

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN – March 09, 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, 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 Selectman Sherri A. Dalton were present. Selectwoman Ann McGonigle Santos arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Chairman Brian E. Falvey called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. and stated that there is a need for executive session to discuss union contracts because an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town with the intent of returning to open session.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to go in to executive session, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

### Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectwoman Sheeran – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Glynn – yes

Selectman Doto – yes

Chairman Falvey – yes

The Board returned to open session at 7:28 p.m.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of February 23, 2015, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Kathy Donovan from The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield was before the Board with student director Carolyn Harney and made a presentation to the Board. Chairman Falvey read and presented a Resolution and the Board designated the week of March 15, 2015 through March 21, 2015 as The Scholarship Foundation Week in Wakefield. A photograph was taken with the Board before the meeting.

Robert Mitchell of 6 Spaulding Street was before the Board for Public Participation to talk about town government finances and human resources.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the I.T. budget with I.T. Director David Knox.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the I.T. Budget in the amount of \$431,620.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Police budget along with Chief of Police Richard Smith.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Police budget in the amount of \$4,633,285.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

At 8:11 p.m. Selectwoman Sheeran recused herself due to the discussion regarding the Fire Department Budget, Emergency Management Budget and Retirement Budget. She left the room.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Fire Department budget along with Fire Chief Michael Sullivan.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$4,245,887.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Emergency Management budget along with Fire Chief Michael Sullivan.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Emergency Management Budget in the amount of \$30,872.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill presented the Retirement budget.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Retirement Budget in the amount of \$4,872,405.00 as presented by Kevin Gill, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

At 8:26 p.m. Selectwoman Sheeran rejoined the meeting.

Selectman Doto motioned to set the date of May 4, 2015 for the Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to open the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to set the date of April 3, 2015 for the closing of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio presented his annual budget forecast for fiscal year 2016 and said that the governor has release his House 1 Budget and Wakefield is getting about a 3% increase in money from the state with the bulk of it being an increase of about \$20.00 per student under Chapter 70. He feels that the state just increases the amount per pupil across the board and for a community like Wakefield who is not getting the fair share of 17% of Chapter 70 just falls further behind. Dr. Zrike and Town Administrator Stephen Maio are meeting with Representative Jason Lewis in the next couple of weeks regarding this. The State budget does include 50 million dollars for emergency snow removal. There is a slight increase in the GIC health insurance. The Finance Committee has been looking ahead particularly with new growth opportunities. At the next Board of Selectmen meeting there will be an agenda item with a possible new growth opportunity. He is hoping that when the budget gets to the house and senate the numbers may be a little bit better.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from Richard Stinson, Director of Public Works for a snow and ice overdraft of \$400,000.00, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from J&A Auto Body for a Class II License at 1273 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Correspondence:

Department of Housing & Community Development

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Letter & Response to Mr. & Mrs. Cicia

Comments:

Selectwoman Hull – responded to a letter regarding the allegations on Dr. & Mrs. Maio, Mr. & Mrs. Mullen, Mr. & Mrs. Sherman and the Town Administrator's executive secretary Sherri Dalton that was in the Wakefield Daily Item from the Manley's.

Selectwoman Sheeran - finds it very frustrating that when opinion as opposed to fact is written

Selectman DiNocco – there was another incident recently regarding Asian body works/massage parlors and would like to know what the town is going to do and would like to know if something can be done through the sign by law; congratulations to the girls 5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team for a perfect 19-0 season and to the girls 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams for

becoming the 2015 Champions and the girls 6<sup>th</sup> grade team as champions as well; congratulations to Dan Wesley on becoming an All State Wrestling Champion; thank you to the current staff in the Town Clerks office; the Jest Jazz Festival is March 22, 2015 at the West Side Social Club

Selectman Glynn – thank you to Steve Maio and Tom Mullen for the way they handled the HR matter very professionally; and the same goes for Sherri; the reverse 911 system seems to work really well and would like to propose on a future agenda to do away with the parking ban

Selectman Doto – would like to echo what Betsy and Pat said and he is all for free speech but would like people in the future to have their facts straight; people were disparaged in the newspaper is just wrong but the facts speak for themselves and the facts came out

Selectwoman Santos – has faith in the intelligent people in Wakefield that when they read one letter that they can understand that it is the opinion of that one person

Chairman Falvey – The Manley letter was absurd; thank you to the current staff members of the Town Clerk office

Selectman Glynn motioned to adjourn at 9:03 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

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Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk