

WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, February 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 Julie Smith-Galvin

Councilor Anthony Longo, Vice President

Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Councilor Peter J. May

---- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION ----

Call to Order

Councilor Longo 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

There was no Public Participation.

Wakefield Alliance Against Violence Members of the Wakefield Alliance Against Violence appeared before the council to promote White Ribbon Month on March 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theater. They also urged town employees and citizens to take the pledge to end gender-based violence.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the I.T. Department budget in the amount of \$351,244.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Inspectional Services budget in the amount of \$312,608.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Library budget in the amount of \$1,729,791.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Retirement budget in the amount of \$6,275,187.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Town Council budget in the amount of \$498,341.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Accounting Department budget in the amount of \$416,327.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Surplus Equipment

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request of the Department of Public Works to auction the following surplus equipment: 1 - 1972 Hobart portable welder; 2 - 1970's era South Bend Lathe; 3 - 1970's era Roper Whitney Sheet Metal Brake; 4 - Snap-on ACT 3000 refrigerant recovery recycling center; 5 - 1985 32" Jacobsen Gang Mower (2 reel); 6 - Ford Tail Gates (2); 7 - Chevrolet Tail Gates (1); 8 - 2000 Truck mounted Speedaire Compressor; 9 - 8' Fisher Plow; 10 - 1974 ONAN Generators Trailer (2). Funds received for items numbered 2 thru 9 will be deposited to the general fund. Funds received for item number 10 will be deposited in to the sewer enterprise fund and funds received for item number 1 will be deposited in to the water enterprise fund. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Voting Equipment

Councilor Santos motioned that the Town of Wakefield discontinue the use of Accuvote Voting Machines/Equipment and approve the use of the ImageCast Precinct System. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Wakefield Community Partnership

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the date for the North Ave Neighborhood Block Party on April 13, 2019 and to shut down a small section of North Avenue between Albion St and Chestnut St for a period of 2 ½ -3 hours during the hours of 12:30 PM and 3:30 PM. The actual duration of the activity will be 1:00-3:00 PM. This shutdown of North Avenue would still allow East, West traffic to occur on Albion St and West bound traffic onto Chestnut St; Festival Italia 10th Anniversary celebration on August 24, 2019 with a rain date of August 31, 2019; Oktoberfest on October 5, 2019 and the Holiday Stoll on December 7, 2019 with details for the last three events to be submitted approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the event day. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Wakefield Main Streets

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the "Pop Up" event on March 16, 2019 to be held on a portion of Albion Street from Main Street to Foster Street from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the "Pop Up" being held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and to close a portion of Albion Street from Main Street to Foster Street subject to ratification and mandatory attendance by the Wakefield Main Streets at the March 11, 2019 Town Council meeting. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

RCN Cable Contract

Thomas Mullen stated that the RCN Cable contract is up for renewal and is hoping to have a new contract to sign at the March 11, 2019 Town Council meeting.

License / Permits Lynnfield Moms Group

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for Lynnfield Moms Group. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Doyle School PTO

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for the Doyle School PTO. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Committee to Re-Elect Wayne Tarr

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for the Committee to Re-Elect Wayne Tarr. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Highline Motorsport

Councilor Dombroski motioned to table the request of Highline Motorsport for a Class II License to the March 11, 2019 Town Council meeting. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Board of Registrars

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Eugenia M. Coffin to the Board of Registrars – Republican party. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Minutes – January 28, 2019

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the February 11, 2019 regular council minutes as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at WCAT, 24 Hemlock Road

Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair Within 48 Hours of Meeting

Councilor Smith-Galvin – the town is best served when we hire people from a pool of internal candidates and balance that with external postings so that we have diversity within the town; congratulations to the Wakefield High School winter sports as they are in their finals and Wakefield had the first girl ever in wrestling to win a State Championship; nominations for the Environmental Sustainability Committee are due by this Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.; good luck to the DPW during this windy night; nice to see everyone wearing red for American Heart Association

Councilor Dombroski – heart disease is the number one killer of women and nearly 1 out of 4 women die and there is a lot of prevention that can be done; the Downtown Revitalization meeting had a great turnout and the next meeting is March 21, 2019

Councilor Santos – the first Downtown Revitalization meeting was an engaging program; congratulations to the winter sport teams as the boys hockey team made it to the state tournament but they lost

Councilor Butt – White Ribbon Month event is March 26, 2019 at The Savings Bank Theatre and please sign the pledge; International Women's Day Panel is March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theatre

Councilor DiNocco – would like to stress the point on the hiring of an Economic Development position; like that most people wore red in honor of the American Heart Association

Thomas Mullen – stated that all the cases regarding the opioid litigation will be heard in State Court

Councilor Longo – boys basketball is tomorrow at 7:00~p.m. at the high school; March 1, 2019 is the WEF Spelling Bee at the Elks; March 3, 2019 is Super Sunday for WBA

Adjournment

At 8:31 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Merri a. Pattan

Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant