



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TRI-BOARD MEETING

TOWN COUNCIL | SCHOOL COMMITTEE | FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Call to Order: Jonathan P. Chines called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Town Council Present: Jonathan P. Chines, Chair; Michael J. McLane, Vice Chair; Mehreen N. Butt; Julie Smith-Galvin; and Robert E. Vincent II.

Town Council Absent: Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.

School Committee Present: Amy Leeman, Chair; Peter Davis; Kevin Fontanella; Thomas Markham; and Kevin Piskadlo.

School Committee Absent: Eileen Collieran; Stephen Ingalls.

Finance Committee Present: Douglas Butler, Vice-Chair; Edward Bean; Joseph Bertrand; Stefan Chase; Brian Cusack; Aimee Forsythe; Dennis Hogan; Donald Ravenelle; Daniel Sherman; Tarae Howell; Lorri Wheeler; and Ellie Zuccaro.

Finance Committee Absent: James Sullivan; William Boodry; Evan Kenney.

Administration Present: Town Council: Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Assistant and Town Council Clerk; Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator; Kevin Gill, Town Accountant.

Administration Present: School Committee: Christine Bufagna, School Business Administrator; Doug Lyons, Superintendent of Schools; Kara Mauro, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jonathan P. Chines led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Engagement: There was no public engagement.

Chair Comments: Jonathan P. Chines, Amy Leeman and Douglas Butler provided opening remarks.

Financial Condition of the Town: Daniel Sherman provided an update on the financial condition of the town. The main driver for Fiscal Year 2023 is vehicle excise tax. License and Permit fees did extremely well. State Aid is doing better.



Budget Process: Town Administrator Maio and Douglas Butler provided an overview of the budget process. Meetings start in the fall with departments, boards and committees with presentations to Town Council and Finance Committee in January and continue through April.

Future Forecasts: Town Administrator Maio, Douglas Butler, and Daniel P. Sherman discussed the future forecasts of the Town.

Wakefield Public Schools: Superintendent Lyons provided an update on the Wakefield Public Schools as well as an update on the High School project.

American Rescue Plan Act: Town Administrator Maio provided an overview on the expenditures to date. The Town Council will be making decisions on how to allocate the \$2,000,000.00-dollar balance which needs to be appropriated by December 31, 2024.

November 18, 2023 Town Meeting: Town Administrator Maio provided an overview of the November 18, 2023 Town Meeting and highlighted the Articles.

Adjournment: At 8:31 p.m. Michael J. McLane moved to adjourn the meeting. Daniel P. Sherman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.