

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
December 16, 2013, Monday**

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

Not Present: Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

13 133-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Chris Heffernan

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on December 2, 2013. Mr. Heffernan was invited to the table to review his interest and qualifications to serve on the committee. He ran for public office in the last election and then approached the Mayor and asked in what capacity he could serve the town. She recommended him for appointment to the Community Events Committee.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward item 13 137 -Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Chris Heffernan to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 132-Stipends for Weymouth Retirement Board Members

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on December 2, 2013. Greg Hargadon of the Retirement Board was invited to the table to review. He noted that the members of the board receive a \$3,000 stipend set by state statute. Legislature has not granted an increase in sixteen years. PERAC got together with the House and Senate and imposed more scrutiny on board members, they must now disclose personal financial information; thirty members resigned in the state rather than deal with personal scrutiny. Members are also required to attend annual seminars. The board is requesting an increase from \$3,000 to \$4,500/year and they waited a year before bringing the request forward. The total of the change will cost an additional \$ 7,500. The funds are payable from the retirement funds and there are five members. This change does not require a change to the ordinance.

Solicitor Lane confirmed the change in the legislature.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward item 13 132-Stipends for Weymouth Retirement Board Members- to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 131-Free Cash-School Department

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on December 2, 2013, 2013.

Assistant Superintendent Gary Pelletier presented the request. The School Department included in its budget presentation for FY2014 the sum of \$230,258 from free cash for the purpose of operating expenses for the School Department for Fiscal Year 2014. Auditor Swanson reported that at the time this measure was reviewed, he confirmed the balance in free cash agreed with the DOR findings.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to forward item 13 131-Free Cash-School Department- to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Smart, pending public hearing. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02: PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Chairman Kenneth DiFazio

Voted unanimously by Town Council on 27 January 2014