



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
September 27th, 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.; and Ann McGonigle Santos.

Town Councilors Absent: Peter J. May

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Broadway Crossing Update: Town Engineer Renault presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Broadway crossing quiet zone timeline starting with the FRA notification to the Town in November of 2020 and ending with in September 2021 with the Town negotiating with the FRA to temporarily open the Broadway crossing with horns until the FRA finalizes paperwork while maintaining Town's pre-rule quiet zone status. The Town is waiting for the signed letter from the FRA.

Public Engagement: Andrew McCarthy of 6 Spring Street spoke regarding the decision to reopen Broadway Street prior to FRA approval; Kara Cohen of 68 Plymouth Road spoke regarding the train horns and would like traffic calming measures on Broadway; Andy Foss of 36 Richardson Avenue spoke regarding the entire Broadway issue; Spike Kitowicz of 28 Meriam Street spoke regarding the train horns; Robin Milinazzo of 20 Myrtle Avenue spoke regarding the Broadway crossing.

After discussion with Lou Frangella a representative from the FRA and Norman Abbott a representative from Seth Moulton's office, Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to close Broadway again so as to allow the quiet zone to be resumed while the rest of the approval process works its way through. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Personnel: Health Director Chui was introduced to the Town. The Town Council welcomed Mr. Chui and stated they are thrilled to have him here.

Approval of Minutes: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the September 13th, 2021 meeting minutes as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Licenses: Ann Santos motioned to approve the request from Jonathan Arcari for a Class II license for Jon Arcari Motors located at 20 DelCarmine Street. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request from Emanuel Santana for a Common



Virtual license for Recanto da Bahia located at 927 Main Street. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School: Members from the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School presented an update regarding the progress of the school building project for the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School on Hemlock Road. The new building will allow for an increase in enrollment to 1,600 with a projected cost of \$317 million. \$141 million will be funded by the Massachusetts School Building Authority and Northeast is seeking additional state funding of \$100 million. The remaining costs will be split between the municipalities that are part of Northeast. There will be an Article at the Wakefield November 2021 Town Meeting as every district that is part of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School needs to have a vote. Mehreen N. Butt requested Town Administrator Maio to also write a letter of support for the project and to reach out to the State Delegation for a letter of support from them.

Lake Policy: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to preliminary approve the Use of Lake Quannapowitt Shore Property, Adjacent Areas and Certain Public Ways for Celebrations, Fundraisers, and Other Organized Events or Gatherings policy as proposed with the intent that the final policy with all changes be voted on at the next Town Council meeting. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Debt Service: Ann Santos motioned to transfer \$1,000,000.00 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Capital Needs account. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Master Plan Advisory Committee: Nominations to the Master Plan Advisory Committee are being accepted now through October 15th, 2021. To date 18 applicants have already applied. Anne P. Danehy was appointed as the Town Council liaison.

Committees: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the request to advertise for a member on the Board of Health to fill an unexpired term through April 2022 with a deadline of October 8th, 2021 to apply. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. proposed having a Warrant Article at the November Town Meeting to increase the number of members on the Board of Health from 3 to 5. Ann Santos will reach out to the Board of Health members and report back.

New High School: WCAT provided a letter to the Council regarding intergrading space for the studio either in the new high school or somewhere in the community.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Fiscal Year 2021 Warrant 56 dated June 28th, 2021; Fiscal Year 2022 Warrant 6 dated August 10th, 2021; Warrant 8 dated August 24th, 2021; Warrant 10 dated September 07th, 2021.

Announcements: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: The Idle Hands event was an outstanding event – thank you to the Community & Economic Development Director for organizing the event. Jonathan P. Chines: Festival by the Lake is Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.; the Wakefield Marching Band NESBA show is Saturday October 9th, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; the Senior Property Tax deadline is Thursday; there has been a number of incidents at schools related to hate speech and racial incidents and would like to talk about the right way to communicate about things like this. Anne P. Danehy: the deadline for the Master Plan Advisory Committee is October 15th, 2021. Town Administrator Maio: Housing Forum is October 20th, 2021; Tri-Board Meeting is October 21st, 2021; DPW Director welcomed his 2nd child over the weekend.

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

Adjournment: Ann Santos motioned to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED