

WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, April 22, 2019 7:00 P.M. WCAT - 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Mehreen N. Butt Councilor Paul R. DiNocco Councilor Edward F. Dombroski, Ir.

Councilor Anthony Longo

Councilor Peter J. May, Chairperson Councilor Julie Smith-Galvin Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio Executive Assistant Sherri A. Dalton Town Counsel Thomas Mullen

---- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

Call to Order

Councilor May called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Town Council in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

Pina Masciarelli, Frankie Lawton and Jennifer Boettcher from the Human Rights Commission appeared before the Town Council and promoted the event, The State of Hate in Massachusetts on May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theater featuring Robert Trestan, the Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League who will discuss incidents of hate in Massachusetts and how they compare to national trends as well as how to differentiate hate incidents from hate crimes and why this is important and how to respond to hate in the community. There is no cost to attend this event but you must register at Eventbrite.com or on the Human Rights Facebook page.

Proclamation

School Committee Chairperson Thomas Markham appeared before the Town Council with the proposed revision of the Proclamation "A Proclamation of Acceptance and Openness Among All Our Citizens". Councilor Santos motioned to accept the revised Proclamation as presented. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Class II License Application Attorney Brian McGrail along with his clients from Albrecht Autoland Corp. appeared before the Town Council in regards to a Class II License Application for a used car business located at 614 North Avenue. Mr. McGrail stated that his clients will also come before the Town Council for a Class I License Application in the future. Councilor Dombroski questioned the current and future signage for the property in which Mr. McGrail said that they will work with the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the signage for their property. Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Class II License Application. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

One Day Liquor License Application Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for Christine Horton for May 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Regular Minutes -April 8, 2019 Councilor Smith-Galvin amended the Public Participation portion of the April 8, 2019 Minutes. Councilor Dombroski amended the Nahant Street Pit portion of the April 8, 2019 Minutes. Councilor Santos motioned to approve the April 8, 2019 Minutes as amended. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Council on Aging Request

Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$2,433.00 from various donors with thanks. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Library Request

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request to donate library discards to the Friends of the Library. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Library Request

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$1,039.00 from various donors with thanks. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Article 26 – Special Police Officers – Regular Town Meeting – November 5, 2018 Councilor Dombroski motioned to petition the Legislature to enact special legislation to amend the 2004 Mass. Acts Chapter 458 Section 7 regarding the appointing of retired Police Officers as Special Police Officers for Details as approved at the November 5, 2018 Regular Town Meeting. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Warrant Review and Signing

Councilor Smith-Galvin signed Warrant #35 dated February 26, 2019 through Warrant #39 dated March 26, 2019 regarding town affairs.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at WCAT, 24 Hemlock Road.

Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair Within 48 Hours of Meeting

Councilor Butt – the 3rd and final 2019 Sweetser Lecture Series is Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theater featuring bestselling author Casey Sherman "12: The Inside Story of Tom Brady's Fight for Redemption; May 21, 2019 is the Wakefield Human Rights Regional Meeting; Wakefield lost to Stoneham in the Dodging for Dollars over the weekend; Annual Town Election is tomorrow from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Annual Town Meeting is April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Galvin Middle School

Councilor Smith-Galvin – Earth Day is today; Congratulations to the four newly sworn in Police Officers; please remember to vote tomorrow; Town Meeting is April 29, 2019

Town Administrator – the Town has been reimbursed \$154,128.89 from FEMA for the March 8, 2018 snow storm; the Town has received \$24,000.00 so far for surplus equipment

Councilor DiNocco – asked for thoughts for a fundraiser for the Emergency Fund; 12th Annual Blossoms at the Beebe is this weekend hosted by the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce at the Library from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and he once again has an item for people to bid on; please join Rada Frohlichstein this Saturday for Car Free Saturday to celebrate Earth Day week; Visit Wakefield Mass is a Facebook page that promotes activities and businesses. They are asking people to post their top 5 businesses during the week of April 29, 2019 through May 5, 2019 to be entered in to a drawing for a gift certificate to a Wakefield business

Councilor Dombroski – Condolences to everyone affected by the Sri Lanka Easter attacks; Blossoms at the Beebe is a great event for the Town and has an item for people to bid on; Dodging for Dollars was a fun time; recognized incumbents for the election tomorrow as he enjoyed working with all three; wished good luck to all candidates

Councilor Santos – recognized the newly sworn in Police Officers; the Wakefield Community Partnership Pop-Up Event was great; she is honored and humbled to serve as a Town Councilor; please vote tomorrow

Councilor Longo – Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Brother's will be a meeting regarding Envision Wakefield hosted by the Town Planner; good luck to his fellow candidates tomorrow

Councilor May – thank you to all Wakefield citizens for his past three years as a Town Councilor and hopefully all three incumbents will be re-elected; please vote tomorrow

Adjournment

At 7:46 p.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant

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