



WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, September 11, 2017

6:45 P.M.

WCAT STUDIOS

24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880

PRESENT:

Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Chair
Selectman Peter J. May, Vice Chair
Selectwoman Mehreen Butt
Selectman Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.
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 Brian E. Falvey

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

Call to Order	Chairman DiNocco called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
Executive Session	<p>Chairman DiNocco stated that there is a need for executive session to discuss the Fire Contract because an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town, with the intent of returning to open session. Selectwoman Santos motioned to go in to executive session. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all six members voting in the affirmative.</p> <p>The Board returned to open session at 6:57 p.m.</p>
Moment of Silence	Chairman DiNocco asked for a moment of silence in recognition of September 11 th .
Public Participation	There was no one present for Public Participation.
Approval of Minutes	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the minutes of August 14, 2017 as presented. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
Proclamation	Chairman DiNocco read the PAWS Proclamation (The Protection of Animals in Wakefield Society, Inc.) and declared Saturday October 14, 2017 as PAWS Day in Wakefield
License / Permits	Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License request from Wakefield Rotary Club for Taste of Autumn on Friday November 10, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Crystal Community Club. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Public Hearings / Meera LLC

At 7:10 p.m. Selectwoman Santos motioned to open the Public Hearing for Meera, LLC d/b/a Four Points by Sheraton Wakefield for a transfer of the Liquor License and Change of Management Company. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all six members voting in the affirmative.

Steven Merrill, General Manager and Chanel Mansfield, Bar Manager of the Four Points by Sheraton Wakefield appeared before the Board regarding the transfer of the Liquor License to Meera LLC and Change of Management Company. All other aspects of the license is the same. Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the transfer of the Liquor License to Meera LLC and Change of Management Company. Selectman Longo seconded. Motioned passed 6-0-0.

At 7:11 p.m. Selectwoman Santos motioned to close the Public Hearing. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote with all six members voting in the affirmative.

Café Italia

Selectwoman Santos motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for an alteration of the premises to the alcohol license for Café Italia at 21-23 Water Street for October 16, 2017 at 7:10 p.m. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Appointments

Selectman Longo motioned to appoint John D. Natale of 65 Plymouth Road and Nicholas Atwater of 48 Meriam Street to the Albion Cultural Exchange Committee with both having ending terms of April 30, 2017. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Presentation/ Action Items

Dog Park Bench

Selectman May motioned to approve the request from Janet Baptista to donate a bench to be installed at the Dog Park. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Cemetery Rates

Richard Stinson appeared before the Board regarding the Cemetery Rates and Rules & Regulations recommendations from the Advisory Board of Public Works. Selectman Longo motioned to approve the Cemetery Rates and Rules & Regulations as presented. Selectman May seconded. Selectwoman Santos amended the motion stating the Cemetery Rates and Rules & Regulations don't go in to effect until October 15, 2017. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Complete Streets

Paul Reavis, Town Planner and Richard Stinson, Department of Public Works Director appeared before the Board regarding a presentation on Complete Streets. Mr. Reavis stated that the meaning of Complete Streets is streets that are usable by all. Mr. Reavis presented a PowerPoint on what Wakefield used to look like in horse and buggy days to the present time. Mr. Reavis told the Board that if they voted to approve this they would enter a program to study complete streets and obtain a small grant from the State of \$50,000.00 to have an engineering firm look at the streets and the downtown. The next step after that would be to go to the State and ask for \$400,000.00 in capital improvement money. At that point the only cost to the Town would be the engineering work. All the Selectmen are very supportive of the idea. Selectwoman Butt asked that

they expand the working group to someone from the Board of Health as well as the Rail to Trail or even moms and dads with strollers. Selectman Dombroski motioned to enter into a program to study complete streets. Selectman Longo seconded. Selectwoman Santos motioned to amend the motion to enter into a program to study complete streets and to add someone from the Board of Health and Rail to Trail to the working group. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Regular Town Meeting

Selectwoman Santos motioned to set the date of November 6, 2017 for the Regular Town Meeting. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectman Longo motioned to open the Warrant for the November 6, 2017 Regular Town Meeting. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to set the date of October 5, 2017 to close the November 6, 2017 Regular Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman May seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Human Rights Commission / Speaker Series

Janine Fabiano from the Unitarian Universalist Church and David Watts, Jr., Chairman of the Human Rights Commission appeared before the Board regarding the speaker series with is hosted by the Wakefield Human Rights Commission and Social Actions Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church. Mr. Watts told the Board that on October 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theater will be speaker Ken Wagner who will talk about Understanding Whiteness. On October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theater will be speaker Martin Henson who will talk about Understanding Black Lives Matter. Selectman Longo asked if this series would be age appropriate for 13 year olds. Mr. Watts answered absolutely and thinks 13 year olds should hear the series. The Board thanked both Mr. Watts and Ms. Fabiano for hosting the series.

Library Request

Selectwoman Santos 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 \$1,292.70 from various donors with thanks. Selectman Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Board of Selectman Name Change

Chairman DiNocco opened up discussion for the name change of the Board of Selectman and asked that Town Counsel Thomas Mullen talk about what options the Board has. Mr. Mullen stated that the Board could always vote to decide informally what they wanted to be called. He also stated that two sets of documents need to be amended. The By-Laws can only be changed by Town Meeting by at 2/3 vote. The Charter needs to be changed first and there are three ways to amended it. The first way is to have a new Charter Commission which could take years and costs thousands of dollars. This is only done in cases where there are many changes. The second way is to go to Town Meeting and request by 2/3 majority vote to request the state legislature for special legislation to change the name of the Board in the Charter. The third way is a method that Wakefield has used repeatedly at Town Meeting asking Town Meeting to approve a proposed change by 2/3 vote and if Town Meeting does approve the proposed change, then at the next annual election the matter goes on the ballot and if it is approved by a majority vote it becomes effective. Selectman Dombroski would like to advance the issue but preserve the process. He would like to bring this matter to Town Meeting on November 6, 2017 and then to the next annual

election in April of 2018. Selectwoman Santos desires that the Board present a new name for Town Meeting. Selectman Dombroski stated that he wants a name to present to Town Meeting. Selectman Longo said he didn't think the Board would come up with a name tonight that they all agree on. Selectman May said the time has come to change the name and he is in hopes that they can come up with a name tonight between the six of them. Selectwoman Butt said that she is a believer in process as well and will be advocating at Town Meeting and then at the next election in April. Selectman Longo suggested Board of Directors as the name change. Selectman Dombroski suggested Town Council as the name change. Selectman May liked the Board of Directors and Town Council. Chairman DiNocco didn't mind the Board of Directors or Town Council. But he also suggested Board of Trustees and Town Administrators. Selectman Longo motioned the Board of Directors as the name change. Selectman May seconded. Motion failed 3-3-0. Selectman Longo, Selectman May and Chairman DiNocco voting in favor. Selectman Dombroski, Selectwoman Santos and Selectwoman Butt voting against. Selectman Dombroski motioned Town Council as the name change. Selectwoman Santos seconded. Motion passed 4-2-0. Selectman Dombroski, Selectwoman Santos, Selectwoman Butt and Chairman DiNocco voting in favor. Selectman Longo and Selectman May voting against. The Board asked Town Counsel to draft a Warrant Article for Town Meeting without special legislation. Selectwoman Santos hoped that all members of the Board would support the name change at Town Meeting.

**Warrant
Review and
Signing**

Selectman Longo signed Warrant #4 dated July 25, 2017 through Warrant #6 dated August 8, 2017.

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

Selectman Dombroski – spoke about the recent article that came out in a Boston magazine ranking Wakefield Schools as 75 and he does not believe that Wakefield is 75 and he wants and believe they can do better

Selectman Longo – remembered September 11th

Selectman May – he is the liaison to the School Committee and will be talking to Dr. Kim Smith regarding the ranking; on September 23, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. will be the Dog Park grand opening

Selectwoman Santos – acknowledged Wakefield's Justin Maio as being an incredible first responder in Texas during hurricane Harvey

Selectwoman Butt – remember September 11th; Barney Frank is coming to Wakefield on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theatre; the Wakefield Choral Society is having auditions

Town Administrator – congratulations to the Board on moving forth a name change; September 12, 2017 the MBTA is holding a meeting at the Reading Public Library regarding weekend service going away from September 23, 2017 until December 2, 2017 and he will be asking the MBTA if they will reduce the Wakefield assessment; 8th grade students are given the option to participate in an Essay Contest; on September 29, 2017 the Boys and Girls Club will be having their annual Gala at the Sheraton Colonial

Chairman DiNocco – thank you to the Town for Festival Italia; recognized Richard Cass and Deputy Chief Calabrese for their outstanding work in reuniting a lost child with the mother; would like the landlords contacted or the barrels removed from the block of the Dollar Store and the block of Brothers as the barrels are loaded with their personal trash. Town Administrator stated that the Town is going through the trash to see who the offenders are. Selectwoman Butt said she is not in favor of removing the barrels; September 23, 2017 is the Walkability Campaign Walk with a 9:00 a.m. start time; Health and Wellness Fair is September 16, 2017 will be at the Civic Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment At 8:48 p.m. Selectman Longo motioned to adjourn. Selectwoman Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Executive Secretary