

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – October 27, 2014

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

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

Selectman DiNocco motioned to accept the Regular Board Minutes of October 15, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Selectman DiNocco motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for Tax Classification on November 24, 2014 at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman Hull and so voted.

Kara Showers along with Catherine Dhingra and Ruth Clay were before the Board to present the Wakefield Youth Action Team members whose main goal along with community partners is to promote and sustain a positive and healthy future for Wakefield as a whole.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio introduced Todd Bowden who works in the town's IT Department as the Network Manager as the employee of the quarter. Mr. Bowden was nominated by School Superintendent Dr. Stephen Zrike who referred to Mr. Bowden as "an incredible asset to our schools".

Director of the Department of Public Works Richard Stinson was before the Board to discuss the possible vote on the policy regarding refuse collection for residential properties over 4 units. Selectwoman Hull told the Board that she had been contacted by a number of people who were upset that some buildings of five or more units were receiving town trash collection while most were required to have dumpsters. Mr. Stinson told the selectmen that in 1972 the Board of Public Works voted to provide trash collection to all buildings up to four families. He also believed that approximately 28 buildings with more than four units were "grandfathered" by the Board of Public Works to continue getting town collection but he could not find any records to support that.

Selectwoman Hull motioned that all residential properties in excess of four units must be responsible for their own trash pickup as of February 1, 2015, seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio told the Board that he, DPW Director Richard Stinson and selectmen Paul DiNocco and Patrick Glynn had recently toured the former Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department offices at 9-11 Albion Street. Town Administrator Maio said that the buildings needs work to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards but recommended that the town begin getting estimates on work and seek out grant funding to help spruce up the building. He also talked about the possibility of using a portion of the building as gallery and studio space. The Board designated Selectman Glynn and Selectman DiNocco to serve as a subcommittee to work with Town Administrator Maio toward brining the building up to speed for future use.

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 \$395.00 from various donors with thanks, seconded by Selectman Doto and so voted.

Correspondence:

Galvin PTO, Wake-Up Coalition, & Wakefield Parent Partnership flyer

Comments:

Town Administrator – On October 22, 2014 at the Public Safety Building along with Action Ambulance and a number of other cities and towns were invited for ebola protocol and how to handle it; Veteran's Day Services at the Galvin Middle School will be November 11, 2014; December 3, 2014 there will be a forum to test the new town website; well wishes to Selectman Glynn who will be running in the New York marathon

Selectwoman Hull – encourages everyone to attend the Veteran's Day Services on November 1, 2014

Selectman DiNocco – Holiday Stroll is December 6, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Glynn – please remember the Food Pantry; please vote on November 4, 2014; encourages everyone to attend the Veteran's Day Services on November 11, 2014.

Chairman Falvey – congratulations to Andrew Biggio who works as the Wakefield Veteran's Service Officer for being recognized by the Mass Veteran's Services

Selectman Glynn motioned to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiNocco and so voted.

Sherri A. Dalton, Clerk