



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
October 24th, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Mehreen N. Butt called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mehreen N. Butt led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Executive Session: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Town Administrator contract because an Open Session may have detrimental effects on the bargaining position of the Town, with the intent of returning to open session immediately thereafter. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Open session returned at 7:04 p.m.

Public Engagement: Eleanor Axelrod of 19 Sheffield Road expressed that a forum be held regarding the Energy Park.

Resolution: Mehreen N. Butt acknowledged the WCAT Community Media Day Proclamation.

Public Hearing: At 7:07 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to open the Public Hearing for the Transfer of License for MP Ventures LLC d/b/a Ciao Amici located at 19 Centre Street. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. Attorney Michael Vigorito along with his clients Huberto Melara and Melvin Gabriel Perez presented the Transfer of License Application. No one from the public spoke in favor or against the license. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the Application for a Transfer of License for MP Ventures LLC d/b/a Ciao Amici located at 19 Centre Street. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the Common Victualler License application and Entertainment License application for MP Ventures LLC d/b/a Ciao Amici located at 19 Centre Street. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. At 7:15 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to close the Public Hearing. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Jonathan P. Chines motioned to set the Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Classification Public Hearing for November 14th, 2022 at 7:03 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.



Regular Town Meeting – November 19th, 2022: Town Administrator Maio gave an overview of the 6 articles on the Town Meeting Warrant. Article 1 is the wrap-up of the previous fiscal year; Article 2 uses free cash to balance the budget; Article 3 is to correct an Article at the May 2022 Town Meeting; Article 4 is the extension of the Senior Tax Relief; Article 5 is the easement for the Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department Energy Park and Article 6 is the Street Naming Bylaw sponsored by the Planning Board. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the Regular Town Meeting Warrant of November 19th, 2022, and to approve Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and to declared Hemlock Road easement area as surplus property as proposed. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Veterans Memorial Field: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the proposed new signage at Veterans Memorial Field. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Heating Relief: Catherine Dhingra from Health & Human Services and Emergency Management Director Walsh proposed the Wakefield heating support initiative to provide financial help for low income households in Wakefield. The proposal for potential funds includes a \$500.00 voucher for roughly 830 households. \$415,000.00 out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocated to Wakefield to be used during Winter of 2022-2023 would be requested to fund this initiative. Massachusetts has heating fuel assistance programs that Wakefield residents can qualify for if they meet the criteria. Wakefield Gas & Light, Council on Aging and Wakefield Health & Human Services are assisting residents with applications for those programs. If residents do not quality for those programs they can apply for the Emergency Fund for further review.

Debt Service: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to transfer \$1,000,000.00 for the General Fund to the Debt Service Capital Needs account. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Appointments: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Richard Conway to the Permanent Building Committee to fulfill a three-year term expiring April 30th, 2023. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Wayne Hardacker to the Permanent Building Committee to fulfill a three-year term expiring April 30th, 2024. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint David Miller to the Sweeter Lecture Advisory Committee with no term. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Robert E. Vincent II motioned to table the Housing Authority appointment until the next Town Council meeting on November 14th, 2022. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint John Sofia to the Fence Viewing Committee with a term ending April 30th, 2025 and Holly Lenhardt with a term ending April 30th, 2024. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Marc Young to the Veteran Advisory Board with a three-year term expiring April 30th, 2023. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to appoint Dhruvaite Upmanyu to the Middle School appointment; Maya Palic to the High School position as a voting member; Olivia Wall as a non-voting member and Sofia Panighetti as a non-voting member to the Youth Council with terms ending June 30th, 2023. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Fiscal Year 2023 Warrants: Warrant 8 dated August 23rd, 2022; Warrant 10 dated September 6th, 2022 and Warrant 12 dated September 20th, 2022.

Approval of Minutes: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the October 12th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as proposed. Julie-Smith Galvin seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Jonathan P. Chines, Julie Smith-Galvin, Anne P. Danehy, Edward F. Dombroski and Robert E. Vincent II voting in favor of the motion. Michael J. McLane abstained.

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

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED