



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
December 6th, 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: There was no public engagement.

Approval of Minutes: Ann Santos motioned to approve the November 22nd, 2021 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Appointment: Appointment for a Special Municipal Employee to represent the Public Safety Building was tabled until the January 10th, 2022 meeting.

Project Updates: Health and Human Services: The Council received an update from Police Chief Skory, Deputy Chief Calabrese, Officer Rando, Mental Health Services Clinician Waczkowski, Substance Use Recovery Coach Ascolillo and Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator Dhingra on the outreach and intervention services available.

Updated Precinct Maps: Jonathan P. Chines motioned pursuant to G.L. c. 54, s. 6 that the Town Council approve the division of the Town into precincts as set forth in the map and precinct descriptions dated December 2nd, 2021 as proposed by the Town Clerk, to be effective as of January 1, 2022. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.

Liaison Updates: Ann Santos: free bicycle helmets and training in the Spring sponsored by the Police Department; the Fire Department has had some new hires and talked about the recent three-alarm fire at Colonial Point Apartments; part two of the children's vaccine clinic will be this Saturday at the Galvin. Anne Danehy: Council on Aging is working on implementing Age Friendly Action Plan; Human Rights Commission is planning a Martin Luther King event; the first meeting of the Master Plan Advisory Group will be January 5th, 2022. Jonathan P. Chines: provided an update on the Feasibility Study for a new or renovated High School; congratulated the student athletes; the PBC received an update on the DPW Feasibility Study back in October, more to follow; the Youth Council had a successful community clean-up day; the final report of the Vision 2030 project has been completed – the Town Council will need to vote to adopt the report at an upcoming meeting; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr:



highlighted the upcoming ARPA forum on December 16th as well as the Master Plan Advisory Group; Bonus Buck for Broadway is extended through the entire month of December; DPW is gearing up for the Winter and Christmas tree pick-ups will follow the recycling schedule after the first of the year; bonus hours for the pit; WMGLD is doing some upgrades to Foundry Street/Harvard Mills area and on the gas side their major focus has been completing the cut over for the new gas mains on Vernon Streets and Lowell Streets; they also have a solar project that is underway at 480 North Avenue; 7 lamp-posts on Albion Street have gone up; the pathway along the Floral way is up for discussion and he will be working with DPW and the Historical Commission to make sure everything goes smoothly; Historical Commission continues to promote House Markers and they are continuing to have on their agenda Demolition Delay By-law and he hopes to talk with them at their January meeting to brainstorm ideas on how to better preserve the charm and character of homes; they had a very successful burying ground tour via Zoom in October. Mehreen N. Butt: Traffic Advisory Committee approved several MBTA changes to help address ADA and accessibility compliance; the Traffic Advisory Committee is working to get the Traffic Calming Policy on the website and integrated with DPW; 430 wreaths have been donated to Forest Glade Cemetery and a ceremony will be on December 18th at Noon at the cemetery; the Disability Commission appreciated the accommodations during Town Meeting; they are working with Town Engineer Renault regarding signage for deaf children and they also are working with the Post Office to make that building more accessible and they are hosting a movie on April 11th, 2022; recognized all the volunteers who serve on the committees and thanks them. Julie Smith-Galvin: Environmental Sustainability Committee is working on land preservation, waste reduction, composting and looking at upcoming disposable laws; Finance Committee appointed two new members; Library is getting ready to be open on Sundays.

Licenses: Ann Santos motioned to approve the 2022 Common Victualler license applications as proposed. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the 2022 Entertainment license applications as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the 2022 Class II license applications as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the request from Anne Miller for a One Day Liquor License for The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield event at the Americal Civic Center on February 5th, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Donations: Ann Santos motioned to approve the request from the Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$324.00 from various donors with thanks. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the request from the Council on Aging to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$6,118.00 from various donors with thanks. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget: Town Administrator Maio provided an update on Wakefield's budget for Fiscal Year 2023. The Town Council will begin the process of reviewing and approving departmental budgets on January 10th, 2022.

Announcements: Town Administrator Maio: tomorrow the Vax bus will be in Melrose. Ann Santos: asked to be careful on social media. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: December 28th at Noon at Forest Glade Cemetery will be laying of the wreaths. Anne Danehy: Human Rights Commission is looking for nominations for the community service awards for Martin Luther King and also for the arts submission. Jonathan P. Chines: Office hours are this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Library; Happy Holidays.

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

Adjournment: Ann Santos motioned to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED