

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
June 17, 2013, Monday**

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

Not present: Michael Molisse, Councilor

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Michael Gallagher, Director of Admin. and Community Services
Dr. Kenneth Salim, Superintendent of WPS

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A Motion was made by Councilor Mathews to take measure 13 101 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Chairman DiFazio reported that this measure was referred on May 20, 2013. The Committee met on June 3, 2013 and continued it. Michael Gallagher and Tim LaRivere were invited to the table. Mr. Gallagher reported that there have been significant increases in premiums over the last few years and they have met quarterly to review claims. CFO McKinney noted that a prior measure requested \$14,000 and the last request was for \$5,000 to pay a single invoice. It will take another \$104,000 to finish the year. Argo purchased the town's carrier Trident and imposed an increase to increase their profit margin. The town and the broker are looking at other options.

Councilor Smart noted that Councilor Lacey had requested a copy of the claims that were resolved and they were provided with six years worth. Weymouth is not trending worse than other towns. Some of the factors are internal; some external. The number of claims hasn't increased as much as the cost of the current claims. The town has taken some steps to mitigate losses; they will hold a claims management meeting and conduct a driver education program for applicable employees.

The town is locked into the current pricing until November. Mr. LaRivere does not recommend cancelling the policy at this time. He will go back and have a discussion with Travelers. The town will contact the MAIA separately (MAIA does not work with brokers). They are also looking at other products; some with larger deductibles, and possibly self-insuring.

Councilor Mathews noted that if the town were to self-insure, it would require an administrator.

A Motion was made by Councilor Mathews to forward 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.

13 109-Line Item Transfer-Veterans Benefits

CFO McKinney reported on the request for the town to transfer \$5,000 unexpended funds from the salary line to Veterans Benefits to pay for services for veterans. Councilor Smart asked if this amount would be sufficient through the end of the fiscal year. CFO McKinney responded that it should.

A Motion was made by Councilor Mathews to forward 13 109-Line Item Transfer-Veterans Benefits to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 108-Unexpended 02 Account Balances-FY 2014 School Department

CFO McKinney reported that the Administration developed a list of unexpended funds from various 02 accounts and free cash to help the School Department meet the net school spending requirement. Some of these funds go back to ATM 2007. During this discussion, Vice Chairman O'Connor arrived. Dr. Salim presented the committee with a list of needs the School Committee is compiling of those items that will count towards the Net School Spending requirement. CFO McKinney noted that it will be monitored.

Chairman DiFazio noted much of the list is personnel. Vice Chairman O'Connor noted he will support this. Councilor Mathews noted that the mechanism will allow the schools to have this funding available July 1st; typically additional funding would have come from a supplemental appropriation that couldn't be available until much later. Councilor Smart asked about the 53rd payroll week identified as one of the unexpended accounts.

A Motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to forward 13 108-Unexpended 02 Account Balances-FY2014 School Department to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Adjournment

At 6:38, there being no further business, a Motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Chairman Kenneth DiFazio