

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 7, Monday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Jane Hackett, Vice Chairman
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor

Not Present: Michael Smart, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Robert Conlon, Jr., Assistant Treasurer
James Malary, Assistant Collector
Rob McLean, Director of Libraries
Kristy Lockhart, Asst. Director of Libraries
Stacy Wilson, Adult Reference Librarian
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

19 096-Acceptance of G.L. Ch.60 §2 – Collection; Payment Over; Returns; Abatement

Robert Conlon, Jr. presented the request to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, §2, which allows the Town, through its Collector of Taxes and Assessor, to abate any committed, unpaid taxes in an amount not to exceed \$25.00, in order to clean up the town books. Auditor Swanson reported he is happy to see this, as Melanson Heath has recommended it with the last few years' audits.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 096 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 098-Legal Department – Unpaid Bills FY19

Solicitor Callanan presented the request to transfer the sum of \$91,256.98 from the Reserve Fund (11325201 573100) for the purpose of paying the following FY19 unpaid bills:

Miyares & Harrington LLP	April 1-30, 2019	\$5,614.46
Miyares & Harrington LLP	May 1-31, 2019	\$50,097.90
Miyares & Harrington LLP	June 2-28, 2019	\$35,544.62

Costs of additional work around the wetlands and hazardous waste cleanup was underestimated.

Auditor Swanson reported he had received, examined and confirmed payment outstanding on the invoices supporting this request. A letter from the Chief of Staff certified the work resulting in the invoices.

Vice Chair Hackett asked for an update. Solicitor Callanan responded that the town is running out of avenues with which to fight the compressor siting and he explained the issues on the petitions and the status of appeals. The best last chance revolves around the cleanup of groundwater systems.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 098 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 103-CPA Preservation of Select Library Items

Library Director McLean and Asst. Director Lockhart presented the request to appropriate the sum of \$7,480 from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund Balance account for conservation and preservation of select drawings and documents from Weymouth Public Libraries' Historical Collections- as described in the request put forward by the Weymouth Public Libraries. Supporting documentation was provided by the Department of Planning and Development. They provided a presentation:

- Original architectural drawings of the first Tufts Library by S.S. Woodcock. Drawings are attached to wooden rod and wrapped with coated cloth
- The will of John S. Fogg (1892)
- Constitution and By-Laws of the South Weymouth Piscatorial Association (1878)
- Graduation Exercises of the South Weymouth High School (1888)
- Invoices from the East Weymouth Wool Scouring Company (1902 & 1905)

Vice Chair Hackett noted that this is exactly why the CPA fund was set up. Councilor Heffernan reported that as a product of Weymouth Schools, he fondly remembered his trip to the Weymouth Library in Tufts Library and looks forward to the reopening.

A motion was made by Vice Chair to forward measure 19 103 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Attachment:

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 21 October 2019