit complex would have only 25 school age children. Selectwoman Santos commented on the traffic in the neighborhood since it is used by many as a cut through. Selectman Dombroski asked that the developer replaced any trees that are taken down. Selectman May asked what the expected rental rates would be. Attorney Regnante answered that it is too early to know what the market will be like when the project is complete. He went on to say that the rents for the affordable units would be set by Mass Housing.

**Presentation
/ Action Item
– Snow and
Ice Overdraft**

Richard Stinson Director of the Department of Public Works appeared before the Board requesting a Snow and Ice Overdraft of \$300,000.00. Selectman Dombroski asked Mr. Stinson how the snow is measured. Selectwoman Santos asked that the citizens be patient with the clearing and removal of snow. Selectman May motioned to approve the \$300,000.00 Snow and Ice Overdraft. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation
/ Action Item
– Annual
Town Meeting
Date Change**

Selectman May motioned to change the date of the Annual Town Meeting to April 30, 2018. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation
/ Action Item
– Banner
Request**

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the hanging of a banner for the Gator Gallup 5k Run/Walk from March 24, 2018 through April 7, 2018. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation
/ Action Item
– Potential
Opioid
Litigation**

Town Counsel Thomas Mullen told the Board about the lawsuit that municipalities nationwide are filing against manufacturers and distributors of powerful opioid painkillers. He said that he advised the Town of Lynnfield to join the suits and the Lynnfield Selectmen agreed. Mr. Mullen went on to say that the law firm of Anderson & Kreiger has partnered with Scott & Scott a law firm that specializes in class action lawsuits. He recommended that the Board retain Scott & Scott for the purpose of pursuing opioid litigation. Selectwoman Santos motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to sign an engagement letter with the law firm of Scott & Scott for the purpose of pursuing opioid litigation. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0-.

**Presentation
/ Action Item
– Library
Request**

Selectman May motioned to approve the request from the Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$1,789.00 from various donors with thanks. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation
/ Action Item
– Traffic
Advisory
Recommendations**

Lt. Steve Skory, Chair of the Traffic Advisory Committee appeared before the Board regarding the following Traffic Advisory recommendations:

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the Lowell Street/Vernon Street intersection "No Turn on Red". Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Selectman DiNocco stated that he would like other intersections as well to have the "No Turn on Red" like the North Avenue/Church Street intersection and would like this on the next Board of Selectmen agenda. Lt. Steve Skory said he would put this intersection on the next Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the 5 parking spaces on Common Street adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park be posed for "Local Merchant Parking Only 9am to 5pm" and to charge \$10.00 a year for each space. Selectwoman Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the 3 parking spaces on the southbound side of Main Street between the Civic Center and Galvin Middle School be posted for "Local Merchant Parking Only 9am to 5pm" and to charge \$10.00 a year for each space. Selectwoman Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the 3 parking spaced in the Smith Street parking lot be posted for "Local Merchant Parking Only 9am to 5pm" and to charge \$10.00 a year for each space. Selectwoman Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectwoman Butt asked that the "Local Merchant Parking Only 9am to 5pm" spaces be a Pilot Program and would like a report in a year as to how this program is working out.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve a handicapped parking space be installed on the southbound side of Main Street, twenty feet from the southern edge of the driveway of 681 Main Street. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**License /
Permits – One
Day Liquor
License**

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from The Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce for Blossoms at the Beebe on April 28, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License request from The Angel Fund for an event at the Subaru of Wakefield on April 6, 2018 from 7:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License from Colleen Walsh for an event at the Americal Civic Center on March 19, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Warrant
Review and
Signing**

Selectman Longo signed Warrant #31 dated January 30, 2018; Warrant #32 dated February 6, 2018; Warrant #33 dated February 13, 2018; Warrant #34 dated February 20, 2018; Warrant #35 dated February 27, 2018.

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

Selectwoman Santos – unbelievably proud of the Wakefield students regarding the students walk out

Selectwoman Butt – agrees with Selectwoman Santos; Room to Write is doing an event on March 19, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club

Selectman May – Spring is almost here; reiterated that he would like the Nahant Street pit free for citizens

Selectman Longo – supported the students regarding the walk out; congratulations to the ladies basketball team on a great season

Selectman Dombroski – more work needs to be done regarding mental health issue and programs in the schools; March is White Ribbon month

Town Administrator – just received a weather update for 13-15 inches of snow tomorrow

**Next Board
Meeting**

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

Adjournment At 9:22 p.m. Selectwoman Santos motioned to adjourn. Selectman Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant