

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
June 3, 2013- Monday**

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

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Michael Gallagher, Director, Administration & Comm. Svcs.
James Clarke, Director, Planning & Development
Walter Flynn, Chair CPC

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

13 099-Appointment/Contract for Town Auditor

Councilor Mathews reported that under section 2-8(a) of the town charter, he has submitted a measure for consideration of Richard Swanson, to an appointment to position of Town Auditor for a three-year term. He reviewed Mr. Swanson's employment history with the town. He also noted that the new contract represents no change from the current; it is a part-time position- 960 hours per year, with no increase in compensation. He performs an independent annual internal audit and assists with the external audit. A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward 13 099-Appointment/Contract for Town Auditor, to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Unanimously voted.

13 101-Reserve Fund Transfer-Auto/Property/Liability Insurance—May 2013 Invoice

Michael Gallagher requested on behalf of the Mayor that the town transfers the sum of \$104,000 from the Reserve Fund to cover the last payment of the town's insurance policy. Fiscal year coverage is November 1st-October 31st. He is actively working with the town's agent to curb the town's costs, including a driving class that will be scheduled once school closes for all employees who are required to drive in the course of employment for the town. He reviewed the increases and drivers over the last year. Chairman DiFazio asked if the insurance carrier set a price for the year. Rates increased in November when the policy was renewed, and increased again with a buyout of the carrier. The town is obligated with the current carrier until the next renewal. The only other option is to go with the state insurer who doesn't want to work with the town. The town is looking at self-insuring as an option. Mr. Gallagher reviewed some of the cases under litigation; there are external suits that the town must defend. Councilor Mathews noted it's critical that the situation be brought under some control. Councilor Smart asked if the vendor will consider lowering rates in return for the driver education program. He noted the town's options are extremely limited with three carriers and one who will not look at insuring the town. Auditor Swanson reported that he has reviewed the funding source and there are sufficient funds to support the request.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward measure 13 101 Reserve Fund Transfer-Auto/Property/Liability Insurance-May 2013 Invoice to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Unanimously voted.

13 102-Community Preservation Committee-Pond Plain Improvement Association Building

James Clarke and Walter Flynn reviewed the request on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 from the CPC-General Reserve to fund the costs associated with repair and improvements at the Pond Plain Improvement Association headquarters and meeting room. Mr. Clarke reported that the Council approved two prior requests for funding assistance; from the Host Community and Stabilization funds. The building is presently not on the national Register of Historic Places but is being reviewed by the commission; in April it was determined to be historically important as one of the oldest continuously run civic organizations.

Chairman DiFazio asked if the Association had received any prior CPC funding. It has not. He also asked if the request meets the criteria under historical resources. It does, but those funds are dedicated to the bonding for Emery Estate. Auditor Swanson reported that he has reviewed the CPC funds and there is sufficient funding in the general reserve to support the request.

Councilor Mathews noted that when the Council voted to approve funds from the HCA, he was not aware that additional funding would be sought and asked what is driving the additional costs. Mr. Flynn responded that additional structural work was necessary. It was discussed in depth at CPC. Councilor Mathews asked how much of the repairs were reimbursed by insurance. Mr. Flynn responded that \$75,000 was received from the insurance company. During this discussion, Vice Chairman O'Connor arrived. Councilor Mathews asked if there are any other pending projects under consideration by the CPC. Mr. Clarke responded that there is an application for part of the Back River trail which is currently tabled while the matter is in land court. Councilor DiFazio asked if the Pond Plain Improvement Center anticipates any further request for funding. Mr. Clarke responded no.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward measure 13 102 CPC-Pond Plain Improvement Association Building Repairs, to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Unanimously voted.

13 103-Community Preservation Committee-Lakeview Manor Housing Units

Mr. Flynn and Mr. Clarke reviewed the request on behalf of the Mayor and the Community Preservation Committee that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,000 from the CPC-Community Housing to fund the costs associated with demolishing a vacant day care center and constructing four handicap accessible units on Joseph Fern Court/Lakeview Manor. Mr. Michael Flaherty, Housing Commissioner, presented the request to the CPC. The day care center was closed and the building abandoned; and it is in poor condition. The building will be taken down and low cost VA ADA housing units will be built. \$200,000 of the cost is requested from the CPC- affordable housing set aside, and the balance will come from HUD and the state. Auditor Swanson reported that he has reviewed the funding source and there are sufficient funds to meet the request. He noted the source is CPS-Housing set aside and that the Reserve Fund referenced in the measure is a typo. Councilor Mathews noted that he hopes preference will be given to Weymouth veterans when the housing is built. Vice Chairman O'Connor noted there is language in the Senate's budget to set aside funds from the water bottle deposit bill for CPC if passed.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward item 13 103-Community Preservation Committee-Lakeview Manor Housing Units to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. A public hearing will be held on June 17, 2013. Unanimously voted.

13 104- Reappointment to the Board of Registrars-Michele Cronin

Chairman DiFazio noted that the Mayor has requested consideration of Michele Cronin, 65 Hinston Road, for reappointment to the Board of Registrars. Her term will expire June 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward measure 13 104-Reappointment to the Board of Registrars-Michele Cronin to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Unanimously voted.

13 105- Appointment to the Board of Health-Dave Morgan

Chairman DiFazio noted the Mayor has requested consideration of Dave Morgan, 40 Tommy Marks Way, to the Board of Health, for a term to expire on June 30, 2014. This is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Rennie. Mr. Morgan was invited to table to review his interest and experience.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward measure 13 105-Appointment to the Board of Health, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Unanimously voted.

13 106- Appointment to the Cultural Council-Liz Boston

Chairman DiFazio noted that Ms. Boston left a message that she was unable to be present; however, the committee was provided with backup in the request from the Mayor for consideration of Liz Boston, 16 Paomet Road for appointment to the Cultural Council. Her term will expire on June 30, 2015.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward measure 13 106-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Liz Boston to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Unanimously voted.

13 107- Appointment to the Cultural Council-Annemarie Gable

Chairman DiFazio noted the Mayor has requested consideration of Annemarie Gable, 23 Edgeworth Street for appointment to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2015. Ms. Gable was invited to table to review her interest and experience.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward measure 13 107-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Annemarie Gable to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Unanimously voted.

Councilor Mathews noted he will look to have these appointments taken out of order in the Council's agenda.

Adjournment

At 7:25 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio, Chair of the Budget/Management Committee