

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
January 31, 2022, Monday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Christopher Heffernan, Vice Chairman
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Absent: Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Also Present: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Ed Masterson, Retirement Board
Rob MacLean, Director of Libraries

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

22 003-Library Line Item Transfer

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022. Library Director Rob MacLean presented the request that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$4,000 from Buildings/Grounds Maintenance Salaries to Overtime.

He reported that their long-time custodian retired and the department requires additional funding to fill in shifts until a new supervisor is hired.

Councilor Burga asked at what point is the hiring process. Director MacLean responded that the posting is open until February 10, 2022. If anyone on the committee knows of a good candidate, please refer them.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 003 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

22 006-Increase in COLA Base for Retirees

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022. Ed Masterson presented the request; that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council and with the approval of the Mayor, increase the maximum base amount on which the cost-of-living adjustment is calculated from \$12,000 to \$13,000 as of July 1, 2022.

He provided a PowerPoint presentation ahead of the meeting and was joined by Joe Davis, chairman of the Retirement Board. The request is to raise by \$1000. Currently the maximum COLA is on \$12,000 of the retirement income to align with a law changed in

1996 to allow for changes in \$1000 increments. The town has gone 23 years without an increase to the basis.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 006 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

22 007- Appointment Cultural Council-Debbie Courteau

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022.

Ms. Courteau was invited to the table and provided her qualifications and interest in the position.

Councilor Burga asked what is the purpose of the Cultural Council. Ms. Courteau responded that the Council is awarded grant funding which they then disseminate to the various requests. Some are funded fully; others partially, and all as diversely as possible.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 007 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. She apologized that she was unable to stay for the Council meeting.

22 008- Appointment Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate-Russell L. Drysdale, III

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022.

Mr. Drysdale was invited to the table and provided his qualifications and interest in the position. He currently vice chairs the Southfield Advisory Committee and has served on MEMA . Chair Molisse urged he, and every member who has come before the committee to visit properties under consideration; this is one of the most important committees in town.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 008 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

22 009- Appointment Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate-Jonathan Lynch

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022.

Mr. Lynch was invited to the table and provided his qualifications and interest in the position. He is a real estate attorney and resident of Jackson Square. He noted that the future of Weymouth will be shaped through the BZA with so much growth.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 009 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

22 010- Appointment Board of Library Trustees-Tracy Muniz-Gately

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022.

Ms. Muniz-Gately was invited to the table and provided her qualifications and interest in the position. She was involved in the Idlewell neighborhood and a parent of three WHS graduates. The library is a new, multimillion dollar facility, and she would like to see it

grow. She has lots of time to give back. Chair Molisse thanked her for dedicating her time.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 010 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

22 011- Appointment Community Events Committee-Mathew Murray

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022. Mr. Murray was invited to the table and provided his qualifications and interest in the position. He is a 58-year resident- currently serving on the 4th of July committee; this seems like a natural fit.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 011 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

22 012- Appointment Board of Health-Manan Patel

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 13, 2022. Mr. Patel was invited to the table and provided his qualifications and interest in the position. He has resided here since 2006 and wants to give back; with the current health crisis, what better way?

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 012 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Heffernan to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 22 February 2022