



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
August 30th, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

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

Election of Chair for Joint Town Council/Board of Health Meeting: Mehreen N. Butt motioned for Julie Smith-Galvin as the Chair for the Joint Meeting. Anne P. Danehy seconded. Motion passed 9-0-0 by a roll call vote.

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.

Board of Health Present: Candace Linehan and Laurel Skinder Gourville.

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Others Present: Interim Health Director Elaine Silva.

Public Engagement: There was no public engagement.

COVID-19 Protocols: Health Director Silva stated there has been an increase in COVID cases. Wakefield has 51 positive cases and most of them are breakthrough cases.

Candace Linehan moved pursuant to G.L. C. 111, § 31, that the Board of Health issue the following regulation effective September 2nd, 2021, until further order of the Board of Health: All persons over the age of 3 years are required to wear a mask or other face covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times while indoors in any building owned or controlled by the Town of Wakefield, including the School Department of the Town. This order applies to all persons, including Town and School Department employees, students and members of the public, without regard to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status, but shall not apply to persons who have a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering or who depend on supplemental oxygen to breathe. Violators shall be required to leave the building immediately on penalty of trespass. Violators shall also be liable to a fine of \$300.00 for each offense, and pursuant to Section 1-7 of the Code of the Town of Wakefield, the Board or its agent may, in their discretion, enforce this regulation through non-criminal disposition. Lauren Skinder Gourville seconded. After discussion, Laurel Skinder Gourville amended the motion: Laurel Skinder Gourville moved pursuant to G.L. C. 111, § 31, that the Board of Health issue the following regulation effective September 2nd, 2021, until further order of the Board of Health: All persons over the age of 3 years are required to wear a mask or other face covering that covers



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Julie Smith-Galvin moved that effective September 2nd, 2021, until further order of the Town Council: All persons over the age of 3 years are required to wear a mask or other face covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times while indoors in any building owned or controlled by the Town of Wakefield, including the School Department of the Town. This order applies to all persons, including Town and School Department employees, students and members of the public, without regard to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status, but shall not apply to persons who have a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering or who depend on supplemental oxygen to breathe, nor to any employee occupying a private office by himself. Violators shall be required to leave the building immediately on penalty of trespass. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-1-0 by a roll call vote with Peter J. May voting against the motion.

Announcements: There will be a 9/11 ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on September 11th, 2021 at the Upper Common; there will be a student and family vaccination clinic on September 2nd, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Field House at the High School.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. asked Town Administrator Maio to put the idea of increased testing on his radar.

Adjournment: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 9-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk