



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
January 10th, 2022 | 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: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the December 6th, 2021 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the December 15th, 2021 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

By-Law Appeal: Senior Health Inspector Hope along with Attorney Brian McGrail with law offices at 607 North Avenue, Wakefield, attorney for the owner of the property, presented an overview of the property located at 383 Water Street. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to grant an extension to a Cease and Desist order issued to the owner of the property located at 383 Water Street related to the unlawful storage of salvage vehicles and other junk until February 14th, 2022 at which point the Town Council will review the progress and will determine if further extensions in 30-day increments are warranted. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Appointment: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to appoint Brian McGrail as a Special Municipal Employee to represent the Public Safety Building project at the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ann Santos Seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Licenses: Attorney John Mooradian of Demakis Law Office presented the Pledge of License Amendment Application on behalf of his client Greenie's Discount Liquors, d/b/a Greenwood Wine & Spirits located at 969 Main Street. Ann Santos motioned to approve the Pledge of License Amendment Application for Greenie's Discount Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Greenwood Wine & Spirits. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Ann Santos motioned to approve the 2022 Common Victualler license applications as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the 2022 Entertainment license applications as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed



6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the 2022 Class II license applications as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the 2002 Automated Device License applications as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License for Friends of Wakefield Hockey for fundraiser at Subaru of Wakefield on February 11th, 2022 from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budgets: Evan Kenney, Chairman of the Finance Committee Town Hall Subcommittee recommended favorable action on the following budgets as proposed by Town Accountant Gill. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #2 Accounting Department in the amount of \$463,099.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #5 Legal Department in the amount of \$194,797.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to table Budget #7 Tax Department in the amount of \$297,475.00 to look into online streaming. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #8 Assessing in the amount of \$253,448.00. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #9 Town Clerk in the amount of \$247,946.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #10 Election & Registration in the amount of \$37,700.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #11 Election Expense in the amount of \$38,775.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #12 Finance Committee in the amount of \$7,060.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #13 Conservation Commission in the amount of \$49,385.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #14 Planning in the amount of \$12,975.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve Budget #15 Board of Appeals in the amount of \$27,800.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Motioned to approve Budget #25 Council on Aging in the amount of \$27,800.00. Seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Town Administrator Maio left the meeting at 8:48 p.m. and did not return.

Vision 2030: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adopt the Vision 2030 Statement. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Traffic Advisory Recommendation: Ann Santos motioned to approve the Traffic Advisory Recommendation that a No Parking restriction be approved for the westerly side of Hopkins Street from the Reading town line to the corner of South Street. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 by a roll call vote with Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines, Anne P. Danehy, Edward F. Dombroski, Jr., Ann Santos and Julie Smith-Galvin voting in favor. Jonathan P. Chines recused.

Public Hearings: Ann Santos motioned to set the date of January 24th, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. for Public Hearing for JWR Family Co located at 109 Water Street for an All Alcohol Liquor License. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to set the date of February 14th, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. for Public Hearing for CMRG, LLC d/b/a Tonno Wakefield located at 175 North Avenue for Alteration of Premises. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Vocational School Election: Ann Santos motioned in support of Vocational School election on January 25th, 2022. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

May 2022 Annual Town meeting Warrant Article: Ann Santos motioned to refer the proposed citizen petition Zoning Article to Planning Board. Mehreen N. Butt 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 \$499.64 from various donors with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Ann Santos motioned to approve the donation to the Human Rights Commission in the amount of \$48.00 from Kayla Rush with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Fiscal Year 2022 Warrants: Warrant 12 dated September 21st, 2021; Warrant 14 dated October 5th, 2021; Warrant 16 dated October 19th, 2021; Warrant 18 dated November 2nd, 2021; Warrant 19 dated November 9th, 2021; Warrant 20 dated November 16th, 2021; Warrant 22 dated November 30th, 2021.

Announcements: Anne P. Danehy: first meeting of the Master Plan Advisory Committee was great; MLK event is January 17th; Vocational School election is January 25th. Jonathan P. Chines: Thank you to the Board of Health for the pre-holiday booster clinic in Melrose; thank you to the Youth Council for launching "Wakefield Angels"; scholarship foundation of Wakefield team trivia challenge is February 5th virtually. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: recognized Law Enforcement Appreciation Day yesterday; Christmas Trees are being picked up curbside; Covid symptoms are real and please do everything you can to keep everyone safe. Julie Smith-Galvin: thanked the Board of Health for implementing the mask mandate; Plastic Bag/Styrofoam By-Law went in to effect January 9th, 2022.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk