



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting Minutes: Town Council
2024 April 8
6:00 pm Eastern Time
WCAT Studio – 24 Hemlock Road | Via Zoom

Call to Order: Jonathan P. Chines called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Town Council: Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines, Chair; Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.; Michael J. McLane, Vice Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin; and Robert E. Vincent II.

Administration: Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator; Sherri A. Dalton, Executive Secretary, and Town Council Clerk.

Town Counsel: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: John Sofia of 6 Whittemore Terrace commented on the emails he sent to the Councilors regarding pedestrian paths on the lake. Julie Scott of 4 Central Street commented on the process regarding the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets: Michael J. McLane moved to approve Budget #46 Group Health Insurance for \$15,917,161.00, as presented by Town Accountant Gill and Amy Forziati. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 5-2-0 with Mehreen N. Butt, Anne P. Danehy, Julie Smith-Galvin, Robert E. Vincent II and Jonathan P. Chines voting in favor. Michael J. McLane and Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion. Michael J. McLane moved to approve Budget #26 Health and Human Services for \$507,762.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill, Health and Human Services Director Chui and Board of Health member Elaine Silva. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to approve Budget #35 Vocational Schools for \$2,558,485.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Mehreen



N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Dr. Lyons, along with members of the Wakefield Public School administration presented Budget #33. Jonathan P. Chines entertained a motion authorizing Town Administrator Maio and Dr. Lyons to write a letter to advocacy letter to the Wakefield Delegation as well as the leadership in the legislature around some of the Chapter 70 challenges. Michael J. McLane so moved. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to approve Budget #1 Town Council for \$706,455.00. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Councilors questioned the proposal for the Town Administrator's succession and expected an update on how this actually plays out and the financial impact. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Public Hearing – Zagsun LLC d/b/a Bossmama: At 7:04 p.m. Michael J. McLane moved to open the Public Hearing for the liquor license for Zagsun LLC d/b/a Bossmama located at 963 Main Street. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the liquor license application for Zagsun LLC d/b/a Bossmama as presented by Attorney Robert Bell and his client Wendy Golini. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. At 7:16 p.m. Michael J. McLane moved to close the Public Hearing. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Licenses: Michael J. McLane moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Zagsun LLC d/b/a Bossmama located at 963 Main Street. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Mehreen N. Butt moved to approve the Entertainment License for Zagsun LLC d/b/a Bossmama located 963 Main Street. Michael J. McLane seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the One Day Liquor License for the Wakefield High School Music Boosters event. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Annual Town Meeting: Michael J. McLane moved to approve \$80,000.00 from free cash for Police and Fire Indemnification Warrant Article. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J.

McLane moved to approve \$350,000.00 from free cash for Supplemental Warrant Article. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to approve \$5,359,880.00 for Debt Service Warrant Article. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the Right of Way Wall Easement Article. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the Warrant for the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Presentations / Updates: Flag Policy Amendment: Robert E. Vincent II stated the United States Marine Corps Flag has been flying under the American Flag on the flag pole at Landrigan Field. In order to make sure that comports with the Flag Policy, language needs to be added to paragraph three of the Policy. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the proposed amendment to the Flag Policy with the additional language for flags at Landrigan Field. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 6-1-0 with Michael J. McLane, Mehreen N. Butt, Anne P. Danehy, Julie Smith-Galvin, Robert E. Vincent II and Jonathan P. Chines voting in favor. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion. **Flag Request:** Robert E. Vincent II moved to approve the request to fly the Americal Flag from April 12th through June 2nd, June 14th and July 1st through December 31st; Pride Flag from June 3rd through June 13th, June 15th through June 18th and June 26th through June 30th; , and Juneteenth Flag from June 19th through June 25th, 2024. Michael J. McLane seconded. The motion passed 6-1-0 with Robert E. Vincent II, Michael J. McLane, Mehreen N. Butt, Anne P. Danehy, Julie Smith-Galvin, and Jonathan P. Chines voting in favor. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. voting against the motion. **Climate Leaders:** Julie Smith-Galvin presented a PowerPoint regarding the State's Green Communities 2.0 program Climate Leaders Communities. The program is designed to support municipalities with grants that reduce municipal greenhouse gases using "zero over time" approach. The goal is for Wakefield to become a Climate Leaders Community in which the town would need to apply by

year end 2024 to be in early round of funding. To pursue the Technical Assistance Grant, which requires a letter of commitment that Wakefield will meet Climate Leader Community requirements within one year of grant award, the town needs to apply by April 12, 2024.

Julie Smith-Galvin moved to instruct Town Administrator Maio to apply for the Climate Leaders Community Technical Assistance Planning Grant. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 5-2-0 with Julie Smith-Galvin, Mehreen N. Butt, Jonathan P. Chines, Anne P. Danehy, and Robert E. Vincent II voting in favor. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Michael J. McLane voting against the motion

Donations: Michael J. McLane moved to accept and expend a gift or gift to the Council on Aging for \$270.00 from various donors with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to accept the donation of the Americal Division Flag with a monetary value of \$263.00 from Robert E. Vincent II with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library for \$25,550.00 from various donors with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to approve the request from the Library to donate library discards to the Friends of the Library. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Youth Council for \$100.00 from various donors with thanks. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Appointments: Michael J. McLane moved to the following with three-year terms beginning May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2027: Christopher Tarr to the Advisory Board of Public Works; Lori Dupuis and Rumiana Bardarova to the Arts Council; Daniel Lieber and Shane McCarthy to the Cable Advisory Committee; Frank Conte, Shane McCarthy, and Garrett Murphy to the Capital Planning Committee; Janice Mirabassi and Marie Rej to the Commission on Disabilities; Eleanor Axelrod to the Conservation

Commission; Carol Plotkin and Maureen Hickey to the Council on Aging; Melissa Eusden and Lillian Guinther to the Environmental Sustainability Committee; Holly Lenhardt to the Fence Viewers Committee; Marc DiBella to the Historical Commission; Rev. Bret Johnson to the Human Rights Commission; Charles Ciccone; Christine M. Gargano; and Michelle Yu to the Recreation Commission; Michelle McAdams to the Sweetser Lecture Advisory Committee; Joseph Dellilio and Robert Ettinger to the Veteran's Advisory Board. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. Michael J. McLane moved to appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Appeals with three-year terms beginning May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025: Charles Tarbell as a voting member; Kasumi Humphries, Greg Demerjian, and Kirstin Brown as alternate members. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Michael J. McLane moved to approve the March 25, 2024 Town Council meeting minutes. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Adjournment: Michael J. McLane motioned to adjourn at 10:24 p.m. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk