



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 15th, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81635456539>

Call to Order: Ann Santos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: 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: William Conley of 83 Elm Street read a statement requesting the Planning Board to adjust their schedule to hear and report on the two (2) citizen zoning Warrant Articles for the Regular Town Meeting on November 07th, 2020.

Approval of Minutes: Peter May motioned to approve the September 29th, 2020 executive session Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Paul DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to approve the September 29th, 2020 regular Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Paul DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Appointments: Fence Viewing Committee – Paul DiNocco motioned to appoint John Murray to the Fence Viewing Committee. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Jonathan Chines motioned to appoint Amanda Abbott to the Fence Viewing Committee. Mehreen Butt seconded. Edward Dombroski motioned to amend the motion by including the 2021 term date for Amanda Abbott and a 2023 term date for John Murray. Paul DiNocco seconded. Edward Dombroski further amended his motion with a 2022 term date for John Murray. Paul DiNocco seconded. Motions passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Public Hearing – 7:10 p.m. Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Classification: At 7:10 p.m. Ann Santos called for a roll call vote to enter the Public Hearing. All seven (7) councilors unanimously agreed. Town Assessor Victor Santaniello presented the proposed 2021 Tax Classification. Edward Dombroski stated he is adamantly opposed going to the 2.5% because of the economic uncertainty. Ann Santos stated that Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to go in to the Public Hearing and Paul DiNocco seconded. Paul DiNocco motioned for a minimum residential factor of .900579 which will maintain a shift factor of 1.75. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul DiNocco motioned a no vote on Residential Exemption. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul DiNocco motioned a no vote on an Open



Space Discount. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul DiNocco motioned a no vote on a Small Commercial Exemption. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. There was no public comment. At 7:44 p.m. Paul DiNocco motioned to close the Public Hearing. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Joint Meeting – School Committee: After a lengthy discussion, Thomas Markham nominated Darci Burns. Paul DiNocco seconded. Colleen Guida nominated Gregory Liakos. Paul DiNocco seconded. Aimee Purcell nominated Amy Leeman. Paul DiNocco seconded. Michael Boudreau nominated Michelle Toppi. Paul DiNocco seconded. Susan Veilleux nominated Steven Ingalls. Paul DiNocco seconded. Darci Burns was appointed to the School Committee having received ten (10) votes from Paul DiNocco, Ann Santos, Jonathan Chines, Michael Boudreau, Colleen Guida, Mehreen Butt, Edward Dombroski, Aimee Purcell, Julie Smith-Galvin and Thomas Markham with a term through April 2021. Gregory Liakos was appointed to the School Committee having received seven (7) votes from Ann Santos, Jonathan Chines, Peter May, Colleen Guida, Thomas Markham, Mehreen Butt and Julie Smith-Galvin with a term through April 2021.

Human Rights Commission: After a lengthy discussion which included Ann Santos stating that a Subcommittee will be formed sometime in the future, Thomas Markham motioned to move the question to begin the process. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 8-4-0 by a roll call vote with Edward Dombroski, Paul DiNocco, Peter May and Aimee Purcell voting against the motion. Michael Boudreau motioned to appoint Nicole Jacob to the Human Rights Commission with a term ending April 30th, 2023. Thomas Markham seconded. Motion passed 8-3-0 by a roll call vote with Edward Dombroski, Aimee Purcell and Paul DiNocco voting against the motion due to the process and not the applicants as they stated. Thomas Markham nominated Jeremy Little and Karen Williams. Colleen Guida seconded. Michael Boudreau nominated Audra Bartz. Thomas Markham seconded. Susan Veilleux nominated Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez. Jonathan Chines seconded. Julie Smith-Galvin nominated Kimberley Ring Allen. Mehreen Butt seconded. Thomas Markham motioned to appoint Jeremy Little, Kimberley Ring Allen and Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez to the Human Rights Commission with terms through April 30th, 2021. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 9-3-0 by a roll call vote with Edward Dombroski, Aimee Purcell and Paul DiNocco voting against the motion due to the process and not the applicants as stated.

COVID-19 Update: Health Director Clay stated that Wakefield is now in the Red due to a cluster. There is no danger of it expanding to other parts of the community. Emergency Management Director Walsh stated the second round of reimbursement requests for the CARES Act and FEMA have begun.

Farmers Market: Rob Darnell requested November 21st, 2020 and December 12th, 2020 be added to the current License Agreement for this year's Farmers Market. Edward Dombroski motioned to approve the addition of November 21st, 2020 and December 12th, 2020 to the current License Agreement. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Sidewalk Sale Extension Request: Chamber Director John Smolinsky requested Saturday, November 28th, 2020 and Saturday, December 19th, 2020 to extend the Sidewalk Sale. Edward Dombroski motioned to approve November 28th, 2020 and December 19th, 2020 for the Sidewalk Sale. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Proposed Zoning By-law Articles: Jonathan Chines motioned to refer the two (2) proposed Zoning By-law Articles for the Regular Town Meeting on November 7th, 2020 to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing. Paul DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Settlement Agreement: Edward Dombroski motioned to authorize the proposed Settlement Agreement, subject to Town Meeting approval, between the Town of Wakefield and Woods, LLC for the property located on Butler Street in the amount of two billion one hundred and fifty thousand. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Regular Town Meeting Warrant: Jonathan Chines motioned to approve the Regular Town Meeting Warrant for November 07th, 2020. Mehreen Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Warrant: Councilors were updated on Warrant 54 dated June 24th, 2020 through Warrant 14 dated October 06th, 2020.

Announcements: Ann Santos: appreciated how hard the FOLQ worked regarding the Citizen Petitions Zoning Articles; this Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. people can drop off books at the Hurd School. Jonathan Chines: highlighted early voting starts Saturday at Town Hall; Cultural Council is seeking grant applications for their grant cycle this year and the applications are due on November 16th; the next Saturday's he is hosting his office hours for the month of October starting at noon on the plaza in front of the library. Julie Smith-Galvin: The Light Department is hosting a virtual Sense Home Energy Monitor rebate program; Conservation Commission is hosting a virtual seminar on light pollution on October 29th at 7:00 p.m.; the Library has the new Commit to Your Community program going on; asked to keep the plastic bags coming because as of today we are up to three (3) benches. Mehreen Butt: last year the company that does composting set up some trucks at all of the elementary schools to collect pumpkins from Halloween and if it happens again this year she would like it publicized. Steve Maio: Tri-Board meeting is virtual on October 21st, 2020.

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: Edward Dombroski stated that there were four (4) votes taken tonight for Tax Classification and none of the votes addressed the issue of the recommendation that we go our full tax levy limit. He wanted to go on record clarifying that we did not vote on the notion of going the two and a half (2.5) percent max that the council is able to do if they so choose to.

Adjournment: Jonathan Chines motioned to adjourn at 10:24 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk