

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – September 14, 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 August 24, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Hugh Kelleher Assistant Vice President of Hallmark Health appeared before the Board regarding the purchase of the former Subaru site at 888 Main Street with the intent of opening a new office for Hallmark Health. They are still in the design and programming phases of the project and will come back to the Board of Selectmen once everything is finalized.

Selectman Glynn motioned to appoint Amy Leeman of 10 Fox Road to the Events Planning Committee, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to approve the request from Albert P. Turco Class President of the Wakefield High School Class of 1992 for a One Day Liquor License for the Terri Qualters fundraising event at the Crystal Community Club on September 26, 2015 including waiving the fee, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to set a Public Hearing on September 28, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. for the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department for permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used by the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department along and across the following public way or ways:

Salem Street near the intersection of Chapman Road, approximately 35' (thirty-five feet) Northeasterly of Pole #71, place 1 (one) pole, to be numbered Pole 71-S (stub pole)

Salem Street near the intersection with Chapman Road, approximately 50' (fifty feet) Northerly of Pole #72, place 1 (one) pole, to be numbered Pole 72-S (stub pole)

Salem Street near the intersection with Lowell Street, approximately 32' (thirty-two feet) Southerly of Pole #63, place 1 (one) pole, to be numbered Pole 63.

Selectman Doto motioned to accept the request from the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$11,968.00 with thanks, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

At 7:40 p.m. Selectman Glynn 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 Selectwoman Sheeran 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 28, 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

Town Administrator Stephen Maio spoke about contracting Fine Points Associates, LLC a consulting firm that will come in and perform a market analysis and develop a profile of the community for the downtown area. The firm would analyze the community's income and demographics and make recommendations as to what types of businesses could succeed in that environment. The firm would work with Town Administrator Maio, the Town Planner, the Main Street Program, the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee to see what can be done to help local businesses and commercial property owners in the downtown. The cost to the town will be \$9,999.00 and will come from project money that the town has in its Community Development Block Grant fund. Town Administrator Maio advised the Board that Town Counsel Thomas Mullen has reviewed the contract with Fine Points.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the expenditure, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman Glynn motioned to refer Zoning Warrant article allowing lodging units and accessory lodging units by Special Permit only for the 2015 Fall Town Meeting to the Planning Board and for the Board of Selectman to sponsor this article, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Hull recused herself and left the room.

Selectman DiNocco spoke to the Board regarding an idea for a promotion/fundraiser to raise money to purchase 50 more banners to hang from the light poles in the downtown area. The idea is promote local businesses by attaching a sign to the bottom of some of the banners currently hanging on the light poles using clips already on those banners for that purpose. Mr. DiNocco showed the Board a prototype of the kind of signage being suggested for the bottom on the banners. Money would be raised by having businesses donate an amount of money not yet determined for having their sign on a banner for a few months.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to authorize the Main Street program to move forward and to come back to the Board with a final prototype for the signs as well as guidelines on how the program would be implemented, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted with Selectwoman Hull not voting.

Selectwoman Hull rejoined the meeting.

Selectman Doto motioned to set the Regular Town Meeting for November 16, 2015, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to open the Regular Town Meeting Warrant and close the Regular Town Meeting Warrant on October 08, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Comments:

Selectman DiNocco: Happy Rosh Hashanah

Selectwoman Hull: Town Administrator Maio resolved all her issues
Selectman Glynn: Happy Birthday to his father-in-law

Selectwoman Sheeran: extended birthday wishes to Mr. Glynn's father-in-law; asked if there have been any volunteers for the Human Rights Commission; please remember the Food Pantry

Town Administrator Maio: on September 16, 2015 the Massachusetts National Guard – The Nation's First helicopters will be bringing two Medal of Honor recipients and landing the Blackhawk helicopter on Walsh Field. Harvey "Barney" Barnum and Robert Ingram the Medal of Honor recipients are expected to take part in a reception inside the Charbonneau Field House; last week Town Administrator Maio was the guest of the Mayor of Amesbury to look at what Amesbury has done with their art district and art building

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk