



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
August 2nd, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Julie Smith-Galvin 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.; Peter J. May and Ann McGonigle Santos.

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

Possible Executive Session: Julie Smith-Galvin stated there is a need for Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy involving tax foreclosure possession and possible eviction of occupants because an open meeting may have detrimental effects on the Town, with the intent of returning to open session. Ann Santos so motioned at 7:03 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 on a roll call vote with all seven councilors voting in the affirmative.

Open session returned at 7:11 p.m.

Public Engagement: Marie Rej of 25 Montclare Avenue provided comment regarding the Lake Use Policy.

Approval of Minutes: Ann Santos motioned to approve the July 12th, 2021 meeting minutes as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Appointment: Ann Santos motioned to appoint Judith Oder of 18A Woodbury Road to the Housing Authority to fill an unexpired term through April 30th, 2025. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

MBTA Youth Pass Program: Wakefield has been accepted into the MBTA Youth Pass CharlieCard Program which will be administered through the Town Administrator's office. The program is slated to launch September 1st, 2021 with detailed information on the Town's website.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Warrant 48 dated June 01st, 2021; Warrant 50 dated June 15th, 2021; Warrant 51 dated June 22nd, 2021; Warrant 52 dated June 29th, 2021; Warrant 53 June 23rd, 2021; Warrant 54 dated June 24th, 2021 and Warrant 1 dated July 06th, 2021.

Announcements: Ann Santos spoke regarding an appointment vote that was made a couple of weeks ago that someone stated the Council lacked civility. She wanted to set the record straight and stated that she thought that meeting was a thoughtful meeting. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: Middlesex County is in the substantial risk zone and asked everyone to be cautious and to strongly think about getting



vaccinated if you are not. Town Administrator Maio: to date Wakefield has 14 COVID-19 cases with the vast majority being breakthrough cases. The Town vaccination rate is 72.1 percent. Mehreen N. Butt: would love to explore Wakefield getting a Vax Bus; thank you WCAT Frozen Two is being shown on Thursday; thank you to all the Housing Authority applicants. Jonathan P. Chines: asked if there is any thinking or discussion with the Health Department and others about updating the Town's policy with the Town's buildings regarding masks. Town Administrator Maio answered we are at the discussion level but at this point we are following the science and our numbers are pretty good. We also require those that are not vaccinated to wear a mask and are continuing to contact trace all those that enter Town Hall; School Building Authority designer selection panel is meeting tomorrow to discuss the applicants for a design firm for the feasibility study for the High School; Applications are now available for Wakefield's Senior Tax Program through September 30th, 2021. Anne P. Danehy: congratulated the Council on Aging for their Age Friendly Action Plan.

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

Adjournment: Ann Santos motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk