

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 08, 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, Selectman Brian E. Falvey and Selectwoman Phyllis J. Hull in attendance. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Counsel Thomas Mullen and Clerk to the Board of Selectman Sherri A. Dalton were also present.

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

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the regular Board Minutes of May 27, 2015, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to accept the Executive Minutes of May 27, 2015, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Police Chief Richard Smith and Lieutenant Craig Calabrese were before the Board. Police Chief Smith spoke regarding the Spirit of MAWLE Award in which Officer Kelley Tobyne was selected as the recipient of this award for community service. Police Chief Smith also spoke regarding the Deputy Chief position that he would like to reinstate back in the department and appoint Lieutenant Craig Calabrese as the Deputy Chief as of July 1, 2015. The position of Deputy Chief will allow the Chief of Police to commence building a management team to lead the Wakefield Police Department into the future. This position will also allow the community as well as the staff to understand the visual and operational value of the commanders and it will be evident who is in command both operationally and visually. The Deputy Chief of Police will assist the Chief of Police as directed in the day to day operations. The Board was very supportive of this position and gave accolades to Craig Calabrese.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the position of Deputy Chief, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectman Doto motioned to approve the request from Shawn Conway, Race Director to have the Frozen Frolic Road Race on December 5, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and to shut down Church Street from Main Street to Lake Avenue, seconded by Paul DiNocco and so voted.

Wendy Dennis was before the Board to introduce two new vendors to the Farmer's Market, Aaronap Cellars, LLC and Downeast Ciders. Ms. Dennis stated that both of these vendors will work alternating Saturday's at the Farmer's Market.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request from Charlton Orchards Group, LLC for a Liquor License for the Farmer's Market, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request from Aaronap Cellars, LLC for a Liquor License for the Farmer's Market, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request from Downeast Ciders for a Liquor License for the Farmer's Market, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to approve the Farmer's Market contract, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio addressed the Board regarding the Tax Taking on 66 Elm Street. He stated that in November of 2013 the Town of Wakefield filed a complaint for non-payment of taxes against the property owned by Michael Morley at 66 Elm Street. In December 2014 Mr. Morley defaulted and the court entered a final judgement for the town. Mr. Morley contacted the town as he has a buyer for the property and would like to vacate the judgement and pay all the back taxes and attorney's fees owed.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to vacate the judgement of the Land Court voted in Tax Lien Foreclosure Case 13 TK147582, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Recreation Director Dan McGrath was before the Board along with Tom Stapleton and Ryan Boyd from WCAT regarding offering three free movies on the Common with The Savings Bank funding the cost. The movies will begin at 8:30 p.m. with The Lego Movie on July 2, 2015, Jumanji on August 13, 2015 and Guardians of the Galaxy on September 2, 2015. Selectman Glynn motioned to approve Movies by the Lake, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Tom Stapleton, Ryan Boyd and Scott Kurland from WCAT announced that Ryan Boyd's feature story, "The Hogan Experience" and Scott Kurland's feature story "Pedro's Judo: Leadership through Judo" were both recognized with a prestigious bronze Telly Award for outstanding achievements. The Board congratulated WCAT on both awards.

Comments:

Town Counsel: Stated that when the Town sells town owned land the proceeds go in to a special fund but when tax title land is sold the town is getting back the taxes that were not paid and the proceeds return to the General Fund.

Town Administrator: Likes Craig Calabrese's comment that "the Town of Wakefield has given me everything" and he feels that there are a lot of "townies" that feel that way.

Selectman DiNocco: Inquired regarding the status of the email from Deborah Fox. Town Administrator Maio replied that Lieutenant Skory has already reached out to her.

Selectman Glynn: Congratulations to Dr. Zrike on his appointment as Receiver for the Town of Holyoke and hopes that Kim Smith is appointed the next Superintendent

Selectwoman Sheeran: Please remember the Food Pantry

Chairwoman Santos: Will only reply to emails when someone is treating the Board with respect.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to adjourn at 8:19 p.m., seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk