

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN – February 23, 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, Selectman Tiziano Doto, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, Selectman Patrick S. Glynn and Selectwoman Phyllis J. Hull in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen and Clerk to the Board of Selectman Sherri A. Dalton were present. Selectwoman Ann McGonigle Santos and Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran were absent.

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

Selectman Glynn motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of February 11, 2015, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Planning Board budget.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Planning Board Budget in the amount of \$11,175.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Board of Health budget along with Ruth Clay, Health Director.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the Board of Health budget in the amount of \$191,379.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Recreation budget along with Dan McGrath, Recreation Director.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Recreation Budget in the amount of \$80,459.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Recreation Director Dan McGrath also presented to the Board a copy of the Wakefield Recreation Program Spring/Summer 2015 booklet.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Veteran's budget along with Ryan McLane, Veteran's Director.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the Veteran's Budget in the amount of \$262,188.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Veteran's Director also introduced Alicia Reddin the Veteran's Service Officer.

Selectman Doto 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 \$341.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned for the Selectmen to sponsor a full page color ad in the 2015 Wakefield Youth Health and Safety Guide, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the request from Yong Guo Zhu of Jade Garden for a Common Victualler License, seconded by Selection DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request from St. Florence Parish for a One Day Liquor License on March 21, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for their annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance to be held in the church hall and to waive the fee, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request from the Events Planning Committee for a One Day Liquor License on March 22, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for the St. Patrick's Day event at the West Side Social Club and to waive the fee, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Comments:

Town Counsel – spoke in response to what he called “outright misrepresentations” appearing in the press from those coming to the defense of Town Clerk Mary Galvin. He addressed two claims. The first being the Town Clerk's office was no more troubled by grievances than any other town department and that all of those grievances were resolved favorably to the town. Mr. Mullen pointed out that since 2005, four employees had brought grievances against Ms. Galvin and another employee brought a discrimination claim against Ms. Galvin to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination claiming denial of reasonable accommodations of a handicap and retaliatory discipline which ultimately cost the town \$15,000.00 to settle the claim. The second allegation that was addressed was in a letter to the Daily Item that anyone who filed a grievance must have been an appointee of Town Administrator Steve Maio's who was acting to undermine the Town Clerk. Mr. Mullen replied “that's not just bizarrely conspiratorial, it's also completely untrue”. Of the five individuals who brought work related claims, Mr. Maio promoted one and appointed one other. The one he promoted had been singled out by the Town Clerk as an “excellent employee” and the one that he appointed was on the written recommendation of the Town Clerk. As for the other three, Mr. Maio had nothing to do with their appointment or promotion. Mr. Mullen promised further details in a formal memo that he is in the process of preparing.

Town Administrator – posted a video on the town's Facebook page looking for suggestions on what to do with the town owned building on Albion Street that used to be home to the MGLD. The video reached over 5000 people and 2000 people engaged by clicking on it and watching the video. Close to 200 people responded with suggestions for the building; has been very impressed with the Superintendent and his vision going forward with the budget; thank you to Town Counsel; Restaurant Week is March 2 through March 8.

Selectwoman Hull – town and the Department of Public Works has done a wonderful job.

Selectman DiNocco – would like the Town Administrator to mention to the Veteran's Service Officer that if there are grants assigned to the Main Street Program then the Civil War Memorial restoration may be part of that; Department of Public Works has done a fabulous job.

Selectman Glynn – Thank you to the Department of Public Works for doing a great job; is running in the Boston Marathon for the Liver Foundation and is having a fundraiser on March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Absolutely Fabulous; reverse 911 seems to be working so there may be no need to ban overnight on street parking in the winter.

Chairman Falvey – great overall job in snow removal by the Department of Public Works.

Chairman Glynn motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

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Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk