



WAKEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (Emergency Meeting)

9:00 A.M. (via conference call)

William J. Lee Memorial Town Hall, 1 Lafayette St, Wakefield
Town Administrator's Office via teleconference

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Edward F. Dombroski, Jr., Chair
Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos, Vice-Chair
Councilor Mehreen N. Butt
Councilor Jonathan P. Chines
Councilor Peter J. May
Councilor Julie Smith-Galvin

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Town Council Clerk Sherri A. Dalton
Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio
Town Counsel Thomas A. Mullen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Paul R. DiNocco

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

Call to Order

Councilor Dombroski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Councilor Dombroski noted that six (6) of the Councilors were present telephonically as well as Madam Clerk Dalton, Town Administrator Maio and Town Counsel Mullen. Councilor DiNocco was absent.

Declarations

Councilor Dombroski proposed to declare a State of Emergency for Wakefield due to spread novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and presented a drafted State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Wakefield. Councilor Santos stated she is satisfied with the substance of the document but questioned the language, as it presents as technical. Town Administrator Maio indicated that style, while quite formal, was consistent with other such Declarations. Councilor Chines suggested amending the last paragraph of the Declaration and Town Counsel Mullen offered further input. Councilor Santos concurred. Councilor Santos motioned to approve and adopt the Declaration as amended. Councilor Chines seconded. Motioned passed 6-o-o.

Councilor Dombroski updated the Council regarding the emergency meeting of the Board of Health in which the Board voted to declare a public health emergency. Anything commercial activities requiring proximity within 6 feet, such as hair salons, nail salons, and massage parlors shall be closed as of 12:01 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2020.

Remote Access Update

Councilor Dombroski provided an update on remote access and modifications for meetings that are necessary for Boards/Committees/Commissions. All Committees/Boards/Commissions appointed by the Town Council are being

encouraged to postpone and non-essential meetings. For meetings that go forward, members are similarly encouraged to participate telephonically, via a dedicated conference line. The standard requirements for posting meeting notices and agendas will continued to be followed. The Town Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 will proceed as schedule with Councilors encouraged to participate via telephone conference line. Public information will be pushed out later today.

Councilor Butt left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Adjournment At 9:38 a.m. Councilor Santos motioned to adjourn. Councilor Chines seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED