



WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, March 25, 2019

7:00 P.M.

WCAT - 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Councilor Mehreen N. Butt
Councilor Paul R. DiNocco
Councilor Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.
Councilor Anthony Longo
Councilor Peter J. May, Chairperson
Councilor Julie Smith-Galvin
Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio
Executive Assistant Sherri A. Dalton
Town Counsel Thomas Mullen

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

Call to Order	Councilor May called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Town Council in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Public Participation	Elena Proakis Ellis of 17 Pine Street appeared before the Town Council and stated that she is a candidate for the Advisory Board of Public, talked about her background and said she is excited to be considered for the open position.
Police Chief Appointment	Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio announced that Lt. Steven Skory was his choice for Police Chief as of June 1, 2019. The Town Council unanimously ratified the appointment by a 7-0-0 vote. Chairperson May said that it builds morale to promote from within and said that Wakefield is the envy of many communities for their Police Department. Police Chief Richard Smith said that Lt. Skory has served the department well, has worked hard and developed leadership skills and he wished him well. Lt. Skory thanked Town Administrator Maio, the Town Council, the Police Department and gave special recognition to Deputy Chief Craig Calabrese and Lt. Scott Reboulet. The Town Councilors congratulated Lt. Skory and thanked Chief Smith for his service.
Carnival Permit	Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request from The Wakefield Independence Day Committee to hold the Carnival fundraiser from April 13, 2019 through April 21, 2019. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
One Day Liquor License	Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License for the Wakefield Human Rights fundraiser at the Americal Civic Center on June 12, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
Class II License	Councilor Santos motioned to approve the renewal Class II application for Auto Annex at 68C North Avenue. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Common
Victualler
License**

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Common Victualler application for Charm Thai Bistro at 412 Main Street. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Second Hand
Dealer
Licenses**

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the renewal Second Hand Dealer license for Wakefield Jewelers at 364 Main Street. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the renewal Second Hand Dealer license for J'Adore at 332 Main Street. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Committee
Appointments**

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Elena Proakis Ellis to the Advisory Board of Public Works with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to appoint Donna Murphy, Marian Joy Schilling and Karen Gagne Lee to the Albion Cultural Exchange Committee with terms beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to appoint Jim McBain and Joseph Pride to the Board of Appeals with terms beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Brendan Connell to the Cable Advisory Committee with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Philip Renzi to the Capital Planning Committee with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Darci Burns and Paula Thompson to the Commission on Disability Issues with terms beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Yue (Nini) Ren to the Conservation Commission with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Butt motioned to appoint Tom Coffin, Susan Jepson, and Maureen Howlett to the Council on Aging with terms beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Colleen Getty, Laura Guido and Jamie Hale to the Cultural Council with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Butt motioned to appoint Benny Wheat to the Human Rights Commission with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Butt motioned to appoint Frankie Lawton to the Human Rights Commission with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Dombroski motioned to appoint John McDonald to the Permanent Building Committee with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor Smith-Galvin abstaining.

Councilor Longo motioned to appoint Joseph Bertrand to the Permanent Building Committee with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor Smith-Galvin abstaining.

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Thomas Galvin to the Permanent Building Committee with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor Smith-Galvin abstaining.

Councilor Longo motioned to appoint Bob Burnett and Julie Grillon to the Recreation Commission with terms beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Daniel Benjamin to the Veteran's Advisory Board with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to appoint Robert Darnell, Robin, Greenberg, Mary Hajjar and Myra Sessions to the Environmental Sustainability Committee with terms beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Minutes –
March 11,
2019**

Councilor Longo motioned to approve the regular Council minutes of March 11, 2019 as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Capital
Planning –
Fiscal Year
2020
Requests**

Frank Leone, Chairperson of the Capital Planning Committee presented an overview PowerPoint presentation regarding Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 29, 2019. Councilor Santos motioned that the Town raise and appropriate from tax levy the sum of \$2,140,048 for tax levy capital outlay and the sum of \$344,000 from Sewer receipts for Sewer Division Capital Outlay and the sum of \$75,500 from Water receipts for Water Division Capital Outlay, to carry out the purpose of Article 2. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Town Meeting
Warrant
Articles**

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the Blatz Field Warrant Article as presented by Bob Burnett and David Story in the amount of \$200,000.00. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Debt Service Warrant Article as presented by the Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio in the amount of \$4,625,000.00. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Longo motioned to approve the WMGLD Pilot Payment Warrant Article in the amount of \$904,512.00. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the Refuse and Recycling Warrant Article as presented by the Director of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$1,996,000.00 with the addition of every Saturday and 2nd and 4th Sunday except holidays and curbside pickup. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion failed 3-4-0 with Councilor Dombroski, Councilor May and Councilor Smith-Galvin voting in favor and Councilor Santos, Councilor Longo, Councilor Butt and Councilor DiNocco voting against the motion.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Refuse and Recycling Warrant Article as presented by the Director of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$1,996,000.00. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor Dombroski voting against the motion.

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the Downtown Design Improvements Warrant Article in the amount of \$390,000.00 as presented by Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Longo motioned to approve the Feasibility Study for the DPW Garage in the amount of \$100,000.00 as presented by the Director of the Department of Public Works. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Fire Truck Warrant Article in the amount of \$700,000.00. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Police Indemnification in the amount of \$15,000.00 and Fire Indemnification in the amount of \$15,000.00 Warrant Article for a total amount of \$30,000.00. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Payroll Supplement Warrant Article in the amount of \$300,000.00 to be put in the Town Council budget with any excess to Free Cash. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Fire Department Supplement Warrant Article in the amount of \$170,000.00. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Fiscal Year
2020 Budgets**

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Fire Department budget with the increase of the Deputy Fire Chief position for a total budget of \$5,612,860.00. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Superintendent Doug Lyons appeared before the Council to present the Wakefield Schools budget in the amount of \$41,931,048.00 representing an increase of \$1,902,724.00.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Vocational Schools budget in the amount of \$1,441,735.00 as presented by Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Next Board
Meeting**

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at WCAT, 24 Hemlock Road.

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

Councilor Longo motioned to skip agenda item 9 – Matters Not Anticipated By The Chairperson Within 48 Hours of Meeting due to the time. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Adjournment

At 10:50 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant