



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 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.

Julie Smith-Galvin welcomed the newest Town Councilor, Robert E. Vincent and congratulated Jonathan P. Chines on being re-elected.

Attendance: Julie Smith-Galvin, Chair; Mehreen N. Butt, Vice-Chair; Jonathan P. Chines; Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.; Michael J. McLane and Robert E. Vincent.

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: Ervis Vukaj of 375 Water Street emailed a comment requesting how much the Town spent on D'Ambrosio Brown Law Firm.

Nominations for Chair: Anne P. Danehy nominated Mehreen N. Butt as Chair for May 2022-May 2023. There being no other nominations and Mehreen N. Butt having accepted the nomination, Julie Smith-Galvin declared the nominations closed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Julie Smith-Galvin nominated Jonathan P. Chines as Vice-Chair for May 2022-May 2023. There being no other nominations and Jonathan P. Chines having accepted the nomination, Mehreen N. Butt declared the nominations closed. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the April 25th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Anne P. Danehy, Edward F. Dombroski, Jr., Michael J. McLane, Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines and Julie Smith-Galvin voting in favor of the motion. Robert E. Vincent abstained.

Water Street: Attorney Brian McGrail stated all of the unregistered vehicles stored at 383 Water Street have been removed and that the homeowner is committed to continue cleaning up the property. Since the terms of the Cease and Desist Order have been satisfied, Jonathan P. Chines motioned to close the Public Hearing. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Green Communities: Green Communities is a grant program for Massachusetts municipalities focused on reducing energy use by municipal buildings and vehicles. The draft plan presented by Jennifer Kallay outlined town buildings that include Town Hall, Public Safety Building, Americal Civic Center, Woodville Elementary School and Wakefield High School. The proposed plan which will reduce energy use in town buildings by 20% and this is the final piece needed for Wakefield to qualify for



the program. Upon acceptance into the program, an estimated \$170,000.00 is granted to the Town with awards up to \$200,000.00 annually towards municipal energy conservation measures. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept the Draft Energy Reduction Plan as presented and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign any certifications on behalf of the community. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Fit Court: Wakefield has been selected as a grant eligible partner in the 2022 BCBS Massachusetts Campaign. The campaign is part of a national movement to make world-class fitness free and accessible in public spaces. The Grant Award is for one (1) 2022 National Fitness Campaign Grant of \$50,000.00 and will be constructed at Moulton Park. Jonathan P. Chines moved to accept the proposal to proceed with the fitness court and to authorize the use of up to \$100,000.00 of ARPA funding to meet the town's share of the cost. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Public Hearings: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to set the public hearing date as June 27th, 2022 at 7:03 p.m. to set the Fiscal Year 2023 Water and Sewer Rates. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

License, Agreements and Policies: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to grant a liquor license to House Bear Brewing to sell wine at the Farmer's Market from June 18th, 2022 to October 29th, 2022 subject to restriction that sampling would not be permitted. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to grant a liquor license to Aaronap to sell wine at the Farmer's Market from June 18th, 2022 to October 29th, 2022 with no samplings. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept the 3-year Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Director of the Assessing Department between the Town of Wakefield, Town of Reading and Town of Lynnfield as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Town Counsel Mullen will be drafting a revised Flag Policy for the Town Council to review at the next meeting. He suggests making it clear that all flag polls owned by the town are exclusively used to express government speech that is official town sentiments and to eliminate all references to 501(c)(3) groups and to people who rent space at the Americal Civic Center or reserve space on the Common.

Donations: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept the request of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library to donate library discards to the Friends of the Library. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts in the amount of \$655.00 to the Library from various donors with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$235.00 from various donors with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Announcements: Anne P. Danehy: thanked everyone who completed the Master Plan survey; thanked Julie Smith-Galvin for her leadership this past year and is looking forward to Mehreen N. Butt being Chair; congratulated Jonathan P. Chines on being re-elected and becoming Vice-Chair. Jonathan P. Chines: thanked Julie Smith-Galvin; attended the Wakefield High School's production of The Wizard of Oz and tickets are available for showing on Friday and Saturday; the Youth Council is hosting a focus group for seventh and eighth graders on keeping the courts and fields at the Galvin Middle School clean on Thursday May 12th at 2:30 p.m. at the Galvin Middle School; Friends of Lake Quannapowitt are having their annual meeting and dinner on Wednesday June 1st, 2022 at Bear Hill Country Club. Julie Smith-Galvin: July 17th, 2022 Safe Streets Working Group and the Town are opening streets to pedestrians and bicyclists and people who want to enjoy the lake; this Saturday is a recycling event at the High School from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; the Municipal Gas & Light

Commissions will be discussing Wakefield's involvement in the Peabody Power Plant on Wednesday; welcomed Bob Vincent. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: Town Meeting is Monday, May 16th, 2022; the AP Senior Art Show is beginning this Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Albion Cultural Exchange; happy Memorial Day and recognized all those who sacrificed for our freedom. Mehreen N. Butt: thanked the Town Clerk's office regarding the Election. Town Administrator Maio: thanked Julie Smith-Galvin.

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

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED