



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87606524957>

**Call to Order:** Councilor Santos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilor Santos led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:** Councilor Santos noted that all seven (7) councilors were in attendance. Ann McGonigle Santos, Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin, Vice-Chair; Mehreen N. Butt; Jonathan P. Chines; Paul R. DiNocco; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Peter J. May.

**Administration Present:** Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk and Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator.

**Town Counsel Present:** Thomas A. Mullen.

**Legal Strategy:** Councilor Santos stated there is a need for Executive Session to discuss the Town's legal strategy in litigation concerning Woods Subdivision because an open meeting may have detrimental effects on the bargaining position of the Town, with the intent of returning to open session. Councilor DiNocco so motioned at 6:01 p.m. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 on a roll call vote with all seven councilors voting in the affirmative.

Open session returned at 6:21 p.m.

**Public Engagement:** There was no public engagement.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilor Chines motioned to approve the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 by a roll call vote with Councilor May abstaining.

Councilor Chines motioned to approve the June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 executive session Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor May seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Youth Council:** Councilor Santos introduced Alyssa Toppi as she is the Youth Council liaison to the Town Council. The Youth Council has discussed, once school resumes, having a town hall so that students could ask the Town Council questions.



**Updates:** Director Clay stated nurses are still doing contact tracing and the Health Department is still responding to occasional complaints. Director Walsh stated Town Hall will continue with the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and the same for the Civic Center. The Public Safety building continue to operate as they have with the exception of the community room which will remain closed. The Library has been doing curbside pickup and they are going to collaborate with the Senior Center for home delivery. The Senior Center has opened with appointment only requests. There will also be no public gatherings in the near future as it is impossible to do. Catherine McDonald thanked everyone for their help and stated her staff has been wonderful.

**Liquor License Amendment:** Crystal Community Club applied for a Change of Manager and a Change of Officers/Directors. Attorney Brian McGrail along with his client Kevin Lopes presented the applications. Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the Change of Manager. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the Change of Directors to Michael Crusco, John Doto, Nabil Nakhoul, Darin Conley, Steven Lowrey, Charles Benedetto, Christopher Nardone, Kevin Lopes, James Horne, Raymond Sanderson. Councilor May seconded. Motioned passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the Change of Officers to Kevin Lopes, President, James Horne, Treasurer and Nabil Nakhoul, Clerk. Councilor May seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote.

**Sewer Bond:** Councilor Chines motioned that the sale of the \$320,000 Sewer Bond of the Town dated August 3, 2020, to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") is hereby approved and the Town Treasurer or other appropriate Town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on August 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>
2021	\$32,000	2026	\$32,000
2022	32,000	2027	32,000
2023	32,000	2028	32,000
2024	32,000	2029	32,000
2025	32,000	2030	32,000

**Further Voted:** that each member of the Town Council, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote. Councilor May seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Public Hearings:** Councilor DiNocco motioned to set the 55 Court Street Pole Petition public hearing for August 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. Councilor May seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to set the liquor application for Ben 123, Inc. public hearing for August 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Councilor May seconded. Motion passed 7-0- by a roll call vote.

**Appointments/Personnel:** Councilor DiNocco motioned to authorize the Town Council Clerk to advertise to fill two (2) unexpired 5-year terms on the Planning Board; one (1) through April 2021 and one (1) through April 2023. Councilor Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Councilor Smith-Galvin motioned to appoint Joseph Bragg as the vacation replacement Inspector of Wires. Councilor Domborski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to appoint Shawn Inman as the vacation replacement Plumbing and Gas Inspector. Councilor Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Warrants:** Councilor were updated on Warrant 49 dated June 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 through Warrant 52 dated June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

**Announcements:** Councilor Chines reminded parents that the school sent out a survey regarding experiences with remote learning; free lunches are still available for students who need them. Councilor Butt mentioned the Community Garden and how amazing it looks; welcomed new police officer Adam Smigielski; proposed having a virtual Wakefield 101. Councilor Smith-Galvin mentioned the Meghan Burnett Softball Tournament this past weekend; stated the plastic bag ban is lifted. Councilor Dombroski stated there was a great show of patriotism on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilor DiNocco mentioned a few issues around town – one being a storm drain at the intersection of Roosevelt and Montrose and the other is having to do with a business in the downtown that is having an issue. Councilor Santos mentioned that the downtown could have prettier borders if outdoor dining is going to stay; a senior student at the high school has arranged a fundraiser for school supplies to be dropped off for students in need.

**Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda:** Advertisement for members to the Human Rights Commission with potential interviewing for a vote at a Town Council meeting in September.

**Adjournment:** Councilor DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sherri A. Dalton  
Town Council Clerk