

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 22, 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, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, 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. Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran, Selectman Tiziano Doto and Selectman Patrick S. Glynn were absent.

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

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the regular Board Minutes of June 08, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Susan Randolph-Frey of 98 Cedar Street, #7 was before the Board during Public Participation to voice her concern as the Secretary of the Wakefield Civic League regarding the board behavior of the Zoning Board of Appeals to members of the Wakefield Civic League. Ms. Randolph-Frey requested that the Board of Selectmen look into behavior of the Zoning Board of Appeals and requested that the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting schedule this matter to be placed on the agenda and the Wakefield Civic League will attend the meeting to hear the report.

Michele Penta of 29 Fairmount Avenue, Kathleen M. Tatro of 44 Richardson Avenue, Tracy Shea of 8 Brook Avenue, Rada Frohlichstein of 9 Rochelle Drive and Melissa Gagliardi of 20 Thistle Dale Road were all before the Board to express their concern regarding Bloom Body Works on North Avenue in which the company may be something other than a day spa.

At 7:45 p.m. Selectman DiNocco motioned to open the Public Hearing regarding setting the Water and Sewer Rates, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes
Selectman DiNocco – yes
Selectman Falvey – yes
Chairwoman Santos - yes

Selectman Falvey motioned to continue the Public Hearing until all Public Participation was finished, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

At 8:03 p.m. Selectman DiNocco motioned to reopen the Public Hearing regarding setting the Water and Sewer Rates, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes
Selectman DiNocco – yes
Selectman Falvey – yes
Chairwoman Santos – yes

Department of Public Works Director Richard Stinson and Department of Public Works Business and Operations Manager Carol Antonelli were before the Board to present the Fiscal Year 2016 water and sewer rates as recommended by the Advisory Board of Public Works. Mr. Stinson said that the new water rate will be \$6.15 per 100 cubic feet and the new sewer rate will be \$10.55 per 100 cubic feet for a combined rate of \$16.70. The new water rate means that an average annual water bill (after the discount is taken) will be \$664.20 or \$166.00 per quarter. The new sewer rate means that an average annual sewer bill (after the discount) will be \$1,139.40 or \$284.85 per quarter. The combined average annual water and sewer bill will be \$1,803.60 or \$450.90 per quarter based on an average single family house using

12,000 cubic feet of water. Mr. Stinson stressed that the assessments that the MWRA charges the town represent 42.87 percent of the water budget and 77.29 percent of the sewer budget. The new sewer flat rate, charged mainly to residents with wells, will be \$316.50 a quarter of \$284.85 after the discount. Sewer charges for most properties are based on the amount of water used, as sewer flow leaving individual properties is not metered. Since there is no town water to measure going into homes with wells, those homes are charged the sewer flat rate.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the water rate of \$6.15 per 100 cubic feet as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the sewer rate of \$10.55 per 100 cubic feet as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the sewer flat fee of \$316.50 per quarter as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the septic disposal rate fee of \$110.00 per delivery as presented, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

At 8:24 p.m. Selectman DiNocco motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Falvey – yes

Chairwoman Santos – yes

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the renewal of the Bowling Alley License from the Wakefield Bowladrome, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull motioned to approve the request from the Clarion Inn for the renewal of the Pool Table License, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the request from the West Side Social Club 4th of July Committee to use the upper and lower commons to hold the 4th of July celebration beginning on Friday July 3, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. to Sunday July 5, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. and to also have the right to designate concession areas on the lower common and Colonel Connelly Park for concessions, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio spoke regarding the Community Compact program which is a mutual agreement between the Baker-Polito Administration and individual cities and towns of the Commonwealth whereas a community will agree to implement at least one best practice that they select from across a variety of areas. Town Administrator Maio would like to Board to review the material that is before them and at the next meeting on July 20, 2015 the Board will discuss this.

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 \$1,166.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Leslie Dole to donate a park bench to be placed at Veterans Field and to work with Dennis Fazio, Supervisor of the Park, Forestry and Cemetery with placement and costs associated with the donated park bench, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from the Traffic Advisory Committee to place a four-way stop at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Emerson Street, change the flashing yellow lights for Chestnut Street to red flashing lights and the addition of stop signs on Chestnut Street would also require the installation of advance warning signs and the use of "All Way" plaques on the existing and new stop sign posts, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Correspondence:

Invitation from Wakefield Independence Day Parade
Invitation from Jason Lewis
Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry Fact Sheet – FY 2014
Letter from Mystic Valley Elder Services
Letter from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission

Comments:

Selectman Falvey: asked if the Wakefield Civic League has filed any paperwork because he cannot find any legal designation

Selectman DiNocco: asked if there could be zoning changes due to the issues with Bloom Bodyworks and would like the fire department to look into why the doors are being locked with there is only one entrance/exit; would like the Traffic Advisory Committee to look into the intersection at Water Street and Montrose

Selectwoman Hull: astounded by the salary increases not represented by union within the School Department; would like to know why there were no negotiations for the maintenance of the schools; wants the Permanent Building Committee to be on the July 20, 2015 Board of Selectmen Agenda; would like to have the Town logo put on the doors of the town vehicles that do not have the logo already; the cemetery rules are not being obeyed by many patrons

Chairwoman Santos: asked the Town Administrator for the next meeting of July 20, 2015 to look into the Wakefield Civic League on all fronts and concerns

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 8:49 p.m., seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk