



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 08th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85824363442>

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: Ann McGonigle Santos, Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin, Vice-Chair; Mehreen N. Butt; Jonathan P. Chines; Paul R. DiNocco and Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: Julie Scott of 226 Main Street addressed the Council regarding the license for Boston Outdoor Recreation and asked for a public comment period before the license is issued.

William Conley of 83 Elm Street emailed the Public Committee Meeting Participation Form in which he states that he is speaking on behalf of the Friends of Lake Quannapowitt – “I hope the relicensing of the waterfront activities will be conducted using the new policy for installations around the Lake that creates a time period after the request and before final approval for further public input and discussion”.

COVID-19 Update: Health Director Clay and Emergency Management Director Walsh stated that Wakefield's numbers are increasing and reminded everyone to continue social distancing and wearing masks.

Approval of Minutes: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the February 22nd, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield: Representatives from TSF, Kathy Scanlon and Samantha Nett, announced the 41st Annual Phonathon which will take place on Saturday, March 20th, 2021.

Fourth Round of Fiscal Year 2022 Budgets: James Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee DPW Department Subcommittee recommended favorable action on Budgets #29 Department of Public Works; Budget #30 Snow & Ice; Budget #31 Sewer and Budget #32 Water. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Budget #29 Department of Public Works in the amount of \$6,506,335.00; Budget #30 Snow & Ice in the amount of \$850,000.00; Budget #32 Sewer in the amount of \$8,982,133.00; Budget #32 Water in the amount of \$6,277,749.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to reconsider the Reserve Fund Budget that was previously voted at the



January 25th, 2021 Town Council meeting. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to increase Budget #42 Reserve Fund to \$400,000.00 as presented by Town Administrator Maio. Julie Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Budget #45 Retirement in the amount of \$6,977,405.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Annual Town Meeting DPW Warrant Articles: Eminent Domain \$1.00. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the Eminent Domain Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article in the amount of \$1.00 as presented. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Refuse/Recycling/Yard Waste. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve Refuse/Recycling/Yard Waste Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Option A representing a request of \$2,284,011.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion failed 2-5-0 by a roll call vote with Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Peter J. May voting in the affirmative and Julie Smith Galvin, Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines, Paul R. DiNocco and Ann Santos voting against the motion. Julie Smith Galvin motioned to approve Refuse/Recycling/Yard Waste Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Option B request of \$2,199,441.00 which represents a budget offset based on a \$20.00 bulk item fee. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 5-2-0 by a roll call vote with Julie Smith Galvin, Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines, Paul R. DiNocco and Ann Santos voting in the affirmative and Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Peter J. May voting against the motion. Town Council approved drafting of a Warrant Article for the Fiscal Year 2021 Supplemental DPW Budget Appropriation to be included on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 08th, 2021. Town Council approved drafting of a Stretch Code Warrant Article to be included on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 08th, 2021.

Traffic Advisory Recommendation: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the first parking space on Princess Street near Main Street be restricted to 15-minute parking. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Licenses: Outdoor Public Space Usage: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to designate the Town Administrator to approve the alteration of liquor licenses, food service permits and temporary license agreements and to allow retail businesses to enter the public way provided that access is sufficient via Department of Public Works and ADA requirements for outdoor public space usage from April 01st, 2021 through December 31st, 2021. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. Boston Outdoor Recreation: After discussion, the consensus of the Town Council was to open a public comment period starting March 08th, 2021 and ending April 08th, 2021 and to send out an RFP as soon as possible. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to open a public comment period with regard to bringing in a third party to provide community boating services at the lake. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Gift Acceptance: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Town of Wakefield from the Human Rights Commission in the amount of \$1,306.76 with thanks. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Town Owned Land – Butler Avenue: Paul R. DiNocco presented a PowerPoint on Woods Subdivision re-use options. The Council thanked Mr. DiNocco and thought there is plenty potential for discussion going forward at another Town Council meeting.

Disclosure: Town Council acknowledged receipt of Disclosure of Election or Appointment as required by 930 CMR 6.02(3).

Announcements: Jonathan P. Chines asked if there was an update on the Broadway Crossing. Town Administrator Maio replied that we have not received any word that there are any issues and once we receive the approval it will be a matter of days before the crossing will be open. Mr. Chines thanked everyone who participated in Vision 2030 last Thursday and mentioned the online survey that is on the town's website as well as paper copies and is open for another two and a half weeks; the second virtual forum is in April followed by a second survey that will be open for a three-week period and then the same thing in June; virtual office hours will be next Monday on Facebook live. Julie Smith Galvin: this Thursday at 7:00 the Library is hosting Commit to your Community programming. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: March is White Ribbon campaign month and is working with WCAT on a project for this month.

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

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk