

**Budget/Management Committee Minutes
Town Hall Council Chambers
31 July 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairperson
Pascale Burga
Maureen Kiely
Greg Shanahan

Absent: Christopher Heffernan, Vice Chairperson

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Town Auditor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor
James Clark, Chair of the Historical Commission

Recording Secretary: Janet P. Murray

Chair Molisse called the Budget/Management Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., July 31, 2023.

23 110 – CPA Request – Historic Map Restoration

James Clark, chairman of the Historical Commission, requested that the town allocate \$4500 to clean, remove varnish from, and repair a 2' x 3' map of Weymouth that Bristol Brothers have donated to the town. This map dates to about 1853.

Councilor Burga asked if the map could be scanned and made available on the town's website.

Mr. Clark stated that they will receive a digital copy. He added that he will work with the town about having it available online. He reported that there is a similar map in the history room of the library.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee that this map will be restored using a newer process involving varnish and adding a linen backing.

Councilor Kiely made a motion to recommend **FAVORABLE ACTION** on **Measure 23 110** to the full Town Council and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Motion passed 4-0.

23 090 – Free Cash for Riley Field Pickleball Courts

Councilor Molisse stated that this measure was tabled on 6/12/2023.

Councilor Burga made a motion to remove measure 23 090 from the table for discussion and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilor Molisse stated that there was a glitch in advertising this measure, so it was not discussed at the previous meeting. He continued that Steve Riley is still working with neighbors about noise and a number of other things, so he does not have everything together yet.

Councilor Molisse suggested keeping this measure on the table until September 18, 2023.

Councilor Burga agreed with Councilor Molisse and added that notifying the neighbors and receiving their input is important as they had many concerns about this measure.

Councilor Kiely made a motion to keep measure #23 090 on the **TABLE** until 9/18/2023 and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Motion passed 4-0.

16 101 – Legal Counsel Representation for Town Council

Councilor Molisse stated that this measure was presented by Councilor Brian McDonald. There had been concerns between the executive and legislative branches of the town's government and each branch employing their own legal counsel was the object of this measure. The measure has been sitting in committee for a long time with no action.

Councilor Molisse stated that the measure was referred to the committee on 6/17/2016 and the committee met on 9/16/2016, 6/27/2017, and 3/19/2018. The background information is that they went to the State's Ethics Commission and got an opinion from Jim Lampkey. He added that Diane Hachey had reached out to Kopelman and Paige for an estimate to employ a part-time solicitor. The measure did not go anywhere. He noted that the current situation with the Town Solicitor is working well.

Councilor Molisse suggested sending this measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation of No Action.

Councilor Burga stated that she agreed with Councilor Molisse as the Town Council is happy with the current Town Solicitor and if the Council were to hire their own counsel, that person would report back any conflicts to the Town Solicitor which would nullify the process itself. She also noted that there would be a cost factor to the town.

Councilor Burga made a motion to recommend **NO ACTION** on measure #16 101 to the full Town Council and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilor Kiely made a motion to **ADJOURN** at 7:10 p.m. and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Janet Murray as Recording Secretary

Approved by Chair Michael Molisse
Voted unanimously on 18 September 2023