

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
Budget/Management Committee  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
April 9, 2012-Monday**

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairman  
Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman  
Arthur Mathews, Council President  
Michael Smart, Councilor

Also Present: Jane Hackett, Councilor  
William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Kathy Deree, Town Clerk  
James Clarke, Director of Planning  
Paul Milone, Harbormaster  
Joseph Compercchio, WPD  
Richard Grimes, Chief, WPD

Not Present: Michael Molisse, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Councilor Molisse was not present due to illness.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to take items 12 024 through 12 028 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**12 024-Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Janelle Quinn**

Janelle Quinn of 29 Tamarack Trail was invited to the table. She expressed her interest in serving as a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation resident, and is involved in various volunteer groups. Councilor Mathews voiced his support.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 024 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 025-Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Karen Johnston**

Karen Johnston of 35 Clarendon was invited to the table and she expressed her interest in serving. She grew up in Pennsylvania and worked summer camp as teen. She has been an active volunteer in town sports since coming to Weymouth.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 025 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 026-Appointment to the WETC Board of Directors-Robert O'Connor**

Mr. O'Connor could not be present; however, he will be present at Town Council. Councilor Mathews noted the committee members are all aware of Mr. O'Connor's many years of service to the town.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 026 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**12 027-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate Member-Brandon Diem**

Brandon Diem of 22 Stratford Road was invited to the table and expressed his interest in serving. He reviewed his academic and work background as a designer and is familiar with zoning regulations.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 027 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**12 028-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate Member-Raymond Brad Vinton**

Raymond Brad Vinton of 260 Park Avenue was invited to the table and expressed his interest in serving. He reviewed his background as an electrician currently employed by MassPort.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 028 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**Capital Improvement Plan Fiscal Year 2013**

Jim Clarke and William McKinney presented the CIP for fiscal year 2013. Mr. Clarke noted the format is the same. In August/September, the department heads submit lists for their departments. The information is collated and presented to the Planning Board. Presentations were made in December for review in January and February, at which time the Planning Board forwards its recommendations to the Mayor. An assessment is also made of projects that are underway and vehicles. Non-town funded projects are included to show the needs in the community. The report noted funding sources: CDBG, federal, CPC or HCA.

In response to a request from the town council president, the plan also includes updated estimates of costs. Councilor Mathews thanked them for more accurately reflecting the current costs. There was a brief discussion on the rating system- as to who and how determinations were made. Councilor Hackett asked if any additional bonding requests are anticipated in the next several weeks and noted several projects on the FY13 list that have not come before the Town Council with measures for free cash. Mr. Clarke

responded that there are some that potentially will – Emery, Legion Field and the field study may require funding. Auditor Swanson noted he reviewed the report and determined it is comprehensive and useful. It is well put together with good cost estimations. There was a further discussion on bonding schedules and the percent of debt service.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to accept the FY13 Capital Improvement Plan and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 029-Reappointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Dorothy Coveney**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Dorothy Coveney be reappointed to the Board of Library Trustees.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 029 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**12 030-Reappointment to the Waterfront Committee-Raymond Nash**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Raymond Nash be reappointed to the Waterfront Committee.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 030 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**12 031-Reappointment to the Waterfront Committee-Nancy Blazo**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Nancy Blazo be reappointed to the Waterfront Committee.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 031 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**12 032-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Claire Cunningham**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Claire Cunningham be reappointed to the Scholarship Committee.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 032 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**12 033-Reappointment to the Memorial Committee-Keith Spain**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Keith Spain be reappointed to the Memorial Committee.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 033 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 034-Reappointment to the Historical Commission-Donald Mathewson**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Donald Mathewson be reappointed to the Historical Commission.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 034 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 035-Reappointment to the Board of Health-Richard Wetterberg**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Richard Wetterberg be reappointed to the Board of Health.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 035 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 036-Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Susan Kelly-Luscombe**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Susan Kelly-Luscombe be reappointed to the Commission on Disabilities.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 036 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 037-Reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Christopher Hannan**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Christopher Hannan be reappointed to the Community Preservation Committee.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 037 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**12 038-Reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Donna O'Sullivan**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that Donna O'Sullivan be reappointed to the Community Preservation Committee.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 038 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **12 039-Reserve Fund Transfer-Building Maintenance**

CFO McKinney noted that this item requires input from Mike Gallagher, who is not available to attend this evening.

### **12 040-Reserve Fund Transfer-Veterans Benefits**

CFO McKinney introduced the new Veterans Director, Joanne Parisi. They are requesting the town transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the reserve fund to Veterans Services to fund the costs associated with providing veterans services. The department may need an additional request before the end of the fiscal year to meet the demands.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 0 40 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **12 041-Police Department Line Item Transfer**

CFO McKinney, Chief Grimes and Capt. Comperchio requested the transfer of \$653,603 from salary line items to equipment, vehicles, and security items including ammunition and ongoing firearms training. There was a discussion of the types and number of vehicles, and the status of hires and training. There was also a discussion of the current and future budgetary issues including cost to train the new recruits. The department has not settled with the unions yet and is mindful of possible retroactive payment. \$17,400 is requested to repower the harbormaster's vessel "SeaWatch". The ship needs to be kept in working order to provide security during the Fore River Bridge construction. Vice Chairman O'Connor congratulated the chief for his fiscal responsibility, and reminded the committee that the department consistently returns money to the town each year.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 041 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **12 023-Free Cash-Receipts – Special Purpose Stabilization Fund**

CFO McKinney noted this was voted out of committee on April 2, 2012; however the Town Council referred it back to committee for a language revision in the measure. The purpose of the measure is to get the funds moved to the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund quicker than waiting for free cash to be certified. There was a discussion on the wording in each measure and the intent. Auditor Swanson agreed with the CFO's intent. Councilor Hackett apologized if her comments came across as overly aggressive in the last meeting; she has had several conversations since then. She is concerned with the mechanism and drawing down free cash that could be used for items in this fiscal year. CFO McKinney noted that accepting payment does not require a vote; depositing and withdrawing the funds does. The account was set up prior to his tenure, but a separate account could be set up for tracking. He will discuss with DOR to see what can be done, but Rockland based a budget on a presumed payment that was not received and this started the whole issue with DOR. Councilor Hackett is concerned with tying up of payments.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 12 033 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Host Community Agreement Mitigation Funds**

Auditor Swanson provided an updated list. He has gone through each item and noted the funding and tracked changes. Councilor Mathews cautioned cross-referencing; DPW has dump trucks on the list, and while they may have purchased some, it doesn't negate the need for them and shouldn't necessarily remove them from the list. Some items are completed and should be removed, such as the design for Middle and Washington Streets, which the state paid for. Chairman DiFazio noted there are three other items on the list that can potentially be removed from the list. He will work on further revisions with Auditor Swanson. They need to maintain a list while tracking what has already been expended on those items. Councilor Smart noted the intent of the agreement was to supplement funding; not necessarily fully fund. Chairman DiFazio noted he is not in favor of prioritizing. Councilor Mathews noted that he would prefer to prioritize; it's difficult to track money already spent, particularly in the parks and recreation items and Legion Field, without the original spreadsheet. The bottom line is that the Mayor has requested a prioritized list with the funds they currently have. The comment was made that the council does not approach the Mayor with requests. Vice Chairman O'Connor agreed with Councilor Smart; each has his own priority and it isn't healthy to debate over whose is more important. The Mayor has the best knowledge where the priorities lie. The town council can vote it down if it does not agree with her recommendation.

Chairman DiFazio suggested maintaining a list of the items that still need to be done, track the funds that have been spent on some, and come back with recommendations for use of HCA funds. It doesn't have to be the Mayor who brings a request before the council; the committee can propose measures. Councilor Smart noted that the two largest items, Legion Field and Columbian Square can't be done until the design phase is completed and it doesn't make sense to push them through. Councilor Hackett recommended prioritizing those items that are directly a result of the project. Councilor Smart noted the council will not likely let the money sit; development will trigger payments, and that will be happening quickly. Councilor Mathews recommended a review by department to see what items are still needed and prioritize those items. He believes it will be difficult to track funds already spent on Legion Field and parks and recreation items.

### **Discussion regarding Weymouth representatives to SSTTDC**

Since Jim Wilson's appearance, several questions arose for the representatives of SSTTDC. Councilor Mathews will have copies of the minutes from that meeting to Mr. Wall and Connolly and will contact by phone for confirmation of the statements that were made at that meeting and request an appearance at a future date. Both indicated their phone lines are open to any councilor, but they haven't come before the council in many months. Vice Chairman O'Connor asked when they appeared last. Councilor Smart noted a phone call is not sufficient; they should be willing to appear. Chairman DiFazio recommended scheduling them for an appointment to appear before the council and

residents. Councilor Mathews reviewed the chronological process; he has been trying to get them before committee over several months, and various postponements happened. It's important to get Tri-Town in separately as well, to determine their future. This process has been ongoing for months. Chairman DiFazio suggested it's time for a letter to the Mayor requesting their presence. Councilor Mathews noted they were committed in December, but did not wish to commit without Mr. Ryan. Once Mr. Wall and Connolly have a chance to review the minutes, they will be issued a formal request to appear. Councilor Mathews noted he has been back and forth several times in an attempt to get them to appear before the committee. Chairman DiFazio recommended putting a motion forward requesting a formal invitation through the Mayor. Councilor Mathews will formally invite them to the first meeting in May.

At 9:04 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to adjourn the Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio  
Chairman Budget/Management