



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

2023 January 09

7:00 pm

Call to Order: Mehreen N. Butt called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator; Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk.

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: Teresa Aravena De Gonzalez from the Human Rights Commission spoke on the Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King Day event on Monday, January 16th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Galvin Middle School. Marie Oliveira of 216 Nahant Street asked when the High School election would be and suggested having it on April Town Day. She also had some questions regarding presentations for Town Meeting.

Special Town Meeting: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant of January 28th, 2023 as presented. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets: Town Accountant Gill presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #2 Accounting Department in the amount of \$475,984.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #5 Legal Department in the amount of \$198,519.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #7 Tax Department in the amount of \$304,473.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #8 Assessing Department in the amount of \$247,476.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #9 Town Clerk in the amount of \$252,093.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #10 Election & Registration in the amount of \$40,700.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #11 Election Expense in the amount of \$27,350.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #12 Finance Committee in the amount of \$7,060.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #13 Conservation Commission in the amount of \$59,531.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #14 Planning Board in the amount of \$12,975.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #15 Board of Appeals in the amount of \$30,300.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #25 Council on Aging in the amount of \$258,689.00. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

2023 Renewal Licenses: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the following 2023 renewal licenses: Common Victualler - Charlie's on Main Pizza, Elis Mini Market, Phu-Ket Thai Restaurant. Entertainment - Charlie's on Main Pizza, Phu-Ket Thai Restaurant. Class II - J&A Auto Body, Reynolds Auto Sales, Wakefield Auto Sales. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Liquor License: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request for One Day Liquor License for Wakefield High School Boys Hockey fundraising event on February 24th, 2023 at the Americal Civic Center from 5:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Warrants: Councilors were updated on Fiscal Year 2023 Warrants: Warrant 20 dated November 15th, 2022 and Warrant 22 dated November 29th, 2022.

Donations: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts in the amount of \$780.00 to the Council on Aging from various donor(s) with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts in the amount of \$75.00 to the Fire Department in the memory of Frank and Grace Piccolo with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts in the amount of \$40.00 to the Human Rights Commission from various donor(s) with thanks. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve the December 12th, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as presented. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve

the December 22, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes as presented. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Adjournment: Jonathan P. Chines motioned to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk