



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting Minutes: Town Council
2023 May 22
7:00 pm Eastern Time
WCAT Studio – 24 Hemlock Road | Via Zoom

Call to Order: Jonathan P. Chines called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jonathan P. Chines led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Council Present: Jonathan P. Chines, Chair; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.; Michael J. McLane, Vice Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin and Robert E. Vincent II., Mehreen N. Butt, and Anne P. Danehy attended remotely.

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Participation Policy: Town Counsel Mullen implemented changes to the Public Participation Policy that the Town Council authorized. Michael J. McLane moved to adopt the Public Participation Policy as presented. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Robert E. Vincent II moved to amend the proposed Public Participation Policy by removing the words “not less than two-thirds” in paragraph one and substituting the words “the majority.” Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. suggested “a simple majority, or in the discretion of the chair” to Robert E. Vincent, II motion. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Robert E. Vincent II moved to amend the proposed Public Participation Policy by adding the words “commissions” in the third sentence of paragraph two, immediately after the word committees and immediately preceding the word departments. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. The Council discussed adding “councils” to that sentence so that it reads, “Background data shall be prepared by the boards, committees, commissions, councils, and departments concerned prior to the scheduled appointment with the council insofar as possible.” Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. suggested adding “and/or” before departments to Robert E. Vincent, II motion. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. All councilors favored the main motion vote to adopt the Public Participation Policy as amended by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.



Proposed 40B Development: Mass Housing asked the applicant of the proposed development at 119-135 Nahant Street to look at the project again. As a result, we expect a revised plan at the June 12, 2023 meeting.

Outdoor Dining: Michael J. McLane moved to authorize the Town Administrator with input from Health Agent and Emergency Management Director to approve alteration of liquor license and food service footprints for both public and private spaces, allow retail to enter the public way provided access is sufficient and require uniformity of barriers. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt commented she would like to have a place for shared seating.

Liaison Updates: Michael J. McLane provided updates on the Council on Aging, and on the Commission on Disabilities.

Licenses: Michael J. McLane moved to approve the Bowling Alley License for Wakefield Bowladrome. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the Pool Table License for Lakeside Tavern. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the Entertainment License for the Library to have Plaza Jazz. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Michael J. McLane motioned to approve the Farmer's Market Liquor License for Aaronap Cellars with the condition that no sampling be provided. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Appointment: Michael J. McLane moved to advertise for the open Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Commissioner position due to the resignation of an unexpired term.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Fiscal Year 2023 Warrant 40, dated April 4, 2023; Warrant 42, dated April 18, 2023; and Warrant 44, dated May 2, 2023.

Donations: Michael J. McLane moved to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Council on Aging for \$125.00 from various donors with thanks. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

State Funding Letter Request: Michael J. McLane moved to authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter seeking support from the legislative bodies to modernize funding for community media programming and in support of the pending streaming bills. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes: Michael J. McLane moved to approve May 8, 2023, Town Council Site Visit meeting minutes as presented. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Michael J. McLane moved to approve May 8, 2023, Town Council meeting minutes as presented. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: Michael J. McLane moved to approve the One Day Liquor License on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Wakefield Bowladrome for Happy Hostess at Your Service. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. asked for the letter regarding the Flag request to be placed on the June 12, 2023, Town Council meeting.

Adjournment: Michael J. McLane motioned to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Dalton,
Town Council Clerk