



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

May 24th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86524649110>

Call to Order: Julie Smith-Galvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bienvenido and Pledge of Allegiance: Julie Smith-Galvin welcomed immigrant families and different languages into our town activities in their second languages or their native languages and then led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Town Council Absent: 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: Julie Smith-Galvin stated the overwhelming majority is in favor of the Boys and Girls Club. Julie Scott of 226 Main Street thanked the Town Council for changing the process. Nicole Jacob of 20B Gates Lane spoke in favor of the Boys and Girls Club. Bronwyn Della Volpe of 8 Cyrus Street spoke in favor of Zoom meetings as it has increased public awareness, public education and public participation and would like to see this continuing.

Approval of Minutes: Ann Santos motioned to approve the May 10th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Lake Quannapowitt: Town Administrator Maio recommended the Boys and Girls Club. Ann Santos motioned to grant the Wakefield Boating Concession to the Boys and Girls Club of Stoneham and Wakefield. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 5-1-0 by a roll call vote with Ann Santos, Jonathan P. Chines, Mehreen N. Butt, Anne P. Danehy and Julie Smith-Galvin in favor and Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion.

Wakefield Farmer's Market: Ann Santos motioned to approve a two-year Farmer's Market License Agreement with the inclusion of two Winter Markets. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve a Special License to Sell Wine at Farmer's Market for Aaronap Cellars, LLC. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt asked Town Administrator Maio to look in to traffic on North Avenue during the Farmer's Market as it tends to back-up.



Appointments: Ann Santos motioned to appoint the following the Environmental Sustainability Committee: Melissa Eusden of 3 Fairmount Avenue for a 3-year term ending April 30th, 2024; Daniel Noren of 3 Byron Street for a 2-year term ending April 30th, 2023; and Sean Cash of 284 Lowell Street for a 2-year term ending April 30th, 2023. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

WCAT-TV Streaming Bill and Proclamation: Ann Santos motioned to support the Chairs signature on the Resolution as presented. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Human Rights Commission Policy: Ann Santos motioned to adopt the Purpose, Powers and Duties policy of the Human Rights Commission as presented and amended with the removal of the last line. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Jonathan P. Chines requested for a future Town Council meeting to talk about a process to replicate or adapt this document as a template for other Boards and Committees including the Town Council.

Electric Charging Stations: Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department General Manager Dion and Commission Boettcher gave an update on the electric charging station program. Wakefield currently falls into the light category for usage. They recommended getting an extended Warranty as the cord on one of the charging stations was damaged and the cost was paid by the WMGLD. There is a dash board on the WMGLD webpage with more information.

Intermunicipal Agreement: Ann Santos motioned to authorize a 20-year Intermunicipal Agreement with Lynnfield and Lynnfield Center Water District. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Project Updates: Greenwood drainage: Director of Public Works Conway and Town Engineer Renault stated they are waiting to hear from Melrose regarding upsizing the Grafton Street culvert to 30-inches and installing a new 24-inch overflow pipe. Rail to Trail: The 25% Design Plans have been filed and MassDOT comments were received. The 25% Design Plans public hearing was completed in 2019. The Design Contract with World Tech has been finalized. Plan, Specs and Estimate is the last step through the MassDOT process. More public meetings will happen at the 75% phase. A joint MassTrails grant application with Lynnfield was submitted in March 2021 and we should hopefully hear in July. The rest of the project is on the 2024 Transportation Improvement Plan with a projected date of 2026 for public use. Roads/Sidewalks: There is still a little bit of last years work remaining for Mitchell Lane, Collins Road, Water Street and Vernon Street. 2021 projects are currently out to bid with an opening bid date of May 28th, 2021. Construction will hopefully begin on July 01st, 2021 for the following projects: Pleasant Street, Curve Street, Albion Street, Forrester Road, Brewster Road, Drury Lane, Beebe Lane, Walton Lane, Sweetser Street, Lake Shore Drive, White Avenue and Wave Avenue. Main Street: There has been some drainage work that grants have been applied for. 2022 projects: June 2021 is when testing, surveying and scoping of project begin; project coordination with water mains and improvements have been coordinated with road programs, Complete Streets grant for Albion Street and Shared Streets grant for Main Street/Greenwood with ADA improvements. Broadway: FRA has agreed with the calculations that the Town provided for 5 of the 6 crossings. Town Engineer Renault has sent an email back to the FRA to try to negotiate the credit for the last crossings (Prospect Street) and to also include a new temporary mountable median at Greenwood Street and this would allow the Town to get below the threshold based on how the FRA calculated the first response. The Town would reinstall Broadway as it was done before but by doing all the other things the Town would have the ability to get below the threshold. As soon as the FRA agrees then the Town can move forward.

Public Hearings: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to set the Public Hearing for Greenie's Discount Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Greenwood Wine & Spirits, 969 Main Street for June 14th, 2021 at 7:10 p.m. for Change of Manager, Stock Transfer, Change of Officer/Director, and Pledge of License Amendment. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to set the Public Hearing for Water & Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2022 for June 14th, 2021 at 7:25 p.m. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Gift Acceptance: Ann Santos motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Fire Department with thanks. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Human Rights Commission in the amount of \$250.00 with thanks. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to accept the Walsh Field Score Board as a gift from The Savings Bank. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Remote Participation: Ann Santos motioned to adopt the Remote Participation Policy as proposed. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. requested this to be on the next Town Council agenda. Mehreen N. Butt requested data for all board/committee/commission meetings. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Anne P. Danehy will work together to present to the Council at the Town Council June 14th, 2021 meeting.

Announcements: Ann Santos: WSSC Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by the men and women of the WSSC is Monday at 10:00 a.m.; Veteran's Advisory Committee is hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony at the World War II Memorial at 1:00 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines: thank you to everyone who completed the 2nd survey for Vision 2030 and 3rd Virtual Public Forum is June 21st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom; the friends of Beebe Library are looking for volunteers for their book sale; has heard from some students regarding the Civics curriculum at the High School and Galvin Middle School – it has been fun and interesting to hear some ideas that people have brought up. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: check out the Hometown Hero Banners. Julie Smith-Galvin: congratulations to the Class of 2021; softball field rededication is on Memorial Day.

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

Adjournment: Ann Santos motioned to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk