



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
January 24th, 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: Ann Santos motioned to approve the January 10th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Public Hearings: At 7:05 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to open the Public Hearing for JWR Family Co d/b/a Sei Bar located at 109 Water Street for an All Alcohol Liquor License. Attorney Veronica Du of MT Law with offices at 430 Bedford Street, Suite 200, Lexington, MA presented the All Alcohol License ABCC Transfer of License on behalf of her client JWR Family Co d/b/a Sei Bar. No one from the public spoke in favor or against the application. At 7:09 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to close the Public Hearing. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the request for an All Alcohol Liquor License Transfer Application. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Mehreen N. Butt motioned to set a Public Hearing for the Town of Wakefield Verizon New England, Inc. Cable Television License Renewal for February 28th, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. and to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Recommendation of Fiscal Year 2023 Budgets: Evan Kenney Chairman of the Finance Committee Town Hall Subcommittee recommended favorable action on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budgets as outlined below.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budgets: Town Accountant Gill presented the following budgets. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #4 Treasury in the amount of \$233,917.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #18 Fire Alarm/Traffic Signals in the amount of \$66,700.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #19 Emergency Management in the amount of \$88,851.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F.



Dombroski, Jr. asked that this budget get re-evaluated on a yearly basis. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #20 Inspectional Services in the amount of \$438,778.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 5-1-0 with Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion as he feels there is not a need to add a full-time position. Mehreen N. Butt, Ann Santos, Julie Smith-Galvin, Anne P. Danehy and Jonathan P. Chines voting in favor of the motion. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #27 Recreation in the amount of \$119,599.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #28 Veterans Services in the amount of \$253,220.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #36 Street Lights in the amount of \$188,131.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #38 Historical Commission in the amount of \$2,000.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #41 Unemployment in the amount of \$75,000.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #42 Reserve Fund in the amount of \$400,000.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #44 Professional Medical in the amount of \$10,850.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to take Budget #7 Tax Department off the table. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve Budget #7 Tax Department in the amount of \$297,475.00. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. asked that we look in to streamlining not only this department but other departments as well.

Special Town Election Warrant: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the Special Town Election Warrant for February 22nd, 2022. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Zoning Amendment: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to refer to the Planning Board the Zoning Bylaw change for 343 Albion Street. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Licenses: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the 2022 Common Victualler license application for Kipo's Roast Beef as proposed. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Donations: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to approve the request from the Library to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$1,190.00 from various donors with thanks. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Announcements: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: reminded everyone regarding the vote for the Voke is tomorrow at the Galvin. Ann Santos: reminded everyone regarding the vote for the Voke as it passed overwhelmingly at Town Meeting. Jonathan P. Chines: encouraged people to get out and vote for the Voke; Albion Cultural Exchange Committee is hosting "Bring The Good" show on Friday evenings from January 21st through February 25th, 2022; Youth Council is looking for volunteers for their Snow Angels program; he is holding office hours at the Library this Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt: reminded everyone of the election tomorrow from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Applications are currently being accepted to serve on Town Boards; Winter Newsletter was released today; submit your suggestions online for ARPA funding; there is a Booster Clinic for individuals ages 12 and over on February 9th, 2022 at the Hurd School from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; thank you to the businesses and members of the community who are trying to keep everyone safe with the Omicron variant. Anne P. Danehy: mentioned the vaccine clinic; is in full support of the Vocational School. Julie Smith-Galvin: reminded everyone regarding the vote for the Voke; there was a tragic pedestrian death last week. The Safe Streets working group is actively working with the Town and others to identify how we can make our streets safer; Light Department is holding a strategic planning meeting.

Town Administrator Maio: congratulations to Coach Pappas for being named the Massachusetts High School Coach of the Year by the US Track & Field Association; TSF virtual trivia is February 5th, 2022; congratulations to Kelly Condon and the Tufts PA School of 2022 that graduated this weekend.

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

Adjournment: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Ann Santos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED