

APPROVED

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 27, 2020, Monday
ZOOM #82811553264

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

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
James Malary, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present.

MINUTES

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the Ordinance Committee Meeting of March 9, 2020 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the Town Council Meeting of March 9, 2020 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20 017-Utility Application/National Grid Gas Installation Replacement North Street and Shaw Street- originally held 3/9, continued to 3/16, rescheduled to today **Abutters originally notified on 2/28 and re-notified on 4/14**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to re-open the public hearing on 20 017 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mary Mulroney of National Grid presented the petition to install and maintain approximately 210 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in North St., Weymouth, from existing 4 inch gas main at house #240 northerly to the intersection of Shaw St. and approximately 1275 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in Shaw St., from the new gas main in North St. easterly to the existing 3 inch gas main in Green St. at #84, all of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas main in North St. and the existing 2 inch gas main in Shaw St.

President Mathews read the advertisement. He asked Ms. Mulroney whether she had anything to add. She did not.

Council President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public. He explained how to participate in the public hearing on Zoom. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, 9-0.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to consider action on 20 017 under 2-9(b), same night action, and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, 9-0.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve measure 20 017; that the Town of Weymouth consent to the locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the public streets, lanes, highways and places of the Town of Weymouth and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said

mains and/or accomplish the objects of said mains and/or accomplish the objects of said Company, and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same:

To install and maintain approximately 210 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in North St., Weymouth, from existing 4 inch gas main at house #240 northerly to the intersection of Shaw St. and approximately 1275 feet more or less of 4 inch gas main in Shaw St., from the new gas main in North St. easterly to the existing 3 inch gas main in Green St. at #84, all of which to replace and abandon the existing 2 inch gas main in North St. and the existing 2 inch gas main in Shaw St.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

OLD BUSINESS

District Six Councilor Search Committee -Announce Committee Composition and Logistics -Chairman Michael Molisse

Vice President Molisse reported on the committee creation and the schedule. He read the process from the Charter. On March 6, the president announced the formation of a search committee, consisting of 5 members. The candidates were solicited and responded by March 16th. Applications were reviewed for residency, voter status, and the first meeting was held last week to determine how to move forward. Twelve candidates responded and were contacted regarding interviews. The meetings will begin in open session but interviews will take place in executive session. Each candidate will be offered the chance to answer two questions from each of the committee members. Once the interviews are complete, the committee will make a recommendation to the full Town Council for its deliberation.

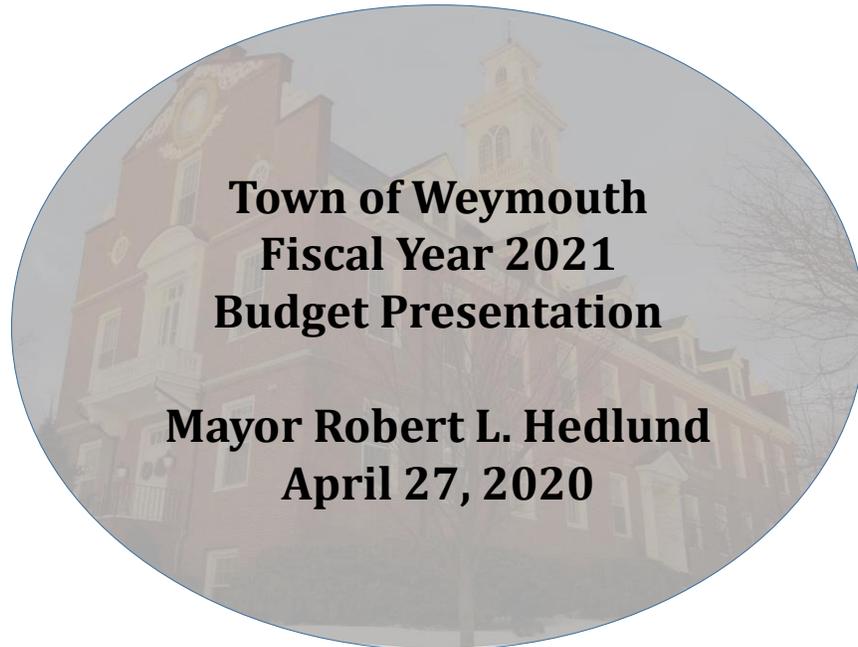
COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget –Mayor Robert Hedlund –Ted Langill- Chief of Staff

Mayor Hedlund addressed the Council, beginning by wishing the Council and the public well, and commending the Chief of Staff for the presentations, with a shout out to the staff; especially in the collections office. This is uncharted territory with the pandemic and the town is months away from knowing the full fiscal impact. They don't have the answers. This is the beginning of a longer process. The budget will change more than once in the upcoming year, and is dependent upon how much aid the town receives from the federal government. Assumptions are presented based on the most up to date information. A freeze was instituted on spending and not filling positions. Expenses are being kept down, and resources kept to diminished demand. As a result of the pandemic, they need to expect and prepare for significant declines in state revenues. They plan for the worst, but hope for the best. This was not the traditional budget exercise. They plan to keep what has been built. A salary freeze was instituted for all nonunion employees.

Operating expenses were reduced. Fixed costs (health insurance, debt service, pensions, retirements, building and liability insurance) increases are a consideration and they are rising by about \$3.8 million (2.2% increase over 2020). To offset the rising costs, they had to reduce other department budgets and line items by \$177,573,130 (1.8% increase over 2020), Water Enterprise budget is flat, Sewer Enterprise is 1.5% over, CPA \$918,000. There are a couple of areas of hope; with sound fiscal management they were able to grow the reserves so there is \$8.2 million in stabilization. They are proposing to use most of the remaining free cash to create a Covid-19 reserve. They expect some federal relief, but with strings attached. Use of any of the one-time reserves will only temporarily fill expected revenue gaps. Measures will help only if the economy rebounds sooner than later. Circumstances will overtake any degree of planning they take here. He commended the department heads, staff and the council, and he gave a shout to essential employees, first responders, grocery workers, truck drivers and volunteers in town.

Chief of Staff Langill presented the following COVID-19 budget reflecting the current state and noted, as the Mayor indicated, this will not be the final one presented.





THE FISCAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

Impact of the Great Recession (2008):	8.8 million jobs lost in the U.S.
Impact (so far) during COVID-19:	26 million jobs lost in the U.S. (8.8 million every 10 days)
Massachusetts Job Loss (as of 4/18):	650,000 (17% Unemployment) February MA Unemployment = 2.8%
State's April 220 Mid-Month Revenue Report:	Total Tax Collection down \$293 million (25%) versus the same period in April 2019
State's Economic Roundtable Estimates:	Up to \$1 billion less revenue in FY20 Up to \$4.4 billion less revenue in FY21
Weymouth's Year to Date Fiscal Report:	Revenues only 0.4% ahead of FY20 (as of 4/25) Town currently has \$4.8 million FY20 deficit

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THE FISCAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

In Summary, The FY21 Budget is being drafted around unprecedented circumstances...

20% Unemployment

\$5+ Billion in Lost Revenue at the State Level (FY20 and FY21)

Millions in Lost Revenue at the Local Level

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THE FISCAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

Hard to Plan (or Spend) with So Much Unknown

How Much Worse Does It Get?

- Cuts in Local Aid and for how many years?
- Full Impact on Local Receipts?
- Impact on Tax Levy Growth?

When Does the Recovery Begin – and How?

- In weeks, or months, or next year?
- V-shaped rebound?

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A BUDGET OF FISCAL NECESSITY

The FY21 budget process was not the traditional exercise in finding ways to fund new needs.

The FY21 budget being submitted was an exercise in fiscal necessity to hopefully help put us in a position to get through this recession with as much of what we have proudly built remaining intact.

That fiscal necessity was not without pain.

There were difficult decisions made in every department.

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MITIGATING THE IMPACT

Initial Mitigating Steps Taken:

- Hiring Freeze including vacant positions
- Freeze on Discretionary Spending
- All Expenditures over \$1,000 need Mayoral Approval
 - this includes previously authorized expenses
- Instructed Department Heads to Preserve Resources
 - the use of town resources should reflect no more than that required by the diminished demand for town services during the COVID-19 crisis
- Analyze Personnel for when Furloughs Become Necessary

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FY21 “COVID-19” BUDGET

This is a “preliminary” FY21 Budget – Expect that it will change over time.

Initial Budget Decisions:

- Cut \$2.3 million from Original FY21 Revenue Projections
- No Cost of Living Adjustments for Non-Union Personnel
- Froze Step Increases for Non-Union Personnel
- Cut \$1.77 million in Spending (from FY20 levels)
- Limited Total Department Spending to Less than ½% Growth

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FY21 “COVID-19” BUDGET

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78% of the Budget Increases are the Result of Increases to Fixed Costs:

- Debt Service - 5.5% increase over FY20
- Employee Health Insurance - 6.4% increase over FY20
- Retirement/Pensions - 3.2% increase over FY20
- Building/Liability Insurance - 50% increase over FY20
- State Assessments - 16.6% increase over FY20
- \$3.8 million in Fixed Cost Increases

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FY21 “COVID-19” BUDGET

Operating Revenue

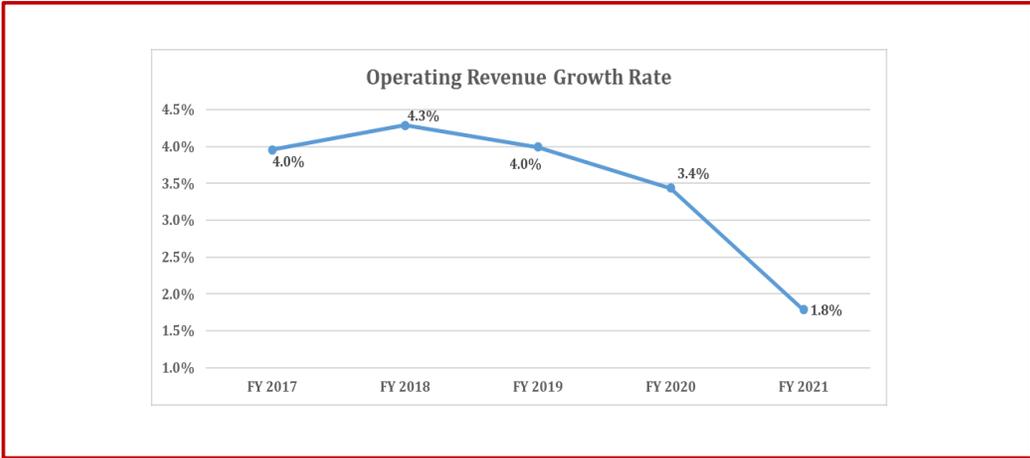
FY2021 OPERATING BUDGET

	FY20 Budget	FY21 Budget Status Pre-COVID	Variance from FY20		FY21 "COVID" Budget	Variance from FY20 (from original budget)	
Tax Levy	\$111,469,613	\$115,919,675	\$4,450,062	4.0%	\$115,222,950	\$3,753,337	3.4%
Local Receipts/Transfers	\$23,666,741	\$24,001,109	\$334,368	1.4%	\$23,041,002	-\$625,739	-2.6%
Cherry Sheet (State Aid)	\$39,309,178	\$39,975,287	\$666,109	1.7%	\$39,309,178	\$0	0.0%
OPERATING REVENUE	\$174,445,532	\$179,896,071	\$5,450,539	3.1%	\$177,573,130	\$3,127,598	1.8%

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FY21 "COVID-19" BUDGET



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FY21 "COVID-19" BUDGET

FY20 Operating Budget	\$174,445,532
FY21 Fixed Cost Increases	
Health Insurance	\$1,404,934
State Assessments	\$1,042,260
Debt Service	\$586,387
Property/Liability Insurance	\$400,000
Pension/Retirement	\$367,574
	\$3,801,155
FY21 Department Increases	
Schools	\$772,978
Fire	\$131,376
Police	\$145,027
All Other Department Increases	\$51,476
	\$4,902,012
	BUDGET INCREASES \$4,902,012
	FY21 DEPARTMENT DECREASES -\$1,774,414
	TOTAL INCREASE \$3,127,598
FY21 Operating Budget	\$177,573,130

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FY21 “COVID-19” BUDGET

SAFETY NETS

Create a \$1.5 million Reserve Fund for COVID-19 Impacts
-From Remaining Free Cash

\$8.2 million Stabilization Fund

Unknown Relief from Federal Government (Administered by State)

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FY21 “COVID-19” BUDGET

USE OF STABILIZATION FUND (and Reserves)

Stabilization Funds are meant for just that - to stabilize our existing finances, not to spend more.

The use of any one-time reserve, stabilization or bailout measures would only serve to temporarily fill revenue gaps in hopes of keeping our head above water in the short-term.

These measures would only help in the long-term *IF* the economy starts to rebound sooner than later (in FY21) *AND* our recurring revenues grow back to a point of being able to permanently fill the budget shortfalls.

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FY21 "COVID-19" BUDGET

	2019 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2020 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2020 REVISED BUDGET	2020 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2021 PROPOSED	PCT CHANGE
Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$17,637,338	\$17,440,396	\$17,440,396	\$14,239,435	\$17,698,305	1.50%
Water Enterprise Fund	\$ 11,112,855	\$ 9,897,586	\$ 9,897,586	\$ 6,093,244	\$ 9,897,182	0.00%

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FY21 "COVID-19" BUDGET

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE			
Estimated Revenue	FY 20	FY 21	Change
1% Surcharge	\$751,000	\$800,000	\$49,000
State Match	\$135,000	\$114,000	(\$21,000)
Investment Income	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Total Estimated Revenue	\$890,000	\$918,000	\$28,000
Budgeted Expenditures			
Administrative Costs			
Recording Secretary	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$22,000	\$23,400	\$1,400
Salary Allocation	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Open Space & Recreation			
Mandatory Set Aside Reserve	\$89,000	\$91,800	\$2,800
Historic Resources			
Mandatory Set Aside Reserve	\$89,000	\$91,800	\$2,800
Community Housing			
Mandatory Set Aside Reserve	\$89,000	\$91,800	\$2,800
Debt Service			
Principal & Interest	\$121,187	\$111,499	(\$9,688)
General Reserve			
Total General Reserve	\$457,313	\$485,200	\$27,887
Total Appropriation Request	\$890,000	\$918,000	\$28,000

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HELP FLATTEN THE CURVE

The more we adhere to the health guidelines, the sooner we recover!

- **Wash Your Hands Frequently (for at least twenty seconds)**
- **Cover your Mouth and Nose – Avoid Touching Your Nose and Mouth**
- **Sanitize Frequently Used Surfaces**
- **Stay Home when Possible - Stay Home if You are Sick or Have Symptoms**
- **Social Distancing – Keep Six Feet Distance from Others**

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THANK YOU!

A Special Thank You to our...

**Healthcare Workers,
First Responders, and
Essential Workers and Volunteers**

**For sacrificing to be on the front lines of keeping residents
healthy, safe and provided with life's necessities!**

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Chief of Staff Langill summarized that the sooner the town can recover, the better off the town will be. He urged that people follow the guidelines, and flatten the curve to improve conditions sooner. He thanked the public health personnel, first responders, and essential workers doing their part.

Councilor Heffernan thanked the administration for the presentation. The town is in a much different place than six weeks ago. He noted how quickly the change happened, with a global economic reversal. It will be wide scale, and will be ever-changing event. It appears they are well prepared to deal with the economy in Weymouth and the budget.

Councilor Happel thanked the Mayor, Ted and staff. He liked the implementation of \$1000, and would like to know if that will save money going forward. Mr. Langill responded that he expects the revenue to be less next year, and expects free cash will be a much lower next year, but doesn't know what it means going forward. it's a \$4.8 million problem that will need to be fixed.

Councilor Hackett asked Mr. Langill to give an overview of the current projections for this round of the budget. Mr. Langill responded that most comes from the tax levy, state aid, local receipts, and lowered each of them. Revenue projections are estimated. The state has built up a stabilization but what remains to help cities and towns remains to be seen. The town has had pretty conservative budgets in the last few years, to their benefit now. New growth should be up there, but payments were delayed, and unemployment effect is unknown at this time. Going back to 2010; the town didn't have a decrease in tax revenue. Councilor Hackett asked if \$1.5 million in free cash rolling to a reserve fund is over and above the \$1.8 million? Mr. Langill confirmed that is was.

Vice President Molisse thanked them (a brief power outage interrupted his attendance). He appreciated the openness in the process, and looks forward to working it out.

Councilor Heffernan noted Massachusetts was declared a public health disaster zone; and asks if the administration expects any of the funds to be seen by Weymouth, and if so, how much or when? Mr. Langill responded that he is unsure as they are waiting to see. Councilor Heffernan responded that it seems to be focused in the 4th stimulus bill under consideration. The Disaster declaration included funding.

Councilor Haugh thanked the Mayor and CFO. She noted that school personnel also are present. Schools are always the biggest part of the budget, although they are getting the biggest chunk of the low increase it means they will be facing cuts as wells. She asked to confirm they will meet on Thursday to discuss the steps they will have to take. They confirmed.

20 055-Fiscal Year 2021 General Government Annual Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,573,130 to provide for all the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's several departments and activities for the fiscal year 2021, and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the conditions specified. The sources of funding for said expenditures are as outlined in the Revenue Projections, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 055 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes,

Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 056-Free Cash for Fiscal Year 2021 Reserve Fund

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$1,500,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of establishing a Fiscal Year 2021 Reserve Fund.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 056 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 057-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2020 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and revolving account 5209 for Parks and Recreation established by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53D. Furthermore, that each of these revolving accounts is permitted to accept funds in the aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

Account	Fund Name	Limit to Accept	Limit to Expend
5201	Conservation	\$30,000	\$30,000
5202	Law Enforcement (local)	\$50,000	\$50,000
5209	Parks and Recreation	1,150,000	\$1,100,000
5210	Law Enforcement (federal)	\$100,000	\$100,000
5216	Community Services	\$150,000	\$150,000
5221	Police Cruiser	\$91,500	\$91,500
5224	Field Permit	\$400,000	\$365,000
5235	Harbor Master	\$85,000	\$85,000

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 057 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 058-Gift Accounts Annual Authorization

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requests that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2020 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53A. Furthermore, that each of these gift accounts is permitted to accept gifts and/or donations in aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

Account	Fund Description	Limit to Accept	Limit to Expend
5401	Junior Police Academy	\$15,000	\$15,000
5406	Fourth of July	\$25,000	\$25,000
5408	Library	\$5,000	\$5,000
5409	Health	\$5,000	\$3,000
5410	Health Clinics	\$10,000	\$15,000
5414	Fire Department	\$5,000	\$15,000
5423	Veteran’s Donations	\$1,000	\$5,000
5431	Weymouth Day	\$20,000	\$60,000
5435	Canine Donations	\$5,000	\$7,000
8324	Franklin Pratt A	None required	\$15,000
8338	James Humphrey Bequest	None required	\$12,000
8339	Christine Sweetser	None required	\$17,000

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 058 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 059-Sewer Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 21 Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,698,305 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during the fiscal year 2021 for the Sewer Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, an expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 059 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes,

Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 060-Sewer Department-MWRA I/I Phase 11 Allocation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$2,540,000 for the purpose of planning, construction, and reconstruction of sewers, sewer systems, and sewerage disposal facilities, consisting of infiltration/inflow improvements; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$2,540,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (hereinafter called the “Authority”); and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and /or a security agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract for and to expend any federal or state aid available for the project including any grants related to the project from the Authority; that that the Mayor is authorized to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 060 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 061-Sewer Retained Earnings-Pump Station Improvements

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with sewer pump station improvements.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 061 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 062-Water Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 21 Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,897,182 from the Water Enterprise Fund

receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation and expenses during fiscal year 2021 for the Water Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 062 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 063-Water Retained Earnings-Capital Equipment

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vehicles and associated equipment.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 063 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 064-Water Retained Earnings-Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Improvements

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Water Treatment Plant improvements.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 064 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 065-Community Preservation Fund Annual Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2021 Community Preservation Budget in the amount of \$918,000. Estimated revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2021 are identified on the attached exhibit.

Community Preservation Committee

<u>Estimated Revenue</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>Change</u>
1% Surcharge	\$751,000	\$800,000	\$49,000
State Match	\$135,000	\$114,000	\$(21,000)
Investment Income	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$-
Interest & Penalties	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$-
<u>Total Estimated Revenue</u>	<u>\$890,000</u>	<u>\$918,000</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>

Budgeted Expenditures

Administrative Costs

Recording Secretary	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$22,000	\$23,400	\$1,400
Salary Allocation	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$-
<u>Total Administrative Costs (maximum 5%)</u>	<u>\$44,500</u>	<u>\$45,900</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>

Open Space and Recreation

Mandatory Set Aside Reserve	\$89,000	\$91,800	\$2,800
<u>Total Open Space and Recreation</u>	<u>\$89,000</u>	<u>\$91,800</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>

Historic Resources

Mandatory Set Aside Reserve	\$89,000	\$91,800	\$2,800
<u>Total Historic Resources</u>	<u>\$89,000</u>	<u>\$91,800</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>

Community Housing

Mandatory Set Aside Reserve	\$89,000	\$91,800	\$2,800
<u>Total Community Housing</u>	<u>\$89,000</u>	<u>\$91,800</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>

Debt Service

Principal & Interest	\$121,187	\$111,500	\$(9,687)
<u>Total Debt Service *</u>	<u>\$121,187</u>	<u>\$111,500</u>	<u>\$(9,687)</u>

General Reserve

<u>Total General Reserve</u>	<u>\$457,313.00</u>	<u>\$485,200.00</u>	<u>\$27,887</u>
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Total Appropriation Request

<u>Total Appropriation Request</u>	<u>\$890,000.00</u>	<u>\$918,000.00</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
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*The Total Open Space & Recreation Budgeted Expenditure plus the Total Debt Service Budgeted Expenditure equal the Total Principal and Interest of the King Oak Hill Acquisition Bond Payment. Payoff is FY22.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 065 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 066-CPC Funding for Open Space and Trail Projects

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate \$234,587 from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund to fund expenses associated with the restoration of the trails and playground at the Sarah Brassil playground; located off of Century Road in South Weymouth.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 066 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 067-CPC Funding for Open Space and Trail Projects

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate \$23,861 from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund to fund expenses associated with trail and open space projects by the Weymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 067 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 068-Free Cash for a Rental Assistance Reserve Fund

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of establishing a Rental Assistance Reserve Fund for Weymouth families who have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A program and guidelines for qualifications and award have been established by the Weymouth Youth and Family Services Department. Funding will supplement existing funding through the Weymouth Youth and Family Services. The Town will work to supplement this Relief Fund with additional grants, donations, and other government relief money.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 068 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 069-Free Cash for a Small Business Relief Fund

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of establishing a Relief Fund to assist Weymouth Small Businesses that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A program and guidelines for qualifications and award will be established under the direction of the Weymouth Planning Director. The Town will work to supplement this relief fund with additional grants, donations, and other government relief money.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 069 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 070-Free Cash for Fiscal Year 20 Snow Removal

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$354,772 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2020 snow removal budget. This amount is to be placed in fund account 0002 and any unexpended balances as of June 30, 2020 will fall to free cash.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 070 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 071-Free Cash for Police and Fire Department Radios

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash and \$210,000 from Account 02410007 588001 (16 028) for the purpose of purchasing communications radios for the police and fire departments.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 071 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 072-Amending Measure 19 017

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth amend measure 19 017. Strike the first paragraph and replace with the following:

“Ordered, that the sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs associated with renovation and furnishing of the Abigail Adams Middle School including, but not limited to, the school building, any existing or new ancillary buildings, garages, workshops, and any infrastructure or related site work necessary to complete the associated project, located at 89 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02189, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.”

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 072 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. Councilor Haugh asked if a public hearing is required. Solicitor Callanan responded suggested it should be since the original measure called for it, and it is a change to the original. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes,

Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 073-Paying Legal Department Bills

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth make the following two financial transactions, for the purpose of paying legal bills through the end of FY20, almost exclusively for the opposition to the natural gas companies' expansion plans in Weymouth:

1. Line Item Transfer from Town Solicitor –Judgment, Claims and Damages line item to Town Solicitor-Litigation-Special Counsel line item in the amount of \$40,000.
2. Line Item Transfer from Town Solicitor-Salaries line item to the Town Solicitor-Litigation-Special Counsel line item in the amount of \$89,072; and
3. Supplemental Appropriation from Free Cash to the Town Solicitor-Litigation Special Counsel line item in the amount of \$78,794.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

CFO Langill noted the measure actually refers to three transactions. A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 073 to the Budget/Management Committee, as amended, and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 074-Accepting Certain Property Tax Exemptions

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council and with the approval of the Mayor, move to accept the provisions of General Laws, chapter 59, section 5, clauses 17E, 22G, 41A, and 41C, sub-clauses (1,3 and 4), in addition to section 5C-1/2, which allows the Town to increase property tax exemptions by increasing the amount of the allowable exemption, increasing maximum asset and income limits, lowering the interest rate on deferred taxes, and lowering the eligible age.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 074 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Ordinance Committee -Chair Kenneth DiFazio

Chairman DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met on April 22, 2020 to deliberate the following measures:

20 013-Traffic Regulations for Chauncy Street

This measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 3, March 9 and April 22, 2020. A public hearing was held on March 9, 2020. The committee voted to forward the measure to the full town council on April 22, 2020, with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, a motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to approve measure 20 013; that the town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Sections 13-103(b) 13-103(e), and 13-104(d), authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Parking Restricted			
Street	Side	Location	Regulation Type
Chauncy Street	Northeast	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	Angle Parking
Chauncy Street	Southwest	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	No Parking Any Time
One-Way Street			
Street	Location	Direction	
Chauncy Street	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	Southeast Bound	

And cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1- Appendix A, under Schedule III, Parking Restricted, and under a new heading, Schedule XIII, One Way Streets. The motion was seconded by Vice President Molisse. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel- Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, and President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2020.

At 8:50 PM; there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ATTACHMENTS:

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council

Voted unanimously on 18 May 2020