

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
September 16, 2019, Tuesday

Present: Arthur Mathews, Vice President
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Absent: Michael Smart, President

Also Present: Robert Hedlund, Mayor
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Robert Luongo, Director of Planning
John MacLeod, Director of Asset Management
Steve Reilly, Director of Recreation

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Vice President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Boy Scouts from Troop 2 were recognized. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent. Vice President Mathews reported that President Smart is unwell and won't be present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Heffernan announced his thanks to those who attended the September 11, 2019 Substance Abuse discussion.

Councilor Heffernan announced the Register of Deeds will hold office hours at town hall on October 3, 2019.

Councilor Heffernan announced the Great Pumpkin Give-a-Wey festivities to take place on October 6, 2019.

Councilor Hackett announced that Weymouth is under a EEE moderate risk level warning. Spraying takes place on Thursday evenings, targeting high risk areas, under the direction of staff,

certain playing fields were also sprayed. This is the last week of spraying, but they will continue to take specific neighborhood requests. There are no restrictions on outdoor activities, but residents are urged to take precautions.

Councilor Haugh announced a Compressor Site- Public Meeting will be held on October 10, 2019 to present the Draft Release Abatement Measure Plan and solicit public comment, 7-9 PM, Abigail Adams Auditorium.

Councilor Happel announced a Meat Raffle will be held on September 20, 2019 at the Cottage Bar, to benefit 2nd annual Irish Heritage Day (3/29/2020).

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

OLD BUSINESS

19 022-Contract for Independent Audit-Fiscal Years 2019-2021

Councilor Molisse stated that after review of the solicitation process, the vote on measure 19 022-Contract for Independent Audit-Fiscal Year 2019-2021 is hereby rescinded. A new measure 19 095 will be handled later under Budget/Management's Review of Committee.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to rescind the vote on measure 19 022-Contract for Independent Audit-Fiscal Years 2019-2021 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS

19 103-CPA Preservation of Select Library Items

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Solicitor Callanan requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$7,480 from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund Balance account for conservation and preservation of select drawings and documents from Weymouth Public Libraries' Historical Collections as described in the request put forward by the Weymouth Public Libraries. Supporting documentation was provided by the Department of Planning and Development.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 103 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee- Councilor Michael Molisse, Chair

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met earlier in the evening to deliberate the following measures:

19 095-Contract for Independent Audit FY19-23

This matter was referred to the committee on September 3, 2019. The committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee a motion was made by Councilor Molisse that the Town of Weymouth approve the award of a three (3) year contract for the independent audit services to be performed in FY20 through FY22 to Melanson Heath & Co., and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 099- Appointment to Construction Steering Committee- George Berg

This measure was referred on September 3, 2019. The committee met and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. Berg was not present.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 099; that the town of Weymouth appoint George Berg of 74 Summer Street to the Construction Steering Committee for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022. Replacing Gilbert Starkey.

The motion was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 100- Appointment to Board of Assessors (Alternate)- Denice Alexander

This measure was referred on September 3, 2019. The committee met and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Ms. Alexander was invited to the table.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 100; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Denice Alexander of 30 Manatee Road to the Board of Assessors (Alternate) for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Replacing John Sheehan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 101-Appointment to Youth Coalition-Kathryn Howard

This measure was referred on September 3, 2019. The committee met and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Ms. Howard was invited to the table.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 101; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the

Town Charter, appoint Kathryn Howard of 103 Rustic Drive to the Youth Coalition for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 102-Appointment to Scholarship Committee-Caitlin McInnes

This measure was referred on September 3, 2019. The committee met and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Ms. McInnes was invited to the table.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 102; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Caitlin McInnes to the Scholarship Committee for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Councilor Harrington noted, for the benefit of the boy scouts in attendance-the last four measures are an example of citizenship- individuals who volunteer their time to help the town. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2019. Vice President Mathews reminded the public that there would not be a preliminary election.

At 7:48 PM; there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 7 October 2019