

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – September 26, 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, Selectwoman Phyllis J. Hull in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen Sherri A. Dalton and Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen were also present. Selectman Brian E. Falvey, Selectman Anthony Longo and Selectman Peter J. May were absent.

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

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Senator Jason Lewis, Representative Paul Brodeur and Representative Donald Wong appeared before the Board to discuss any areas of concern that the Board may have. Selectwoman Santos said she was concerned about charter schools. Representative Brodeur said that the debate over charter schools has been an ongoing concern since he got to the legislature. Senator Lewis talked about the way charter schools are funded and Representative Wong added that when a student enrolls in a charter school in September but decides halfway through the year to come back to his home district the full funding for that student remains with the charter. Town Administrator Maio said that Charter Schools often don't take students that need extra services and that municipal school districts have to take all students. Chairman Glynn asked what the legislators were doing to help bring business and industry to Wakefield. Representative Wong said they need to showcase Wakefield's potential with the possibility of tax deductions. Representative Brodeur said they could do a better job identifying bond and grant funding. Selectman DiNocco addressed the drainage and flooding in Wakefield. Representative Wong said that one possibility would be to have the Army Corps of Engineers come in and do some dredging to clean out some of the rivers and streams. Selectwoman Hull wanted to know what could be done to give senior citizens tax breaks in order to help them remain in their homes. Senator Lewis said that the legislature had raised the income limits for the Circuit Breaker program making more seniors eligible. He also said that some communities are allowing seniors to defer taxes until their property is sold.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the request from Laura-Marie Small to hold Wakefield's Haunted Happenings during the weekend of October 27, 2016 to October 30, 2016 and to close Albion Street to cars and traffic on Sunday, October 30, 2016 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Laura-Marie Small to use the 15-18 light poles on Albion Street from Sunday, October 23, 2016 to Tuesday, November 1, 2016 to decorate the poles for the Haunted Halloween Festivities, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Sharon Gilley Director of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$467.53 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request for Thomas Lucey for The Frozen Frolic road race on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and to close Church Street from Main Street to Lake Avenue to vehicle traffic from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Police Chief Richard Smith appeared before the Board to ask for their support of the nationwide Blue Ribbon Campaign to show support for police. Chief Smith said that the blue ribbon represents support for law enforcement across the country and not just local law enforcement but state, tribal, collegiate and federal. He would like to put the blue ribbons around town especially in the downtown area to show support for the work that law enforcement does. Selectwoman Hull said she fully supports the Blue Ribbon Campaign but wants to make sure the Greenwood area is included.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request for the Blue Ribbon Campaign, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for the laying out of Nazareth Road and Winship Drive as Public Ways on October 12, 2016 at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for the possible suspension or revocation of liquor license for Caryn's Restaurant at 395-397 Main Street on October 12, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve and sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement regarding the Building Inspector, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Colleen T. Getty of 17 Summer Street to be appointed to the Wakefield Cultural Council, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectwoman Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License for Fred Brizee for a fundraiser at the Crystal Community Club on October 1, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License for the Wakefield High Soccer Boosters for a fundraiser at the Crystal Community Club on October 7, 2016 from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Correspondence:

Letter from Ralph Penney regarding 13-15 Albion Street

Comments:

Selectwoman Hull – thank you to Dennis Fazio and Town Administrator Stephen Maio for placing the flower planters in the Greenwood area; commented on the Dough Boy trucks taking up spaces in the parking lot in which Town Administrator Maio said he would contact the parties

Chairman Glynn -commented that he ran around the track and there are braches and leaves all over the track and would like that to be cleaned up

Town Administrator – Senator Lewis mentioned the Municipal Small Bridge Program which provides reimbursable grants to municipalities for bridges that are not covered by the Federal Government. There is a bridge on the Saugus/Wakefield line that needs repair and asked the Board to authorize him so that he can have the Department of Public Works to apply for a grant through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. If the Massachusetts Department of Transportation denies the grant for Wakefield because they have the bridge listed in Saugus then he would like authorization to support and work with the Town of Saugus in their application for the grant.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to authorize the Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio to have the Department of Public Works apply for a grant through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the bridge on the Saugus/Wakefield line and/or authorization to support and work with the Town of Saugus on their application for the grant, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 8:39 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk