

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN – January 12, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was posted and held at the WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA, with Chairman Brian E. Falvey presiding, Selectwoman Ann McGonigle Santos, Selectman Tiziano Doto, Selectman Patrick S. Glynn, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran and Selectwoman Phyllis J. Hull in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen and Clerk to the Board of Selectmen Sherri A. Dalton were also present.

Chairman Falvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Selectman Doto motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of December 08, 2014, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the Executive Minutes of December 08, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

William Walsh of 12 Salem Street was before the Board requesting a waiver on the vote regarding residential properties in excess of four units being responsible for their own trash pickup as of February 1, 2015. Chairman Falvey along with Town Administrator Maio and Town Counsel Thomas Mullen reiterated that there is no such waiver.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to appoint Peter Vitale (Republican) to the Board of Registrars seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Patrick Sullivan, Chairman of the Wakefield Independence Day Committee was before the Board with his proposal requesting permission to hold a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Saturday July 4, 2015. The parade will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. at the Clarion in Wakefield and conclude at the Galvin Middle School and requesting permission to use North Avenue from the Wakefield/Reading line to the intersection with Church Street, Church Street to its intersection with Common Street, Common Street, and Main Street from Common Street to the Galvin Middle School driveway with exclusive use of these streets from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. or until the parade's conclusion. The Wakefield Independence Day Committee also requests permission to use Quannapowitt Parkway for staging purposes for the parade and to have exclusive control of all vendors present around the immediate vicinity of the parade route including Vets Field, the Upper Common, and 100 feet on both sides surrounding the entire parade route.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the proposal pending the approval of the Police Department and Fire Department, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Kara Showers, Mass in Motion-Melrose/Wakefield grant coordinator was before the Board to discuss the \$40,000.00 grant per year for three years that was awarded to the City of Melrose and Town of Wakefield. The grant is designed to promote opportunities for healthy eating and active living. Ms. Showers is asking the Board to consider the formation of a Board of Selectmen Subcommittee titled "Wakefield Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee".

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned for the Town Administrator to meet with Ms. Showers to create the committee, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from John J. McCarthy, Jr., Town Treasurer to transfer \$473,275.00 from the Town's Capital Projects account to the general account so that the following bond payments can be made on January 1, 2015 for the Galvin Middle School interest \$461,450.00 and Athletic Fields interest \$11,825.00, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Chairman Falvey spoke about forming a Human Rights Commission to raise awareness regarding anti-Semitism. He will talk with Town Administrator Maio and keep everyone informed.

Paul DiNocco, Chairman of the Events Planning Committee presented the Year End Report 2014 to the Board. After the Shamrock Festival, Italian Festival, and Holiday Stroll the year-end report showed a balance of \$13,451.35 which will go into the next event.

Selectman Glynn motioned to accept the Year End Report 2014 as presented, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request of the Traffic Advisory Committee that the east side (odd numbered side) of Hopkins Street from pole 11 to 15, be posted "No Parking" from December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Sharon Gilley, Director of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the library in the amount of \$1,024.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Judy Luciano, Director of the Council on Aging to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the library in the amount of \$3,218.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Mark Zhong of Sakura Organic, Inc. to add "live band" to the exiting Entertainment License for Sakura Organic, Inc., seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the request from Gail Severt for a One Day Liquor License for the hosting of a charity event in conjunction with Housing Families, Inc. on March 6, 2015 at the Wakefield Universalist Unitarian Church hall from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

#### Correspondence:

Letter from Massachusetts School Building Authority

Letter from RCN

Letter from Robert LeLacheur, Jr., Town Manager of Reading

#### Comments:

Town Counsel – Commented on the recent article Town Clerk Galvin urged to retire that was in the Daily Item. Mr. Mullen stated that the Town Administrator always acted with and never against the advice of Town Counsel.

Town Administrator – informed the Board that he received a request for a One Day Liquor License from Noel Bailey, Chairperson for The Scholarship Foundation regarding the Twenty-Third Annual Trivia Team Challenge to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church from 6:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. and to waive the fee; he will be attending the MMA Convention on January 23, 2015 and that he should have some insight on the budget after that.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the request from Noel Bailey, Chairperson for The Scholarship Foundation regarding the Twenty-Third Annual Trivia Team Challenge to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church from 6:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. and to waive the fee, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull – thank you to the light department for fixing the light poles in the parking lot next to Jeffrey's Liquors that needed to have lighting as it is extremely dark and dangerous at night; inquired about the status of the bridge on Lynn Street that has been closed for years; spoke strongly against the recent article in the newspaper where the Town Clerk Mary Galvin is quoted stating that the Town Administrator has abused her for years.

Selectwoman Sheeran – happy belated New Year; please remember the Food Pantry, is pleased to see committees and groups being more efficient and working together; inquired about the State Ethics Commission.

Selectman DiNocco – informed the Board that Detective Michael O’Connell gave a presentation at the merchants meeting regarding shoplifting.

Selectman Glynn – thinks forming a Human Rights Committee is a great idea; would like the Traffic Advisory Committee to look at the intersection of Lowell Street and Salem Street and also Nahant Street needs to have guard rails or curbs.

Selectwoman Santos – likes the idea of forming a Human Rights Committee because things now are not like they used to be and kids now are being exposed to things on social media.

Chairman Falvey – spoke strongly in favor of the Town Administrator regarding the recent article in the Daily Item in which Town Clerk Mary Galvin is quoted stating the he has abused her for years

Board Members signed weekly warrants, two One Day Liquor Licenses, Entertainment License

Selectman Glynn motioned to adjourn at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

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Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk