



## WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Monday, November 13, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

**THE SAVINGS BANK THEATRE**

**60 Farm Street, Wakefield, MA. 01880**

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**PRESENT:**

Selectman Peter J. May, Chair  
Selectwoman Mehreen 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 Secretary  
Thomas A. Mullen, Town Counsel

**NOT PRESENT:**

Selectman Paul R. DiNocco

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman May called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Hearing –  
7:00 p.m.  
Café Italia**

At 7:00 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to open the Public Hearing for Café Italia, Inc. at 21-23 Water Street for an Alteration of Premises. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all six members voting in the affirmative.

Attorney Brian McGrail along with his client Anthony Oliviero, owner of Café Italia appeared before the Board regarding the application for an alteration of premises for Café Italia at 21-23 Water Street. Attorney McGrail told the Board that Mr. Oliviero has expanded the existing restaurant to the second floor at its current location. Dan Benjamin from the audience asked if the second floor was handicap accessible. Mr. McGrail answered that the first floor is handicap accessible with stairs leading to the second floor. The second floor has handicap accessible bathrooms. Mr. McGrail stated that the process that they went through was to get a waiver from the Architectural Board and they approved the waiver for no elevator. Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the application for an alteration of premises for Café Italia. Selectman Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Selectwoman Santos motioned that the issuance of an All Alcohol Liquor License to Café Italia, Inc. at 21-23 Water Street is not detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of schools or churches within 500 feet of the licensed premises. Selectman Falvey seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

At 7:12 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to close the Public Hearing for Café Italia, Inc. Selectman Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Hearing –  
7:05 p.m.  
Portobello's**

At 7:14 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to open the Public Hearing for Portobello's at 979 Main Street for the possible revocation for abandonment and/or non-use of the All Alcohol Liquor License. Selectman Dombroski seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all six members voting in the affirmative.

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The Board was informed that the restaurant Portobello's at 979 Main Street has ceased to conduct the licensed business. No one from the public spoke in favor or against Portobello's. Selectman Falvey motioned to revoke the All Alcohol Liquor License due to the abandonment and/or non-use of said license. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

At 7:15 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to close the Public Hearing for Portobello's. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Hearing –  
7:10 p.m.  
National Grid**

At 7:15 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to open the Public Hearing for National Grid for the granting of a location permit under M.G.L. c166 §22 for underground cable project. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all six members voting in the affirmative.

Bess Gorman a representative from National Grid along with Richard Jones, Danielle Aretz and Dave Campilli from National Grid appeared before the Board and gave a presentation regarding the proposal of underground transmission cable from the substation in Woburn that will run through Woburn, Winchester and Stoneham and ending at the National Grid substation on Montrose Avenue. The proposed route would come down Albion Street and Broadway, cross North Avenue across Bennett Street, Richardson Street and Water Street and Salem Street to Montrose Avenue and up the access road to the National Grid substation. Mr. Jones said the proposed route of the project is before the state Energy Facilities Siting Board and a decision is anticipated within the next month. Mr. Jones said the benefit to the town is a \$58.5 million infrastructure investment, \$1.6 million in additional property tax revenue in the first year and \$7.3 million in additional tax revenue over the first five years. National Grid will also provide curb to curb repaving on all streets that the transmission line runs under, replacement of 4,200 feet of WMGLD steel gas line on Salem Street, a paved access road and a new sound wall at the Montrose substation. Mr. Jones stated that the project first started in 2015 and since then there has been meeting with the Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department, Richard Stinson Director of the Department of Public Works, other town officials as well as a meeting for the public. Selectman Dombroski had concerns over the health risks posed by the EMFs and asked the representative from National Grid if they are willing to pay for a professional consultant of the town's choosing to represent the town's interests. Ms. Gorman answered that she would have to bring that question back to National Grid. Ms. Aretz stated that the Wakefield abutters to the project were notified of the hearing and the meeting by mailings, newspaper ads and door to door contact and through that process there was not a high level of concern from the public. Selectman Dombroski did not agree as he said the theatre is full of people. Selectwoman Santos inquired about the underground construction. Mr. Campilli answered that the conduits would be encased in concrete and arranged in such a way to provide as much electromagnetic field cancellation as possible. Several members of the audience spoke against the project. Michael Labieniec of 3 Stoney Hill Lane asked the National Grid representatives if they heard the noise from the substation which is directly behind his house. The representatives answered yes, the "hum". Ms. Aretz said that the sound wall should mitigate the sound coming from the substation. Several members of the audience expressed concern with the notification process. Christina Perlak of 129 Vernon Street stated the route of the project runs right behind her house and that she was barely notified about the project.

Richard Stewart of 157 Salem Street stated that hundreds of residents who should have been notified were not. Other members of the audience had health concerns regarding the transmission lines. Sean Margerison of 171 Salem Street talked about studies linking EMFs from high voltage lines to cancer. Michelle Bachman of 215 Salem Street asked that the Board continue this issue to a later meeting to allow additional opportunities for fact finding and discussion between the Board and the public. She also requested that National Grid reopen consideration of alternate routes for the transmission lines and asked for the hiring of an independent expert to evaluate the analysis and conclusions regarding the potential health risks associated with the magnitude of electromagnetic fields. Chairman May suggested continuing the hearing to another date. Selectman Falvey suggested that the town should organize another public forum so that residents can express their concerns. Selectman Falvey motioned to form a subcommittee to come up with some recommendations for a consultant and nominated Selectman Dombroski, Selectwoman Santos and Selectman Longo. Selectman Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Selectman Falvey motioned to continue the Public Hearing until December 11, 2017. Selectman Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Public Participation**

There was no one present for Public Participation.

**Approval of Minutes**

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the minutes of October 30, 2017 as presented. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**License / Permit – One Day Liquor License**

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the request from Adam Hembrough for a One Day Liquor License on November 18, 2017 at the Americal Civic Center. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Personnel / Appointments – Advertise Council on Aging**

Selectman Falvey motioned to advertise for one opening to the Council on Aging. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Personnel / Appointments – Advertise Poll Workers**

Selectman Falvey motioned to advertise for Poll Workers. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Personnel / Appointments – Wakefield Republican Town Committee**

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from the Wakefield Republican Town Committee to appoint Marcy McCauley as Register of Voters. Selectman Falvey seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Presentation / Action Item**

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the request from the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Lucius Beebe

<b>– Library Request</b>	Memorial Library in the amount of \$930.50 from various donors with thanks. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>Presentation / Action Item – MDA Bootdrive</b>	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request from Firefighter Steve Bivens of the Wakefield Fire Department to hold a MDA Bootdrive on November 22, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>Presentation / Action Item – Wakefield-Reading Y Service Club</b>	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the request for the Wakefield-Reading Y Service Club to conduct the annual Christmas tree and wreath sale at Hall Park from November 25, 2017 through December 24, 2017. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
<b>Warrant Review and Signing</b>	Selectman Longo signed Warrant #16 dated October 17, 2017; Warrant #17 dated October 24, 2017; Warrant #18 dated October 31, 2017
<b>Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair Within 48 Hours of Meeting</b>	Selectwoman Santos – spoke with Representative Brodeur regarding the lack of accessibility at both the Wakefield and Greenwood stations  Selectman Dombroski – happy Thanksgiving to everyone; tonight was a good opportunity for the Board to understand public concerns about process
<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the WCAT Studio, 24 Hemlock Road
<b>Adjournment</b>	At 10:41 p.m. Selectman Falvey motioned to adjourn. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Secretary