



## WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

**Monday, April 08, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

**WCAT - 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA. 01880**

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### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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### **----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----**

<b>Call to Order</b>	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.
<b>Public Participation</b>	<p>Sarah Guerin of 46 Valley Street appeared before the Town Council and stated that she attended the Creativity Workshop hosted by Mass Creates which helps advocates for the Arts. She said that Massachusetts lacks a comprehensive plan for public Arts and that Wakefield does a good job but reminded the Council that the Arts are very important to the community as we pursue the Arts corridor and other local projects.</p> <p>David Peterson of 28 Lafayette Street appeared before the Town Council and stated that he is a candidate for the Conservation Commission and expressed his dissatisfaction with the application process and because of this he is withdrawing his name.</p> <p>Andy Bray of 3 Highland Avenue appeared before the Town Council and stated and spoke in support of the Statement of Interest for the Wakefield Memorial High School.</p>
<b>One Day Liquor License Applications</b>	<p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for Paula Sasso for June 11, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for Wakefield Track Boosters Club for May 11, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Americal Civic Center. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve the One Day Liquor License Application for Paula Melito for April 26, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Crystal Community Club. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p>

<b>Bowling Alley License Application</b>	Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the Bowling Alley Renewal Application for Wakefield Bowladrome for May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Pool Table License Application</b>	Councilor Longo motioned to approve the Pool Table Renewal Application for Lakeside Inn for May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed. 7-0-0.
<b>Committee Appointments</b>	<p>Councilor Santos motioned to re-appoint Frank Calandra to the Conservation Commission with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to re-appoint Caroline Lieber to the Cultural Council with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Santos motioned to re-appoint Jeanne Stinson to the Recreation Commission with a term beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2022. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilor Longo recusing.</p> <p>Councilor Santos motioned to approve six (6) appointments to the Veteran's Advisory Board with two (2) appointments for three (3) years; two (2) appointments for two (2) years and two (2) appointments for one year. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p> <p>Councilor Santos recommended Robert Ettinger for the one (1) year appointment from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco recommended Richard Pearson for the two (2) year appointment from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco recommended Pamela Hart for the two (2) year appointment from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021.</p> <p>Councilor Dombroski recommended Melinda Cook for the three (3) year appointment from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2022.</p> <p>Councilor Dombroski recommended Tom Collins for the one (1) year appointment from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.</p> <p>Councilor Dombroski recommended James Pinette for the three (3) year appointment from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2022.</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco motioned to appoint all six (6) candidates with terms as stated. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.</p>
<b>Regular Minutes –</b>	Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the regular Council minutes of March 25, 2019 as presented. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**March 25,  
2019**

**Wakefield  
Public Schools  
– Statement of  
Interest**

Superintendent of Schools Doug Lyons appeared before the Council to present and discuss the Statement of Interest for the Wakefield Memorial High School. The Statement of Interest will be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority seeking state financial assistance for the building's deficiencies up to and including the possibility of constructing a new high school. Councilor Santos motioned to approve the Statement of Interest. Councilor Dombroski seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0. Councilor DiNocco motioned to authorize Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio to sign the Statement of Interest as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Fill a Public  
Works Truck**

The Wakefield Department of Public Works is partnering with the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association (NECAPWA) and the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry during National Public Works Week to collect food for the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fill a Public Works Truck from May 19, 2019 through May 25, 2019.

**National  
Public Works  
Week**

Councilor Santos motioned to declare the week of May 19, 2019 through May 25, 2019 as National Public Works Week. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Nahant Street  
Pit**

Councilor Dombroski presented to the Council additional operating dates for the expansion of the pit hours. In addition to the current schedule and curbside pick-up he is proposing 14 additional dates so that the pit is open every Saturday and every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from April 10, 2019 through December 7, 2019 with the exception of Saturday May 18, 2019; Saturday November 9, 2019 and Saturday November 23, 2019 which is curbside pick-up only. The Town Council though in favor stated that they will be looking at the traffic for each 2019 date and if the trends are showing low traffic, they might seek to remove some dates from next year's calendar. Councilor Dombroski agreed that tracking the number would be important but said that it might be difficult to discern trends with just one year's worth of data and tracking the number of permits sold to see if there is an increase. Councilor Dombroski motioned to approve the Nahant Street Yard Waste Facility 2019 Operating Dates with the proposed addition as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Town Meeting  
Warrant  
Articles**

Chairperson of the By-law Review Committee Dan Lieber appeared before the Council and presented the By-law Articles for Town Meeting which have been approved by the By-law Review Committee and that have been added to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Councilor Santos motioned to approve the adoption of G.L. c. 40U enforcing the General Bylaws of the Town regarding the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and to authorize the Town Council to appoint the hearing officer. Councilor DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

<b>Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting Warrant</b>	Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Banner Request</b>	Councilor DiNocco motioned to approve the request for a banner to be displayed from May 20, 2019 through May 27, 2019 for The Savings Bank's 150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration on June 22, 2019. Councilor Santos seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Library Request</b>	Councilor Santos motioned to approve the request to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the library in the amount of \$825.00 from various donors with thanks. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at WCAT, 24 Hemlock Road.
<b>Matters Not Anticipated By The Chair Within 48 Hours of Meeting</b>	<p>Councilor Butt – the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Sweetser Lecture Series is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at The Savings Bank Theater; asked for an update on the Arts corridor and building and this is a perfect job for an Economic Development Director; Acton was the 96<sup>th</sup> town to pass the Plastic Bag By-law and Wakefield was ahead of the curve; Town Meeting is April 29, 2019</p> <p>Councilor DiNocco – would like the Council to put a group together to work on the process of Appointments; would like the Council to put together a small group to critique the position of an Economic Development Director; Saturday is the North Ave Block Party from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with shut down of streets beginning at 12:30 p.m. and streets opening at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Councilor Smith-Galvin – this Thursday night is Arts Night at the Galvin Middle School; Environmental Sustainability Committee had their first meeting last week with lots of brainstorming ideas; Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department had a strategic retreat last week focusing on what the future will be for gas, electric and transportation; Absentee Ballots are ready at the Town Clerks office; Office hours for her are this Thursday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at The Savings Bank conference room</p> <p>Councilor Dombroski – Congratulations to the Greenwood School as they had their Gator Gallop this past weekend; Envision Wakefield is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center; Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. is the first meeting of the Public Safety Building Reassessment Committee at the Public Safety Building; Good luck to everyone running in the Boston Marathon this Monday; Happy Passover and Happy Easter</p> <p>Councilor Santos – volunteered to pick up debris around the Boston Common and is pleased that not one plastic bag was among the debris; Revitalize Wakefield is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Americal Civic Center</p>

Councilor Longo – Gator Gallop was great; no doubt in his mind the we will have an Economic Development Director; Envision Wakefield is tomorrow night; Blossom at the Beebe is April 27, 2019

Town Administrator – Boys and Girls Club has offered babysitting services once again for Town Meeting

Councilor May – Boys and Girls Club Dodgeball Tournament is April 20, 2019

**Adjournment** At 8:58 p.m. Councilor DiNocco motioned to adjourn. Councilor Longo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant