

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – March 23, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was posted and held at the WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA, with Vice Chairwoman Ann McGonigle Santos 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. Selectman Brian E. Falvey was absent.

Vice Chairwoman Ann McGonigle Santos called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and stated that there is a need for executive session to discuss contract negotiations 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 DiNocco and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectwoman Sheeran - yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Glynn – yes

Selectman Doto – yes

Vice Chairwoman Santos – yes

The Board returned to open session at 7:31 p.m.

Selectman Glynn motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of March 09, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the resignation with regret from Charlotte Heger of 95 Audubon Road, #709 as warden of precinct 3, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the resignation with regret from Thomas Campbell of 95 Audubon Road, #709 as the tab center warden and also teller at precinct 3, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the resignation with regret from John Malatesta of 8 Harris Drive, Burlington as teller at precinct 3, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the resignation with regret from Mary Malatesta of 8 Harris Drive, Burlington as teller at precinct 3, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the appointment of Robert Vincent of 22 Flanders Lane to the Veteran's Advisory Board with a term expiring April 30, 2016, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to appoint Joseph Neale of 13 Rosemary Avenue to warden at precinct 3, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to appoint Joan E. Green of 8 Ames Street to teller at precinct 3, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to appoint Winifred Ledoux of 41 Herbert Street to teller at precinct 3, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works and Dennis Fazio, Wakefield's Park, Forestry and Cemetery supervisor was before the Board. Mr. Stinson informed the board the Mr. Fazio has been selected by the New England Sports Turf Managers Association (NESTMA) as the 2014 Sports Turf Manager of the Year. This award recognizes a Sports Turf Manager in New England who has made a significant contribution to the sports turf industry. Mr. Stinson commented that Mr. Fazio's knowledge and innovation in the sports turf industry as well as his dedication and commitment to the Town of Wakefield places Dennis in an elite group of sports turf professionals and that the town is fortunate to have such an outstanding professional as part of the team.

Bryan Hudock, Project Manager from National Grid and Beverly Shultz, Project Manager from Eversource was before the Board to provide a preliminary overview of a new electrical transmission line coming through Wakefield that is expected to not only enhance energy reliability but also result in \$1.6 million annually in additional property tax revenue for the town. The proposed Woburn to Wakefield underground transmission line would be just over eight miles long, with the longest stretch 3.43 miles in Wakefield. It will also include 1.64 miles in Woburn, 1.17 miles in Winchester and 1.8 miles in Stoneham. The overall project will cost \$107 million with an estimated \$52.7 million infrastructure investment in the Wakefield portion, including improvements to the Wakefield substation. National Grid will be conducting an open house in Wakefield on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Galvin Middle School cafeteria to discuss the project and gather community input.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the DPW budget. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the DPW Budget in the amount of \$4,424,959.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Snow & Ice budget. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Snow & Ice Budget in the amount of \$750,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Water Enterprise budget. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Water Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$4,317,077.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Sewer Enterprise budget. Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Sewer Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$7,246,937.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Stephen P. Maio presented the Group Health Insurance budget. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Group Health Insurance Budget in the amount of \$11,021,260.00 as presented by Stephen P. Maio, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Eminent Domain Warrant Article. Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Eminent Domain Warrant Article in the amount of \$1.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Refuse/Recycling/Yard Waste Warrant Article. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Refuse/Recycling/Yard Waste Warrant Article in the amount of \$1,476,680.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the NPDES (storm water) Warrant Article. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the NPDES (storm water) Warrant Article in the amount of \$100,000.00 not in the amount of \$125,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Water Main Improvements Warrant Article. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Water Main Improvements Warrant Article in the amount of \$400,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Shade Trees Warrant Article. Selectman Doto motioned to approve the Shade Trees Warrant Article in the amount of \$15,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Public Shade Tree Spraying Program Warrant Article.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Public Shade Tree Spraying Program Warrant Article in the amount of \$20,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the Roadway Improvements Warrant Article. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Roadway Improvements Warrant Article in the amount of \$200,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Richard Stinson, Director of the Department of Public Works presented the New Sidewalks Warrant Article. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the New Sidewalks Warrant Article in the amount of \$50,000.00 as presented by Richard Stinson, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Shaun Margerison, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee presented the Tax Levy Warrant Article. Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Tax Levy Warrant Article in the amount of \$1,999,967.00 as presented by Shaun Margerison, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Shaun Margerison, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee presented the Sewer Warrant Article. Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Sewer Warrant Article in the amount of \$166,625.00 as presented by Shaun Margerison, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Shaun Margerison, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee presented the Water Warrant Article. Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the Water Warrant Article in the amount of \$172,625.00 as presented by Shaun Margerison, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Shaun Margerison, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee presented the I.T. Warrant Article. Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the I.T. Warrant Article in the amount of \$150,932.00 as presented by Shaun Margerison, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Wakefield Division (Patrolmen) contract subject to Town Meeting approval, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Wakefield Police Superior Officers Associations, Inc., Massachusetts Coalition of Police (Wakefield) contract subject to Town Meeting approval, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Police Chief Richard Smith and Department of Public Works Director Richard Stinson was before the Board to discuss the overnight parking ban. In a lengthy discussion, Police Chief Smith and Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio argued for eliminating the ban, while DPW Director Richard Stinson strongly disagreed. A year round parking ban has been enforced from December 1st through April 1st by a regulation by the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrator Maio noted that the ban was put in place to keep cars off the road during snow emergencies, but now the town had shown that by using a combination of social media and reverse 911 we can get cars off the road when we need to. Mr. Stinson insisted

that there is a safety concern and argued that eliminating the ban will impair the ability to clear the roads to the standard that they are now. Police Chief Smith called the permanent overnight parking ban inherently unfair and said that he did not see a safety issue and with proper and timely notice given to the residents to get their cars off the streets this will let the DPW do their job. Selectman Glynn understood with Mr. Stinson was coming from but pointed out that the weather is now forecast a week ahead of time providing ample time for the town to get the message out and with today's technology we are nimble enough to handle these things.

Selectman Glynn motioned to eliminate the overnight parking ban as of April 2, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran opposed.

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 \$3,374.17 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Igor Garcia for a Common Victualler License for Formagio Pizzeria at 927 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Igor Garcia for an Entertainment License for Formagio Pizzeria at 927 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Comments:

Selectwoman Sheeran – reminded the Board about the Ethics Test; the boy that performed at the Jest Fest by the last name of McNamara was fantastic

Selectman DiNocco – The Jest Fest was a fabulous event

Board Members signed weekly warrants, Common Victualler License, Entertainment License

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 10:15 p.m., seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk