

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – July 20, 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 Brian E. Falvey, 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 Tiziano Doto was absent.

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

Selectwoman Hull motioned to accept the regular Board Minutes of June 22, 2015, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

The Selectmen gave thanks and much appreciation to Michael O'Connell, who was before the Board, on his Retirement from the Police Department.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request from Portobello for an Entertainment License, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Board of Appeals chairman David Hatfield was before the Board to address the alleged concerns of Susan Randolph-Frey. Mr. Hatfield assured the Board of Selectmen that the Zoning Board of Appeals always acts in a professional, respectful and courteous manner with all applicants and members of the public who appear before the Board. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Hatfield and the Zoning Board of Appeals for all their hard work.

The Selectmen gave thanks and praise to Independence Day Committee and the West Side Social Club for their involvements with the Fourth of July Parade as well the children's activities and fireworks display on the Fourth of July.

Permanent Building Committee chairman Joseph Bertrand was before the Board to discuss the progress of the Galvin Middle School. Mr. Bertrand told the Board that he is very happy to report that the substantial completion of the contract on time and on budget occurred Thursday, July 16, 2015 and that the Building Inspector granted the Certificate of Occupancy as well. Selectwoman Hull asked about an issue that had come up related to the need for a platform to service an air conditioning unit in the ceiling of a newer part of the building. Permanent Building Committee member Charles Tarbell stated to Selectwoman Hull "where do you get your information from". Mr. Tarbell said that once it was realized that the air conditioning unit did not have appropriate access, contingency funds were used to install a small platform to provide the necessary access. Mr. Bertrand also provided an update of the pending evaluation study of the High School. He said that in June the Permanent Building Committee picked architectural firm Dore and Whittier of Newburyport to conduct the evaluation study. Dore and Whittier was scheduled for an informal walk-through of the High School this week with a formal walk-through later this month. A complete evaluation of the physical aspects of the building will occur this summer. The report by Dore and Whittier is expected to be complete by December or January in time for the town to put together a Statement of Interest regarding the High School for the next round of Massachusetts School Building Authority funding requests.

Alicia Reddin the Veteran Services officer was before the Board to discuss budget estimate for the repair/restoration of the Wakefield, MA Civil War Memorial which is estimated at \$546,500.00 and would take approximately 8-12 months to complete. Ms. Reddin also discussed the possibility of a tree dedication in honor of the military service of women from the Revolutionary War forward and the estimate is \$1,000.00 which is 100% donated from Woodlawn Memorials. Also she has received feedback on the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial and potential improvements to the Common and is requesting the a committee be commissioned to investigate the monument projects and to collect requests for future memorials and potential improvements to the Veteran Common.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to advertise for a Monument Committee, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Selectman Falvey addressed the massage parlor concerns in which he stated that a letter from the town will be going out to at least six commercial property owners notifying them that the town believes that renters at those properties may be engaged in illegal activities as “erotic massage parlors”. The letters advise the property owners that the town has recently been made aware that these illicit massage facilities are marketed on certain erotic web sites and offers the town’s assistance to help the property owners rid their premises of tenants engaged in illegal activity.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request of the Town Treasurer to transfer \$385,187.50 from the Town’s capital projects account to the general fund so that bonds can be paid on August 1, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request of the Town Treasurer to transfer \$1,083,275.00 from the Town’s capital projects account to the general account so bond payments can be made on July 1, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request of the Town Treasurer to transfer \$677,825.00 from the Town’s capital projects account to the general account so bond payments due on August 1, 2015 can be paid, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request of Sharon Gilley, Director of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$25,798.09 with thanks, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the proposed warrant article regarding no all-night parking for the 2015 Fall Town Meeting, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted with Selectman Falvey abstaining.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the addition of two movies for the Movies by the Lake, one on July 23, 2015 and one on August 22, 2015, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to table the request from the Conservation Commission regarding the donation of land on Fitch Court, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Chairwoman Santos: asked for a motion to schedule a public hearing for August 24, 2015 at 7:40 p.m. for an All Alcohol License to Leanne Wheeler or her nominee relating to the premises known and numbered as 397 Main Street. Selectman DiNocco so motioned, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Correspondence:

Letter from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission

Letter from National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Comments:

Selectman Falvey: Zoning Board of Appeal members are humans and certainly does not condone their emotions but certainly understands them.

Selectman DiNocco: asked Town Administrator Maio if there are any results from the Traffic Advisory Committee regarding Water Street in which Mr. Maio said that there is a meeting on August 10, 2015 regarding this; would like Rick Stinson to have someone cut back the brush off of Exit 42; would like Festival Italia promoted on the Billboard; tickets for Festival Italia are on sale

Selectwoman Hull: very upset with the statement "where do you get your information" from Mr. Tarbell and wants everyone to know that she reads the paper very carefully and has heard the information from the Building Committee; Salem Street and Vernon Street needs to be paved; condolences to Dennis Fazio on the death of his father

Selectman Glynn: apologies to Phyllis Hull in partaking on comments regarding the Galvin construction; would like to get swimming back in Lake Quannapowitt

Selectwoman Sheeran: offered sympathy on Mr. Fazio's death; please remember the food pantry; weather is brutal the last few days and is wondering if there are places for people to go to get some relief from the heat

Selectman Glynn motioned to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk