



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82553312082>

**Call to Order:** Ann Santos called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, 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.

Ann Santos acknowledged last week's shootings in Atlanta.

**Public Engagement:** Town Administrator Maio gave a brief update regard Broadway crossing and stated the town is still waiting for the Federal Railroad Administration's approval. He also spoke regarding the Crescent Street apartment building being proposed and stated there will be hearings at the Board of Appeals meetings as they are the adjudicatory board. Janet Natale of 65 Plymouth Road and Bill Robinson of 185 Broadway Street spoke regarding Broadway crossing. Sue Mitchell of 14 Crescent Hill and Tina Perrin of 7 Crescent Hill spoke regarding Crescent Street apartment building. Janet Hintlian of 11 Lake Street spoke regarding traffic on Lake Street, Albion Street and Foundry Street. Bob Brooks of 7 June Circle spoke regarding the new Northeast Metro Tech School projected being proposed. Tom Boettcher of Wakefield Avenue supported the Stretch Code Warrant Article.

**Approval of Minutes:** Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the March 08<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Peter J. May arrived at 6:55 p.m.

**Town Meeting Warrant Article:** Mike Berry and Neal Duff, Regional Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources gave a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding green communities and qualifying criteria which includes the adoption of the Stretch Code which must be adopted as a general bylaw at Town Meeting. Julie Smith Galvin motioned to place the Stretch Code Warrant Article on the May 08<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Town Meeting Warrant. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Fifth and Final Round of Fiscal Year 2022 Budgets:** James Sullivan, a member of the Finance Committee School Department Subcommittee fully supported Budget #33 Wakefield Public Schools.



Superintendent Lyons presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022 proposed School Department budget. The budget represents a 4.88% increase and is financially responsive to the needs of the community. The Town Council supported the proposed budget. David DiBarri and Jay Picone of the Northeast Metro Vocational School presented an overview of Budget #35 Northeast Metro Vocational School and provided an update of their new school project. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to accept Budget #35 – Northeast Metro Vocational School in the amount of \$1,909,388.00 as presented. Julie Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Donald Ravenelle, Chair of Finance Committee Health Insurance Subcommittee recommended favorable action on Budget #46 – Health Insurance. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve Budget 46 Health Insurance in the amount of \$14,284,954.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve Budget #47 Cable Television Public Access Enterprise in the amount of \$551,239.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Julie Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Fiscal Year 2022 Capital:** Joseph Bertrand, Chair of the Finance Committee Capital Planning Subcommittee recommended favorable action for the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital. The Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Planning request is \$1,982,325.19 as presented by Frank Leone, Chair of the Capital Planning Committee. The Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Planning Sewer Department request is \$170,000.00. The Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Planning Water Department request is \$250,000.00. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Planning in the amount of \$1,982,325.19 as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Planning Sewer Department in the amount of \$170,000.00 as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Planning Water Department in the amount of \$250,000.00 as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Banners:** Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve 25 non-seasonal Main Streets banners as proposed. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Proclamation:** Ann Santos read The Savings Bank 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Proclamation.

**Gift Acceptance:** Paul R. DiNocco motioned to accept four (4) kiosks (one (1) digital and three (3) non-digital) and twenty (20) benches as gifts from Wakefield Main Street with thanks. Julie Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Lake Boat Concession:** Jonathan P. Chines motioned to extend the public comment period for the Lake Boat Concession to May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 4-3-0 by a roll call vote with Ann Santos, Julie Smith Galvin, Jonathan P. Chines and Mehreen N. Butt voting in favor motion and Paul N. DiNocco, Peter J. May and Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion.

**Appointments:** Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the request from the Environmental Sustainability Committee to advertise to add three (3) members of the public to the Environmental Sustainability Committee. Julie Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

**Announcements:** Jonathan P. Chines: Wakefield Vision 2030 survey is open until Friday and to please complete it if you haven't already done so; reminded everyone to continue practicing social distancing and wearing masks; encouraged every to watch the panel discussion of tribal leaders and representatives hosted by the School Committee last week; would love to see the Council and the

community think about different ways to recognize the Byard family. Mehreen N. Butt: progress is continuing with the Public Safety Building project; Lune is the new 5-month old Police Department canine; the three (3) newest Police Officers will be completing their field training at the end of March; all officers completed a training course entitled "Understanding Cultural Norms"; constituent concerns regarding the structures the MBTA are installing on the Haverhill commuter line by Melrose Highlands; asked that Grants be communicated; asked that a link to the Broadway explanation portion of this meeting be put on the website; recognized what happened in Atlanta. Julie Smith Galvin: Safe Streets Working Group is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.; Metco program has been postponed to the end of next week. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: March is White Ribbon Campaign month to draw awareness to violence against women, girls and all gender-based violence – keep an eye out for the video which has been a labor of love thanks to WCAT. Paul R. DiNocco: multiple of people reached out to the councilors to express various concerns throughout the town that has an impact on their way of life in the community and he has directed them email the councilors, the Town Administrator or the Town Council clerk directly.

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

**Adjournment:** Paul R. DiNocco motioned to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton  
Town Council Clerk