



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 03rd, 2020 | 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88692489436>

Call to Order: Councilor Santos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilor Santos led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Councilor Santos noted that all seven (7) councilors were in attendance. Ann McGonigle Santos, Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin, Vice-Chair; Mehreen N. Butt; Jonathan P. Chines; Paul R. DiNocco; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Peter J. May.

Administration Present: Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk and Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator.

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: There was no public engagement.

Approval of Minutes: Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the July 13th, 2020 regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor May seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Public Safety Building: Town Counsel Mullen stated the preliminary injunction from Mr. Robert Mitchell has been denied and in fact the case has been dismissed.

2020 Sidewalk Sale: Executive Director of the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce seeks approval to host a series of sidewalk sales on August 29th, 2020, September 26th, 2020 and October 24th, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the request. Councilor Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Court Street Public Hearing: At 6:15 p.m. Councilor Smith-Galvin motioned to open the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department Pole Petition Public Hearing for 55 Court Street. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Vinnie McMahon, Senior Engineer with the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department stated the resident of 55 Court Street has requested the existing pole be relocated approximately 10' North of the existing pole. There was no public comment. Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the request. Councilor Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. At 6:20 p.m. Councilor DiNocco motioned to close the Public Hearing. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Murray Street Pubic Hearing: Councilor DiNocco motioned to set September 14th, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. as the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department Pole Petition Public Hearing for Murray Street. Councilor May seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.



Appointment/Personnel: Councilor DiNocco motioned to authorize Town Council Clerk Sherri Dalton to advertise for members for the Disability Commission as requested by Co-Chairs of the Disability Commission. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Councilor Smith-Galvin motioned to authorize the appointment of Michael LaVecchia as the vacation replacement Inspector of Buildings. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Donations: Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the acceptance and expenditure of a gift or gifts to the Human Rights Commission in the amount of \$1,000.00 with thanks. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the acceptance and expenditure of a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$100.00 with thanks. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Betterment: Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the Walton Lane Order Estimating Betterment as approved at the June 20th, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Announcements: Councilor Smith Galvin inquired if all boards/committees/commissions are meeting via Zoom. All boards/committees/commissions have met and are meeting via Zoom with the exception of the Traffic Advisory Committee which has a meeting scheduled for the end of August.

Ben 123, Inc. Public Hearing: At 6:30 p.m. Councilor Chines motioned to open the Public Hearing for a Liquor application for Ben 123, Inc. at 21 Broadway Street. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Attorney Meihuei Hu along with her clients presented the Liquor application. Councilor Dombroski asked that the approval be contingent upon receiving TIPS Certification. There was no public comment. Councilor Chines motioned to approve the Liquor application contingent upon receiving TIPS Certification. Councilor Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. At 6:44 p.m. Councilor DiNocco motioned to close the Public Hearing. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Proposed 40B Development: Attorney Brian McGrail along with his clients presented Crescent Commons Development, LLC, the proposed 40B development. Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency has asked for any comments regarding the proposal be in writing to them by August 12th, 2020 so that they can process the application. The Councilors shared a number of concerns that they would like to have included in the letter that will be drafted to MassHousing. Councilor Smith-Galvin motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to draft a letter to MassHousing addressing the concerns and that the letter be shared with the Councilors once drafted and prior to sending to MassHousing. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Envision Wakefield: On July 30th, 2020 there was a meeting to discuss the Albion Street reconstruction and to start the discussion on the materials for the project. Town Engineer stated options two and three were preferred where green scapes and trees would be added. Late Summer, early Fall the design and bid will be finalized. The Municipal Gas and Light Department over the Winter will install conduits for the electrical upgrade that is needed underground. Spring of 2021 will begin sidewalk and bump out work in earnest; Summer and Fall of 2021 repaving the street.

Announcement: Councilor DiNocco acknowledged condolences. Councilor Dombroski stated he had in the past requested as an agenda item for discussion what the Human Rights Commission would look like going forward as he has concerns with being part of the appointing body that has not had the robust discussion. Other Councilors commented and Councilor Santos said that the process has changed with the Chairs of the Town Council, School Committee and Human Rights Commission as being the interviewing body. Councilor Santos noted that all Councilors will be able to have discussion once the application period has ended. Councilor Chines noted the special School Committee meeting tomorrow for the proposed reopening plan and acknowledged all the work that went in to the plan. There will be a comment period and then the final vote will take place next Tuesday. He had a chance to visit the Albion Cultural Exchange and saw the handicap accessible bathrooms that have been installed; they are waiting to go out to bid with a project to add a handicap accessible entrance in the back of the building and also, to add signage to the front of the building. He will have office hours next Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. adjacent to the Farmers Market. Councilor Butt reminded people to return their vote if they got them in the mail by September 1st; August 18th is the 100th year anniversary of women in America getting the right to vote; she will be doing some sort of office hours; the Library is slowly opening and you can pick up books that your ordered; asked for an update next meeting regarding the Economic Development position; asked for an update on the affordable housing. Councilor Santos reminded people to drive safely; noted that Claire Moss has left her employment with the DPW; meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. going forward. Councilor Smith-Galvin stated she enjoyed working with Claire and hopes that some of the initiatives she started will continue.

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: There were no matters unanticipated.

Adjournment: Councilor DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk