

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
September 23, 2013, Monday**

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairman
Michael Molisse, Councilor
Michael Smart, Councilor

Not present: Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. He noted the absence of two members, and five items on the agenda.

13 115-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Judith Beth Cohen

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on September 3, 2013.

Ms. Cohen was not present. A Motion was made by Councilor Smart to take this item up later in the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 116-Appointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Cathy Torrey

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on September 3, 2013.

Cathy Torrey was invited to the table and she reviewed her extensive volunteer history with the town. She has served on the Emery Estate reuse committee, the Historical Commission, Abigail Adams, Homestead and League of Women Voters as well as former service on Town-wide Parent Council. She has a family interest in library service. She expressed her interest in being a part of the growth of the library programs in the community. Chairman DiFazio, Councilors Smart and Molisse all supported the nomination and thanked her for her service. A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward measure 13 116-Appointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Cathy Torrey to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 117-Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Barbara Nieters-Kearney

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on September 3, 2013. Barbara Neiters-Kerney was invited to the table and she reviewed her qualifications. She is a 28-year resident of the town and is now a stay at home parent with a child in the schools. A former corporate position overseeing project management has provided her with the experience to be a good fit with the Recreation Commission and the Parks & Recreation programs.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward measure 13 117-Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Barbara Nieters-Kearney to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 118-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Janet Tatten McGrath

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on September 3, 2013.

Janet Tatten McGrath was invited to the table. She is a 10-year resident of Weymouth with a child at the Nash School and 15 years experience in human resources office operations. She appreciates that the town's scholarship program is open to lifelong learners, and noted her own ability to attend college as a result of scholarship opportunities. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and is working on her Master's degree. She hopes to be able to bring some technology improvements to the program.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward measure 13 118-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Janet Tatten McGrath to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 115-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Judith Beth Cohen

Ms. Cohen was not present. Chairman DiFazio invited the committee to review the back up materials provided with the request for appointment. He noted from her resume that she appears to be well qualified for the appointment.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward measure 13 115-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Judith Beth Cohen to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mayor Kay's New Automated Trash and Recycling Contract with EZ Disposal Service

Chairman DiFazio suggested that with three committee members present and only the first week of implementation complete, it may be premature to appropriately address this item. He asked if the committee would prefer to wait for a few weeks to see how the program progresses and review the bids when they have received them. Councilor Smart agreed to leaving the topic in committee; he noted that he has received a call from a constituent who lives on a dead end street and is required to place his barrels for pick up on the opposite side of the street. He has heard the Mayor is working on this issue with the contractor. Councilor Molisse reported that he would like an accounting of the revenue- and what is being produced. He also questioned how damaged barrels will be replaced and the funding source to do so. He has not seen the contract and wants to know what it costs, and other financial aspects.

Councilor Smart noted that the intent of the contract is to encourage more recycling and he suggested the Mayor consider offering additional recycling barrels at no charge. He recommended the committee continue to gather information from the Mayor and DPW director and review further as necessary with the administration.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:53 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Molisse to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio as Budget/Management Chairman