



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
October 14th, 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.

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: Jesus Vasquez of 175 North Avenue spoke regarding COVID protocols for town Employees.

Honoring and Remembering Peter J. May: With the passing of Peter J. May, Town Councilors reminisced on their own accounts and memories of Peter.

Appointments: Joint Meeting with the Board of Health to fulfill an unexpired term on the Board of health. Board of Health member Gourville motioned to appoint Elaine Silva of 1 Furness Circle to fulfill the unexpired term on the Board of Health through April 2022. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote with Julie Smith-Galvin, Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines, Anne P. Danehy, Edward F. Dombroski, Jr., Ann Santos and Laurel Skinder Gourville voting.

Mehreen N. Butt motioned to appoint Katharine Staiti of 29 Preston Street and Kristen Bardol of 30 Harrison Avenue to the Commission on Disability Issues. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes: Ann Santos motioned to approve the September 27th, 2021 meeting minutes as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Project/Event Updates: Town Engineer Renault and Department of Public Works Director Conway provided updates on a number of projects in progress. We have received approval from the Federal Railroad Administration to reopen Broadway Crossing while maintaining Wakefield's Quiet Zone status for the next three years. Wakefield received a \$2 million MassWorks grant for water main replacements along North Avenue and Main Street. Progress has been made on the strategic road repair program; construction is to be completed in Spring 2022 on the Pickle Ball & Tennis Courts as well as the Floral Way at Vets Field; project design for the Wakefield/Lynnfield Rail to Trail is scheduled for 2020 completion and the project is programmed on the 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.



Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to rededicate the dog park on Main Street as the Peter J. May Memorial Dog Park. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Ann Santos motioned to approve the Fall in Love with Wakefield event on the south end of Main Street on Sunday, October 24th, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Licenses: Ann Santos motioned to approve the request from Olivia Charles-Pike for a One Day Liquor License on January 15th, 2022 at the Americal Civic Center from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for an engagement party. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Ann Santos motioned to approve the request from Idle Hands for a One Day Liquor License on October 24th, 2021 at the back-parking lot of the Americal Civic Center for the Fall in Love with Wakefield event from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Edward F. Dombroski amended the motion by adding 2 non-alcoholic offerings be made available. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Julie Smith-Galvin requested the MWRA Water Truck be made available for attendees to fill their water containers.

Regular Town Meeting Warrant: Ann Santos motioned to approve the Regular Town Meeting Warrant for November 6th, 2021 as presented. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Tax Title Land: Ann Santos motioned to approve the sale of a small parcel of tax title land on Water Street to Cataldo Ambulance. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. As part of the sale, Cataldo has agreed to fund restoration work to the Mill River shoreline that abuts the property.

Public Hearing: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to set November 8th, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. for the Tax Classification Public Hearing. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Donations: Ann Santos motioned to approve the request from the Human Rights Commission to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Human Rights Commission in the amount of \$1,035.00 from various donor with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Ann Santos motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a donation to the Town of Wakefield in the amount of \$30,000.00 as reference within the Special Permit dated 8/14/2019 condition #21 to improve the traffic conditions and other infrastructure in the project area of Grayson Lofts at Wakefield Station, 168 Albion Street from Wakefield Apartments LLC c/o The NRP Group with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Ann Santos motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the library in the amount of \$592.00 from various donors with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Announcements: Jonathan P. Chines: this weekend is the Farmer's Market and a Flu Clinic at the Farmer's Market as well at the WAAV 5k to end domestic violence is Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday night is the last opportunity to see the Wakefield Marching Band on the Landrigan Field; Chamber of Commerce is having their annual meeting Tuesday night at Prince Pizza in Lynnfield from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt: Housing Forum is October 20th at 7:00 p.m.; congratulations

to the Human Rights for celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month; Congratulations and happy retirement to Jeff Klapes. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month please consider donating to waavonline.org. Ann Santos: Tri-Board meeting is October 21st, 2021 via Zoom; asked Tom Mullen to clarify the remarks from the Public Participation participant. Mr. Mullen stated that there is no vaccine mandate in Wakefield. The rules for Wakefield employees are what is being adopted by OSHA for all employers of 100 people or more. You either get vaccinated or you need to submit a weekly negative test result to your employer. Anne P. Danehy: thank you to the DPW regarding the Greenwood improvements; nominations to the Master Plan Advisory Committee are being accepted now through October 15th, 2021.

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

Adjournment: Ann Santos motioned to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk