

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – January 13, 2014

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 Brian E. Falvey, Selectwoman Betsy Sheeran, Selectman Paul R. DiNocco, 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. Selectman Patrick S. Glynn was absent.

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

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of December 16, 2013, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to advertise for appointments to the Permanent Building Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2016, seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to extend the following current members of the Permanent Building Committee until date of reappointments: James Lavery, 241 Salem Street; Lisa Butler, 2 Curve Street; Joseph Bertrand, 7 Shumway Circle, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Fire Chief Michael Sullivan, Captain Richard Smith, Lt. Phil Preston, Firefighter Daniel Marsinelli, Firefighter John Walsh, Reading citizen Thomas Byrne and off duty Boston EMS Paramedic Thomas Hanson were before the Board to recount the April 7, 2013 heroic efforts of the Wakefield Fire Department. Thomas Byrne was walking around Lake Quannapowitt with his wife and dog when he collapsed after suffering sudden cardiac arrest. Thomas Hanson helped at the scene until the arrival of the Fire Department and Action Ambulance. Mr. Byrne pointed out that a person who suffers cardiac arrest outside of a hospital setting has a less than 5 percent chance of survival and thanked the Wakefield Fire Department, Mr. Hanson and the others who came to his aid and noted that because of the quick response and actions and the availability of an Automatic External Defibrillator he is alive and well without any cognitive impairment or permanent damage to his heart.

Tobi Donald and his wife Maria Jzabel Vidal Demoura Donald of TBI Auto Sales were before the Board to discuss the Board's decision on December 16, 2013 not to renew the license of TBI Auto Sales Class II License. Mr. Donald stated that they have sold 31 cars since they began doing business last August and had only received the one complaint. He also stated that he and his wife were upset by the customer's accusations and the distorted description of the events that the customer claims took place. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio said that he was aware of only one other issue with vehicles being displayed on site which is not allowed under the license and that the matter has been resolved. Selectwoman Sheeran said it appears to her to be an issue of one dissatisfied customer which can happen in any business. Selectman Falvey stated that he is comfortable knowing that TBI Auto Sales is operating properly and trying to do the right thing by the fact that they came here respectfully trying to show us what occurred. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to reinstate the Class II License of TBI Auto Sales, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request from Matthew Lowry, Chairman of the Planning Board to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Town of Wakefield in the amount of \$11,000.00 with thanks, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Tom Stapleton, Executive Director of WCAT along with James Taylor, president and William Carroll, Board Member were before the Board to present the WCAT Annual Report. Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report of WCAT, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to approve the request to have a memorial tree for Benjamin Mohla planted in the spring at a location on the high school grounds to be chosen by the school district and with the approval of the Director of the Department of Public Works, seconded by Selectman Falvey 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 to the Library in the amount of \$1,186.10 with thanks, seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to refer the zoning by-law amendments related to the assisted/independent living facility and parking garage to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Falvey and so voted.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for Sheraton Colonial for January 27, 2014 at 7:40 p.m. regarding change of manager, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Selectman Falvey motioned to approve the request from John Koehler for a One Day Liquor License for St. Florence Holy Name Society Monsignor Cotter Scholarship Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 01, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Sheeran and so voted.

Correspondence:

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Invitation from The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield
- Letter from RCN
- Sweetser Lecture Series

Comments:

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio – Advised the Board that budgets will be on the January 27, 2014 agenda; congratulated Brad Simpson on his 300th win as a coach.

Selectwoman Hull – Questioned the response of the Department of Public Works on the storm clean up last week. Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio answered her concerns.

Selectwoman Sheeran – Condolences to the Purcell family; please remember the Food Pantry; Happy Birthday to the Town Administrator's wife Jean Maio.

Selectman Falvey – Questioned the Department of Public Works on the storm clean up last week.

Selectwoman Sheeran motioned to adjourn at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Santos and so voted.

Sherri A. Eskenas, Clerk