



WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, January 28, 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-Chairperson
Council Peter J. May, Chairperson
Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio
Town Counsel Thomas Mullen

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

Call to Order	Councilor May called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Joshua Polschuk and Spencer Little led the Town Council in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Public Participation	Jasmine Vogtli, a student at Wakefield Memorial High School talked about sustainability and the potential for forming a committee tonight. She asked that the Town Council vote favorably and to also have youth participation on the committee.
Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets	<p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Treasurer Department budget in the amount of \$212,553.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Tax Collector Department budget in the amount of \$273,986.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Assessors Department budget in the amount of \$236,744.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Longo motioned to approve the Town Clerk Department budget in the amount of \$215,462.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Longo motioned to approve the Election and Registration budget in the amount of \$41,000.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Board of Health Department budget in the amount of \$256,518.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p>

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Miscellaneous Town Council budget in the amount of \$26,125.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Medicare budget in the amount of \$755,510.00 as presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Paddy Heights Veterans Memorial Restoration Eagle Scout Presentation

Life Scout Joshua Polischuk presented to the Town Council the Paddy Heights Veterans Memorial restoration project. Councilor Santos motioned to approve the restoration project including the granite benches. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 4-3-0 with Councilor Santos, Councilor Longo, Councilor May and Councilor Dombroski voting in favor. Councilor Butt, Councilor Smith-Galvin and Councilor DiNocco voting against the motion.

Dog Park Dog Agility Course – Eagle Scout Presentation

Life Scout Spencer Little presented to the Town Council his project for the Dog Park which consists of a dog agility course. Councilor Santos asked that Spencer reach out to Dennis Fazio to see if the agility course will fit in the dog park and to return back to the Town Council.

Annual Town Meeting

Councilor Santos motioned to set April 29, 2019 as the Annual Town Meeting. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to set the close date of March 28, 2019 for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Public Parking Update

Councilor DiNocco stated that the Parking Committee has come up with some items that they would like to present to the Town Council at the next meeting including increasing signage time from 1 hour to 2 hours in areas; times of enforcement will remain 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; where to make the enforceability on Town owned land; the possibility of hand held devices for enforcement; the possibility of hiring two part-time employees for enforcement; the committee asked Councilor Dombroski to gather information regarding the financial cost of hand held devices; Councilor DiNocco will meet with Lieutenant Skory regarding traffic advisory recommendations that could affect the time enforcements. Council DiNocco asked the Town Council not to vote on parking at this meeting as he would like to bring this back once all the information has been compiled. Councilor Dombroski stated that enforcement is a key component to this. The Town Council agreed to address the needs at the next meeting.

Public Safety Building Re-Assessment

Councilor Santos motioned to appoint Robert Mitchell to the Public Safety Building Re-Assessment Committee. Councilor Longo seconded. Councilor Dombroski motioned to amend the motion to include the slate. Councilor

Committee Appointments	Santos seconded. Councilor Dombroski motioned to appoint Robert Mitchell, Brian McCoubrey and Marc Moccio. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1. Councilor Smith-Galvin abstained.
Economic and Environmental Sustainability Committee	Councilor Smith-Galvin proposed establishing an Environmental Sustainability Committee consisting of a member of the Town Council, a member of the WMGLD, a member of the School Committee and 4 members of the public at large. The proposed committee will 1. Review and comment on Town policies and practices to determine opportunities for improved and cost-effective sustainability programs, such as conservation, waste reduction and energy efficiencies; 2. Engage with Town Departments and Committees/Commissions on existing or proposed contracts, policies or programs; 3. Identify resources, grants, and programs that can reinforce sustainability goals; 4. Work to expand and diversify Wakefield's attractiveness as a desirable place to live and retain/build a business; 5. Propose, encourage and promote local sustainability projects and initiatives (Rain Barrel, composting, recycling); and 6. Engage in public awareness and education. Councilor DiNocco asked that #4 is going to tie into the Economic Development Director function. Councilor DiNocco also asked that the school students be appointed as liaisons to the committee. Councilor Dombroski brought up that we already have committees in existence like the Advisory Board of Public Works and the Conservation Commission and he is worried about redundancy verses building up those resources. He suggested that #2 contracts, policies or programs should be eliminated in the wording and add initiatives after the word proposed, #4 should be eliminated completely, add a member of the DPW as part of the committee and that the Town Council appoints all positions to the committee. Councilor Santos motioned to adopt the Environmental Sustainability Committee as amended. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
License / Permits	<p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the 2019 Class II License renewal application for Brandon Auto Sales. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the 2019 Common Victualler License renewal application for Dino's Brick Oven Pizzeria. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the 2019 Common Victualler License renewal application for Meletharb, Inc. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License application for The Committee to Elect Philip Courcy. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License application for The Committee to Re-Elect Peter May. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor May abstaining.</p>

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License application for Melrose Wakefield Healthcare. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor Butt abstaining.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License application for Dan McGrath. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Minutes –
January 14,
2019**

Councilor Longo motioned to approve the January 14, 2019 regular board minutes as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Warrant
Review and
Signing**

Councilor Smith-Galvin signed Warrant #26 dated December 25, 2018 through Warrant #29 dated January 15, 2019 regarding town affairs.

**Next Board
Meeting**

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

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

Councilor Butt – asked at the next meeting WAAV White Ribbon month be on the agenda; congratulations to the Cultural Council with the awarding of \$8,000.00 in grants; Steve Maio will talk about the government shutdown and the programs that Wakefield has to assist; MMA Conference was great and will talk about the panels that she attended at a future meeting

Councilor DiNocco – attended the MMA and will talk about what he attended at a future meeting

Councilor Smith-Galvin – attended the State of Schools; Senior Night is doing a fundraiser; February 6, 2019 is the deadline to apply for appointments to committees; thank you for moving forward with the sustainability committee; Wednesday there will be a sustainability legislature update from Senator Lewis and Representative Brodeur in Melrose; best wishes to Tom Stapleton

Councilor Dombroski – Independence Day Committee had their indoor BBQ fundraiser this past weekend and it was well attended; The Scholarship Foundation had their Trivia Night fundraiser this past weekend and that was well attended also; downtown focus group sessions went well; ran by the Dog Park and it was packed

Councilor Santos – downtown revitalization meetings had exciting changes to propose; congratulations to Councilor Butt for speaking at the Women's March; attended the panel at the MMA regarding aging in place and how this affects seniors here in Wakefield

Councilor Longo – attended a panel at the MMA on social media; talked with Jack McCarthy of the SBA at the MMA and not only does the SBA offer new schools but also remodels as well

Town Administrator – Wakefield as well as the Light Department has a number of programs like payment plans that do already help people affected by the Federal shutdown; Veterans Services has 115 benefits for military people; for every dollar donated the Food Pantry turns that into 4 dollars; enjoyed the MMA this past weekend; State budget is coming through and is as expected

Councilor May – Schools is a critical issue for 2019

Adjournment At 9:40 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant