

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – November 25, 2013

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

Before the meeting a photo was taken of the Board Members with Kenny Vaughn the 10 year old 911 hero along with his family and a photo was taken of the Board Members with Len Hart and his wife Julie along with their son Doug from Hart's Ace Hardware in celebration of 50 years in business.

Chairman Doto called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of November 13, 2013, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Police Chief Richard Smith and Lieutenant Steve Skory were before the Board to introduce Kenny Vaughn a 10 year old boy who had to call 911 because his mother had fallen down the stairs and was unconscious. Because of Kenny's quick decision making his mother is doing well. Police Chief Smith and Lieutenant Skory awarded Kenny with a certificate.

Chairman Doto presented Hart's Ace Hardware with a Proclamation for 50 years in business.

Selectman Glynn motioned to accept the Ambulance Service Agreement with Action Ambulance Service, Inc., seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted with Selectwoman Sheeran abstaining.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to table the Request for Proposals for Druid Hill until December 16, 2013, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Attorney John Connolly was before the Board along with his client Steve Ross from Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. to present the Development Agreement whereas Clear Channel currently maintains an existing outdoor advertising billboard located at 619 North Avenue and whereas they would like to replace the existing billboard with digital technology among other things.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Development Agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio to execute the Agreement, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to schedule a Public Hearing on December 02, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at WCAT Studio for Tax Classification, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from Jane Fanjoy Chairperson of the Wakefield Lions Club for their annual event of the arrival of Santa Claus by fire engine on Saturday, December 14, 2013 and to also place Santa's workshop on the upper common during the week of December 09, 2013 through December 23, 2013, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to accept the Inter-Municipal Agreement – Reading/Wakefield Assessing Department, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

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 in the amount of \$7,070.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to appoint Brian Falvey, Phyllis Hull, Chip Tarbel, Lorri Wheeler, Patrick Glynn and Robert Guida to the committee to evaluate the Garage RFP, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Chairman Doto motioned to deny the new application from Paul Doherty of 16 Church Street for a Class II Dealer License, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Comments:

Town Administrator – Had the pleasure of addressing the 6th grade students regarding the essay contest at the Galvin Middle School; best of luck to the Wakefield Warrior football team

Selectwoman Hull – Happy Thanksgiving

Selectwoman Santos – Happy Thanksgiving

Selectman DiNocco – Happy Thanksgiving; Holiday Stroll December 07, 2013

Selectman Glynn – Condolences to the Mohla family on the loss of their son Benjamin; wishes John Encarnacao a speedy recovery, Happy Thanksgiving

Selectwoman Sheeran – Good luck to the Warrior's; condolences to Jane, Tom and the Mohla family on the loss of their son; please remember the Food Pantry; Happy Thanksgiving

Board Members signed Inter-Municipal Agreement – Reading/Wakefield Assessing Department; Ambulance Service Agreement

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Sherri A. Eskenas, Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – December 02, 2013

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

Chairman Doto called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. Selectman DiNocco motioned to open the Public Hearing for the Tax Classification, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectwoman Santos - yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Glynn – yes

Chairman Doto – yes

Victor Santaniello Director of Assessments along with Jane D'Addario Chairwoman of the Board of Assessors and Sebastian Tine Vice-Chairman of the Board of Assessors were before the Board to present the Classification Presentation and Selection of a Minimum Residential Factor for Fiscal Year 2014 and stated that the Board has three options to vote on. Mr. Santaniello outlined the Board's first option to vote on with respect to selecting a Residential Factor in which the Board could select a factor of 1 which would adopt a single tax rate for all residential, commercial and personal property. Mr. Santaniello also explained that state law allows the selectmen to shift some of the tax burden with a maximum allowable shift of 1.75 from the residential tax payers to the commercial property class. This shift would result in a lower residential tax rate and a higher rate for the commercial owners. Under the maximum shift the Fiscal Year 2014 residential tax rate would be \$12.83 per \$1,000 valuation while the commercial tax rate would be \$26.20. The second option to vote on is the selection of a discount for open space and stated that the Town has never voted a discount for open space since no properties have been identified which fulfill the requirements of open space. And the third option is granting a residential and/or small commercial exemption and stated that the residential exemption has never been adopted in Wakefield and the Assessing Department is unaware of any qualifying business properties in Wakefield for the commercial exemption. Mr. Santaniello stated that the Assessor's Department had not yet received the final certification of Wakefield property values from the state Department of Revenue. Chairman Doto stated that he thought it would be prudent to delay voting on the tax rate until after local property values are officially certified by the state. Mr. Santaniello thought that the Assessor's Department would receive the information by Thursday, December 5, 2013 or Monday, December 09, 2013. Selectman DiNocco stated his concern regarding the businesses in Wakefield whereas in the past the commercial property owners have always paid a higher tax rate and the residential owners a lower tax rate. He requested that Mr. Santaniello compile 2 additional shift options, 1.65 and 1.70.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to table the Tax Classification until either December 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at WCAT or December 09, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at WCAT, seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to close the Public Hearing at 5:58 p.m., seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Roll Call

Selectwoman Hull – yes

Selectwoman Santos - yes

Selectman DiNocco – yes

Selectman Glynn – yes

Chairman Doto – yes

Selectman DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 5:58 p.m., seconded by Selectman Glynn and so voted.

Sherri A. Eskenas, Clerk