

***Town Council Budget/Management Committee
May 16, 2012
Town Council Chambers***

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

Also present: Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
Walter Flynn, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee
Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator
Joanne Parisi, Veterans Director
Michael Coughlin, Human Resources Director

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Chairman DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

12 077-Appointment of Human Resource Director-Michael Coughlin

Mr. McKinney introduced Mr. Coughlin to the committee. Mr. Coughlin highlighted his work experience which includes employment at the Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Mental Health, and the Massachusetts Lottery. He served as the Human Resources/Training Director at all of these positions. He is a resident of the city of Quincy and confirmed that he has an extensive background in contract negotiations.

Councilor O'Connor motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

12 078-Reserve Fund Transfer-Veterans Services Salary

Ms. Parisi presented and stated that this request is being made in the amount of \$6k, resultant from a part time position, necessitating the need to become full time. This is due to the increase in volume of requests, due to returning veterans. It was confirmed that the fiscal year 2013 budget allocates for this increase. Mr. Swanson noted that the current balance in the reserve fund is \$419,962.

Councilor O'Connor motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

12 079-CDBG and Home Funding 2012-2013

Ms. Lehrer presented. Councilor Mathews requested of Mr. McKinney to ensure that all back up documentation be supplied at the time of filing the measures, as there was an issue with several measures not accompanied with back up.

Ms. Lehrer stated that the HOME Program Consortium funding totals \$657,618, of which the town's share is \$145,991. The allocation is as follows:

Administration total is \$14,599 (Weymouth administration \$11,679)
CHDO (Community Housing Development Operating) set aside is \$21,898
Housing rehabilitation is \$50k
Rental development is \$52,195
CHDO operating expenses are \$7,299

Councilor Smart asked what the requirements are for qualification of affordable housing. Ms. Lehrer will supply that information.

She noted that the fiscal year 2012 and 2013 budgets are based on an 11% reduction from fiscal year 2011. The grant administration is allocated as follows:

DPCD (Department of Planning and Community Development) for grant administration totals \$132,664
DES (Department of Elder Services) for transportation totals \$29,667
DES for programming totals \$38,716
Wey Care expenses total \$6,320
DPCD for housing services total \$30k
DPCD for rehabilitation administration totals \$55,700
Schools (namely Seach school reclamation and paving) totals \$125k
DPW (White Street) totals \$145,458
South Shore ARC (Henley Building for windows and sliders) totals \$15k
DPCD for rehabilitation encompassing regular CDBG and PI (program income) totals \$60k

Ms. Lehrer noted that the total for all projects is \$431,158 as related to the total requests, which total \$663,320. She confirmed that this year the town lost \$80k in grant funding.

Councilor O'Connor motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

12 080-Community Preservation Committee-North Cemetery Gravestone Repair

Mr. Flynn presented and noted that this funding is being requested (\$11,300) to rehabilitate the headstones of Reverend William Smith and his wife Elizabeth. It came to light that this project was necessary during the time that the Abigail Adams house was being refurbished--a large tree

is growing into the headstones and requires removal. Mr. Swanson noted that the balance in the reserve fund is sufficient to cover this measure.

Councilor O'Connor motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

12 081-Community Preservation Committee-Abigail Adams House Re-Siding

Mr. Flynn presented and noted that a review of the Abigail Adams house determined that there is deterioration about the windows of the clap boards. The Abigail Adams Society approached the committee in request of this needed funding.

Councilor O'Connor said the project looks wonderful.

Councilor O'Connor motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

Chairman DiFazio, bundled the following reappointments:

12 083-Reappointment to the Cultural Council-Lori Ann Powers

12 084-Reappointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Ronald Rizzo

12 085-Reappointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Donna Shea

12 086-Reappointment to the Recreation Commission-Steve Reilly

12 087-Reappointment to the Board of Registrars-Kenneth Karlberg

12 088-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeal-Jonathan Moriarty

Councilor O'Connor motioned for favorable action for measures 12 083 through 12 088, motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

With no further business to attend to, Councilor O'Connor motioned to adjourn at 7:10-motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane T. Hachey

Approved by: Chairman Kenneth DiFazio