

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – August 24, 2015

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

Chairwoman Santos called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the regular Board Minutes of July 20, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Deputy Chief Craig Calabrese appeared before the Board to introduce the promotions of Jonathan Burnham and Michael Ryan to the rank of Sergeant effective September 09, 2015. The Board gave accolades to both Jonathan Burnham and Michael Ryan.

Superintendent Dr. Kim Smith appeared before the Board to introduce Maria Serrao as the School Facilities Manager. Selectwoman Hull stressed that the schools need to be constantly maintained to keep them clean. The Board welcomed Maria Serrao as the School Facilities Manager.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve two Taxicab License's for City Taxi & Transportation, Inc., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the request from Mary Beth McDonald for a One Day Liquor License for a fundraising event at the Crystal Community Club on September 13, 2015 and to waive the fee, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

At 7:40 p.m. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to open the Public Hearing for an all alcohol license to Leanne Wheler or her nominee relating to the premises known and numbered as 397 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectman Doto – yes

Selectman Glynn – yes

Selectwoman Sheeran – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Chairwoman Santos – yes

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to continue the public hearing to September 14, 2015 at 7:40 p.m. for an all alcohol license to Leanne Wheler or her nominee relating to the premises known and numbered as 397 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectman Doto – yes

Selectman Glynn – yes

Selectwoman Sheeran – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Chairwoman Santos – yes

William Chetwynd appeared before the Board regarding a proposal for a Human Rights Commission. He told the Board that Wakefield's diversity has increased in recent years and that the town should take the opportunity to celebrate that diversity. He said that he viewed a Wakefield Human Rights Commission as a place for people to go to begin the conversation if they have an issue. Mr. Chetwynd proposed that the commission would be composed of three individuals appointed by the Board of Selectmen, three appointed by the School Committee, a student representative from Wakefield High School, a designee from the Police Department and two ex-officio members, Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio and School Superintendent Dr. Kim Smith and ideally the commission would also include an attorney. Mr. Chetwynd handed out a copy of the preliminary draft bylaws for a Human Rights Commission to the Board. Selectman Doto said he supported the idea but wanted to know exactly how it would function. Selectwoman Hull expressed some concern and stated that she wants to make sure that we know what we are doing before we vote on this and asked if we feel that as a community we've had problems with human rights. Chairwoman Santos said that there have been issues of discrimination in Wakefield. She said she saw a Human Rights Commission as a place for people to go who feel that they have been discriminated against on areas such as housing and employment. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Wakefield Human Rights Commission Proposal as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Superintendent Dr. Kim Smith and Donna Conlin appeared before the Board to discuss the Purposeful Opportunities for Successful Transition Program (POST Program) in which Wakefield and Reading desire to achieve economies by sharing the services of the program. The POST Program is a collaborative post-secondary special education program for students 18-22 years of age that provides experiential and educational opportunities in the areas of daily living, employment, community inclusion, recreation, leisure and real work academic skills in order to promote successful transition to adulthood. The main goal for the program is for young adults to gain the necessary skills to become confident, independent, and integrated members in the Wakefield and Reading communities. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to let the Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio and Town Counsel Thomas Mullen review the contract and to let Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio sign the contract once finalized.

Lt. Steven Skory appeared before the Board to recommend changes to the Armory Street traffic pattern and to also install parking restrictions on Lakeview Avenue where it intersects with Main Street extension. Selectman Glynn motioned that Armory Street to remain a "one-way" street, except the travel direction should be reversed so that it is one-way from Main Street to North Avenue, with parking to remain limited to one side of the street, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned that the access driveway between the Galvin School lot and Armory Street will be "one-way" northbound, so that vehicles may exit the school lot onto Armory Street, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned that the driveway to the Galvin School that runs in front of the building should allow for "two-way" traffic between North Avenue and Main Street, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned that a sign be installed at the Armory Street entrance/exit of CVS that prohibits a left turn, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned that "No Parking Here To Corner" signs be installed on the north side of Lakeview Avenue between the intersection with Main Street and the northwest corner of the first driveway on the north side of the street, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned that "No Parking Here To Corner" signs be installed on the south side of Lakeview Avenue between the intersection with Main Street and the southwest corner of the first driveway on the south side of the street, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen Maio addressed the town-owned building at 9-11 Albion Street that previously housed the Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department. The town has been seeking public opinion on what to do with the Albion Street building since the MGLD moved their business office to 480 North Avenue. Town Administrator Maio said that the overwhelming support has been for retaining that building for a cultural arts center. He said that he viewed forming a committee as a first step toward turning 9-11 Albion Street into a centerpiece for attracting both residents and visitors to downtown Wakefield. There has been talks about how to bring people to our downtown and how to get them to spend money in our specialty shops other than just going out to dinner. He also stated that he saw the building as a place where works of local artists could be displayed and the upper floor might also be suitable for loft space. He said that it could also be a place for groups like the Wakefield Cultural Council and the Event Planning Committee to meet. Selectman Glynn motioned to form a committee to pursue making 9-11 Albion Street into a cultural arts center, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the request from the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$2,706.42 with thanks, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to refer Zoning Warrant article Lot 17H shown on Tax Assessors map #29-126-17H be rezoned from Single Family Residential (SR) to Industrial (I) for the 2015 Fall Town Meeting to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to refer Zoning Warrant article by amending the special permit provisions §190-32 Multifamily dwellings for the 2015 Fall Town Meeting to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to refer Zoning Warrant article by amending the provisions of the Open Space Subdivision bylaw for the 2015 Fall Town Meeting to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

The Selectmen were in receipt of the Sewer Bond of the Town to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio read the following Motion:

Voted: that the sale of the \$67,155.00 Sewer Bond of the Town dated August 31, 2015, to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority"), is hereby approved and the Town Treasurer is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on August 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>
2016	\$13,431.00
2017	\$13,431.00
2018	\$13,431.00
2019	\$13,431.00
2020	\$13,431.00

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk, and the Town Treasurer by and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

Selectwoman Sheeran so motioned, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Correspondence:

Invitation from The Angel Fund

Comments:

Selectman DiNocco: thank you to all the Festival Italia committee members

Selectwoman Hull: congratulations to Dr. Kim Smith on her new position as Superintendent

Selectman Doto: congratulations to Dr. Kim Smith on her new position as Superintendent

Selectman Glynn: congratulations to Dr. Kim Smith on her new position as Superintendent; expressed concern regarding the road paving around town

Selectwoman Sheeran: thank you to Festival Italia for raising lots of money for the Food Pantry

Town Administrator Maio: congratulations to Paul DiNocco and the Event Planning Committee on a great Festival Italia; thank you to the Board for moving forward with the Cultural Arts Center; would like to do a marketing assessment of the downtown using grant money and would like to have this on the September 14, 2015 meeting for an approval to go forward

Selectman Glynn motioned to adjourn at 8:58 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk