



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Moment of Silence:** A moment of silence was observed for Lt. Robert Ford, a 16-year veteran of the Fire Department who lost his battle with cancer.

**Public Engagement:** Bronwyn Della Volpe a resident of 8 Cypress Street addressed the Council regarding the Fleet Policy and the recent change to the Zoom Webinar platform for the Town Council meetings.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Project/Event Updates:** The Council received an update from Carlos J. Montanez a representative from the MAPC on the draft Vision 2030 Statement and Summary Report. Both the Vision Statement and Summary Report are available for public comment through November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on the Town's website. Mehreen N. Butt asked that copies be made available at Town Meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. gave a brief update on the Envision Wakefield project whereas the Town is currently at a 25% design phase and we are working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation towards reaching a 50% design phase. Mr. Dombroski state that other grant funding sources are also being looked at that may allow us to accelerate the completion of portions of the project ahead of schedule. A more detailed update will be made at the November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Town Council meeting.

**Committee Updates:** Zoning Board of Appeals Chair David Hatfield provided updates on work that the ZBA is doing to evaluate the proposed developments on Quannapowitt Parkway and Crescent Street. Planning Board Chair Matthew Lowry spoke regarding land use and Conservation Commission Chair Jimmy Luciani spoke regarding the environmental impact of the large projects as well as creating a long-term restoration plan for Camp Curtis.



**Appointments:** Mehreen N. Butt motioned to appoint Julie Giganti-Almeida and Paul Wendelgass as non-voting associate members to the Conservation Commission. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Marie Estrada as a Middle School member to the Youth Council. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Fleet Policy:** Town Engineer Renault presented an updated fleet policy that would require the Town to purchase fuel efficient vehicles as part of Wakefield's goal to achieve a Green Community designation by the end of 2021 which would allow the Town to pursue new sources of grant funding. The policy would not apply to police cruisers and heavy-duty trucks. Ann Santos motioned to approve and adopt the Fleet Policy. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**License:** Ann Santos motioned to approve the request of the Hartshorne House for a One-Day Liquor License for their beer tasting event on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Town Meeting:** Town Administrator Maio gave an overview of the nine (9) Articles for the Regular Town Meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Announcements:** Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: announced the dog park dedication will be November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with a rain date of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021; there will be a program that will be announced in the coming days to help the businesses that were most directly impacted by the Broadway Crossing closure; he will be a participant in the TCS New York City Marathon on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to support Home Base an amazing program addressing the "hidden wounds of war" through mental health support and services for veterans and their families; October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Jonathan P. Chines: announced the PBC School Building Committee will be having workshop forums on October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> via Zoom; congratulations to the Police Department for receiving a citation from the Legislative Delegation for their response to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> incident this summer; ACE building has a great exhibit currently and the building looks beautiful; his office hours tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Library; Galvin Back to School Night was translated in Spanish and Portuguese. Ann Santos: Police Department ceremony was lovely; the Wakefield Fire Department had two ladders on one of the over passes as a tribute to Lt. Robert Ford. Mehreen N. Butt: thanked Steve's team for putting together the Tri-Board and Housing Forum; hoping to bring back Wakefield101; would like to have a presentation on the new census data. Julie Smith-Galvin: Sunday's event was great.

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

**Adjournment:** Ann Santos motioned to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton  
Town Council Clerk