

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
December 19, 2022, Monday**

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

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor
Jim McGrath, Asst. Town Engineer
Leilani Dalpe, Grants Program Director

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

22 137- Reserve Fund Transfer- Grant Match

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on December 5, 2022. Jim McGrath, Asst. Town Engineer presented the request with Program Director Leilani Dalpe; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$62,875 from the FY23 Reserve Fund to the Grant Fund (grant match revenue) for the purpose of matching the \$183,375 Dam and Seawall State Grant for Lane Beach/River Street.

Ms. Dalpe reported that the town applied for a grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to do the scope work, permitting and prepare bids for Lane Beach seawall and bathhouse. The town received a grant of \$183,375, which is 75% of the \$244,500 cost of the project. One of the stipulations in the grant is that the town must match 25%.

Mr. McGrath reported that this portion of the grant will cover all funds for complete design of the seawall from Lane Beach to Riverview Place; approximately 2900 feet. It will allow for all plans to be drawn and contract documents prepared, so when they're done, the town will be ready to go out to bid.

Chair Molisse noted this is the planning stage; is there a timeline of when the work will begin? Mr. McGrath responded that the permitting will be worked on next year, with a goal to go out to bid in early summer of 2024. Ms. Dalpe noted that this will be continuous to Fort Point and will raise the sea wall 2 feet. There is also preliminary approval for a grant to do the adjacent parking lot as well. Grant funding will cover all of the work up to 75%.

Councilor Burga pointed out it's nice to see it go forward. Fort Point has been going on a long time. It appears all agree with the rise of 2 feet; Fort Point all the way down to Lane Beach. Mr. McGrath responded that there were many meetings with the residents and they all are happy with a 2-foot mark. Ms. Dalpe added that they also met individually with the homeowners over the last month to make sure everyone was on the same page. Every house there is a different situation. Meeting individually worked well; the residents are happy it's moving forward. Councilor Burga added the insurance companies as well; and Ms. Dalpe agreed and added FEMA to the list.

Councilor Burga motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

22 139-Appointment Board of Registrars- Marie Stoeckel

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on December 5, 2022. Ms. Stoeckel was invited to the table. This is the second time this item is before the Council. The prior appointment was denied and the Mayor submitted the same appointment again.

Councilor Burga noted this is a very unusual situation; she has never seen a measure come forward, be denied and be resubmitted. This puts the committee in uncharted territory. The applicant presented very well, and although she did not need to see the applicant's resume; when she did she was very impressed with her credentials. She received a lot of calls both in favor and not in favor of the appointment, and for that reason will be voting unfavorably for this particular position. She does not believe a public forum is the place to go into why she would or wouldn't support this appointment. She encouraged the applicant to continue with her service on other committees.

Councilor Burga motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for unfavorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Voted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Heffernan to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Burga.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 17 January 2023