

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
June 2, 2011**

PRESENT: Kenneth DiFazio
 Michael Smart
 Michael Molisse
 Patrick O'Connor

ABSENT: Arthur Mathews

OTHERS: Kathy Deree, Assistant Town Clerk
 Mike Gallagher, Director of Administrative & Community Services

Recording Secretary: Lee Hultin

Chairman DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee meeting to order at 6:45 pm in the Council Chambers.

Councilor Smart made a motion to take measure # 11 093 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Voted unanimously

11 093- Appointment to the Board of Elder Services-Elaine Pepe: Elaine stated she is currently serving on the South Shore Board of Elder Services and would like to be on the Weymouth Board of Elder Services. Councilor O'Connor made a motion to recommend favorable action to the full Town Council and was seconded by a Councilor Mathews. Voted Unanimously

11 076 – Federal Re-Districting: Mrs. Deree stated the Town Council needs to approve the changes for redistricting implemented by the state, based upon the information of the 2010 census. A draft plan was presented to the Council and they have no jurisdiction over the guidelines. The only cost will be to notify approximately 460 households before the March election. This will not affect the fall election.

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to recommend favorable action on measure # 11 076 to the full Town Council and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Voted Unanimously.

11 077- Library Department Maintenance Supplies Transfer Request: Rob MacLean, Library Director, stated that there is extra money in the salary line item that he would like to transfer to purchase supplies for the maintenance of the grounds of the library. Councilor Mathews recommended contacting the DPW to see if they have a supplier for these items to obtain the best price.

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to recommend favorable action on measure # 11 077 to the full Town Council and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Voted Unanimously

11 078 – Police Department Ammunition Transfer Request: Chief Grimes stated that this request is to reallocate from the salary account to a newly created account to purchase ammunition. The total amount requested is \$13,000 to supply ammunition for the annual qualifications the officers go through. This will purchase approximately 60,000 rounds of ammunition. Last month alone they went through 30,000 rounds in 5 days for qualifications of the police officers.

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to recommend favorable action on measure # 11 078 to the full Town Council and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Voted Unanimously

11 079 –Police Department Transfer Request: This request is for the overtime account as they are short-handed on manpower and spending more on overtime. This will total \$256,000 in transfers from salary to overtime to sustain them through the end of the year.

They are projecting an extra \$288,000 in uniform patrol and only asking to transfer out \$150,000. Actual overtime in FY10 was \$505,000 and it is higher this year. This is due to some extended injuries, FMLA as well as investigations in the drug work is up and results in court time, training and contractual obligations which were absorbed in the recent budget.

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to recommend favorable action on measure # 11 079 to the full Town Council and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Voted Unanimously

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to bundle measures #11 080 through #11 091 for discussion and deliberation purposes. Seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously

11 080- Reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee – Daniel Condon

11 081- Reappointment to the Cultural Council – Judith Alukonis

11 082- Reappointment to the Cultural Council-Charlene Terravecchia

11 083- Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities –Lisa Jennings

11 084- Reappointment to the Planning Board – Mary Akoury

11 085- Reappointment to the Recreation Commission – Colleen Kelley

11 086- Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee – Donna Shea

11 087- Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee – Nancy Brennan

11 088- Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee – Hank Goldman

11 089- Reappointment to the Board of Registrars – Sandra Carle

11 090- Reappointment to the Housing Authority – Joyce Jung

11 091- Reappointment to the Redevelopment Authority – George Berg

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to recommend favorable action to the full Town Council on measures #11 080 through #11 091. Seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

11 092 – Reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an Alternate Member – Robert Galewski. Chairman DiFazio stated that they received information today from the State Ethics Commission regarding Mr. Galewski. The committee members reviewed this information. It appears there were two violations. The first document is dated 1/24/91 which states that the

Massachusetts State Ethics Commission fined Braintree Assistant Building Inspector, Robert Galewski \$1,250 for attempting to use his position as an inspector to persuade the developer of a luxury subdivision to sell him property in the development at a price that he can afford. That is not the entire article but a summary. The second offense was on 6/19/07 which states a Braintree Building Inspector, Robert Galewski- \$5,500 for using subordinates in a vendor to perform private work for him. Mr. Galewski paid \$4,000.00 civil penalty and \$1,500 civil fines. This is all new information to the committee this evening.

Councilor Mathews said maybe they should have their assistant look up all future appointments on the Ethics Commission to see if there are any violations.

Councilor DiFazio said how far the committee should go with appointments, there could also be CORI checks. These are recommendations from the administration. Many members recall reappointing Mr. Galewski many times and he has been on the board for a while now.

The committee reviewed section 2-10 of the Town Charter and had discussions on time lines for the committee.

There were discussions on whether or not there was time to have another Budget/Management Committee Meeting prior to the 6/6/11 meeting of the Town Council to allow Mr. Galewski to explain himself. Unfortunately, there is not enough time. Chairman DiFazio recognized the importance of these ethics documents and requested that Mr. Galewski be available for the 6/6/11 meeting.

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to reject the reappointment of Robert Galewski to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an alternate member. Councilor Mathews seconded. Voted Unanimously

Councilor O'Connor made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary

Budget/Management Chairman, Kenneth DiFazio