



WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2020
7:00 P.M.

WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Councilor Edward F. Dombroski, Jr., Chair
Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos, Vice-Chair
Councilor Mehreen N. Butt
Councilor Jonathan P. Chines
Councilor Paul R. DiNocco
Councilor Julie Smith-Galvin

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Town Council Clerk Sherri A. Dalton
Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio
Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen

**COUNCIL
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Councilor Peter J. May

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

Call to Order	Councilor Dombroski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	Leading the body in the Pledge of Allegiance were Brad Simpson, Wakefield High School Boys' Basketball Coach along with the three (3) captains Ryan Marcus, Pat Collins and Quinn Barys. Councilor Dombroski went on to say that Brad Simpson has been a Wakefield resident for the past 67 years, a graduate of Wakefield Memorial High School class of 1964 and has coached over 500 games and this year's basketball team just qualified for the State Tournament. Councilor Dombroski wished them luck in that endeavor on behalf of the entire Town Council and thanked coach Simpson for his many contributions and tireless dedication to Wakefield athletics and academics over the last 50 years.
Attendance	Councilor Dombroski noted that all six (6) of the Councilors were present as well as Madam Clerk Dalton, Town Administrator Maio and Town Counsel Mullen. Councilor May was absent.
Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2020	<p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the January 27, 2020 Executive Session Town Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the January 27, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.</p>
Public Engagement	There was no Public Engagement.

**Public Hearing
– Wakefield
Municipal Gas
& Light
Department**

At 7:12 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to open the Public Hearing regarding the Petition For Pole Locations filed by the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o. Councilor Dombroski stated the MGLD has requested for this hearing to be continued until March 9, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. Councilor Dombroski called for any public comment. Seeing there was no public input, Councilor DiNocco motioned to continue the Public Hearing to the Town Council meeting of March 9, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o. Councilor Chines motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

**Presentation
of Fiscal Year
2021 Budgets**

Budget #16 Police Department: Town Accountant Kevin Gill stated the total Fiscal Year 2021 request is \$5,960,655.00. Chief Skory commented on the request for additional \$35,000.00 for the Mental Health Clinician and how important that position is to the Police Department. Finance Committee Police Subcommittee Chairman Joseph Tringale stated that he supports the budget. Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve Budget 16 Police Department in the amount of \$5,960,655.00 as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Budget #17 Fire Department: Town Accountant Kevin Gill stated the total Fiscal Year 2021 request is \$5,706,306.00. Chief Sullivan stated the budget is fair and honest. Finance Committee Fire Subcommittee Chairman Doug Butler stated that gradually the overtime issue of being consistently underfunded is now at a level where consideration needs to be given to more accurately budgeting. Councilor Santos motioned to approve Budget #17 Fire Department in the amount of \$5,706,306.00 as presented. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Budget #19 Emergency Management: Town Accountant Kevin Gill stated the total Fiscal Year 2021 request is \$74,200.00. Director Tom Walsh commented that he works with police and fire closely and has worked to secure over \$400,000.00 in grants for the Town. Councilor Santos motioned to approve Budget #19 Emergency Management in the amount of \$74,200.00 as presented. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

**Carnival
Request**

Wakefield Independence Day Committee representatives appeared before the Town Council requesting permission to use the Galvin Middle School parking lot to hold their annual carnival fundraiser during the week of April 20, 2020 through April 26, 2020. They stated the proceeds from the carnival fundraiser benefits the Wakefield 4th of July Parade. Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Donation

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the request of the Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$1,010.00 from various donors with thanks. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Licenses

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the 2020 Class I License Application for EMS Direct, LLC located at 16-18 DelCarmine Street. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the 2020 Class II License Application for EMS Direct, LLC located at 16-18 DelCarmine Street. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Class II License Application for Albrecht Buick GMC of Wakefield, Inc. located at 614 North Avenue. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License for a private event at the Americal Civic Center on February 15, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License for a fundraising event at the Americal Civic Center on February 15, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o

**Referral to
Planning
Board**

Councilor Santos motioned to refer the applicant's request for zoning bylaw change amending the Wakefield Zoning Map dated May 2, 2016 as shown on Wakefield Assessors Maps for properties on North Avenue as Parcel 47B on Map 2A, Parcel 2+ on Map 2A and Parcel 47L on Map 2A within the Single Residence District to the General Residence. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

**Constituent
Issues**

Councilor Dombroski mentioned one issue that had come up on Armory Street at North Avenue, as there is not a stop sign. The Traffic Advisory will be discussing this at their February 14, 2020 meeting. Councilor Dombroski went on to encourage that Mr. Maio should be the point of contact with many such issues, in an effort to move them along to resolution faster.

**Chairman's
Comments**

"Celebrating Wakefield" Volunteer Appreciation Event on Monday March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School. This is an opportunity to recognize all the volunteers that the Town Council appoints to the various boards, commissions, and committees. More information to follow on social media and an email invitation to anyone that is on a volunteering on a board/committee/commission.

The latest updates in terms of where the Envision Wakefield Downtown Revitalization project stands and what we are looking at in terms of next steps going forward will be presented tomorrow evening at the Americal Civic Center at 7:00 p.m.

**Matters Not
Anticipated for
Agenda**

There were no unanticipated matters.

**Announcements &
Acknowledgements**

Councilor Santos recognized the Town Clerks office for running a great election and thank you to everyone that came out to vote.

Councilor Smith-Galvin stated the deadline to register to vote is February 12, 2020; there is a community group that is putting together The Big Purge which will be a town-wide recycling day on April 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More information to follow on their website which is being put together.

Councilor Chines highlighted some of the work that has progressed on the Vision and Values Statement since the last meeting including a discussion with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. They have many tools to help organize and engage with the community. Looking to also apply for a Technical Assistance Grant that would allow us to bring them on as a facilitator for the process; reaching out to different chairs of the boards and commissions where we have sought representation; Wakefield Public Schools has put out a budget priority survey to help identify areas where members of the community would look for different investments in different opportunities to allocate their resources; he has office hours this Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room at the Library.

Councilor Butt shared that Melrose Wakefield Health Care has their annual meeting last week and it is their third year anniversary at 888 Main Street and they are a great addition to the town. She received their new water bottle and will be giving all the Town Councilors one and suggested inviting them to a future Town Council meeting as they have a great community benefits program; the Wakefield Education Foundation has their annual spelling bee on February 28, 2020 and at the next Town Council meeting on February 28, 2020 there will be an update on the community garden and thanked everyone for attending the past meeting; asked the Town Administrator to give an update on the Department of Transportation response to the survey. Mr. Maio stated that a letter was sent to the MBTA. They responded that they do not have the finances to do any of the suggestions. They are ordering 60 new buses and the town will keep working with the MBTA to increase public transportation whether it is the commuter rail or in the bus service. Another area that was mentioned was the accessibility issues at the Wakefield stops which may need help from the State Delegation.

Councilor DiNocco recognized the Wakefield wrestling team on being undefeated in the Middlesex League.

Councilor Dombroski thanked Vice-Chair Santos for running for State Representative as she was fighting very hard to make sure Wakefield would be represented; White Ribbon Campaign is coming again this March and reminded

everyone where men take the pledge against violence. More to follow at the next Town Council meeting; recognized Mr. Maio in the MMA Beacon publication.

Adjournment At 8:24 p.m. Councilor DiNocco motioned to adjourn. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-o-o.

Next Council Meeting The next regular Town Council meeting is February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk