

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
March 20, 2023

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

Absent: Christopher Heffernan, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Bob Luongo, Planning Director  
Steve Reilly, Recreation Director  
James Malary, Municipal Finance Director  
Rob McLean, Library Director  
Brian Smith, Asst. Supt., WPS

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM.

23 008-CPA Funding Request- Construction and Restoration of Beals Park

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 21, 2023. This was continued March 6, 2023. Bob Luongo presented the request with Steve Reilly for an amended amount because costs increased since estimates were drafted. CPC voted to recommend the additional funding of \$800,000 from Unreserved fund balance and FY23 open Space and Recreation. Mayor submitted the amended measure.

Councilor Shanahan time pointed out that not a lot of towns are doing what Weymouth is.

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

23 012- Request to Enter into 5-Year Student Food Service Contract

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 6, 2023. Asst. Supt. Smith presented the request that the Town Council authorize the town to enter into a contract for student food service for a term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, section 12. Asst. Supt. Smith reported that DESE streamlined the RFP process. The department is looking to update some equipment. They learned about this through state initiative and districts becoming more competitive. This gives them the ability to lock up a food service director for 5 years vs. 3.

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

23 013- Request to Enter into 6-Year Foreign Language Curriculum Contract

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 6, 2023. Asst. Supt. Smith presented the request that the Town Council authorize the Town to enter into a contract for student foreign language curriculum for a term of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12.

Asst. Supt. Smith amended the measure to a 6-year contract. The current expires June 30<sup>th</sup>. DESE changed standards, so it's a good time to upgrade year. Getting pricing for 6 instead 5 years saves the district costs. This will also go through RFP process.

Councilor Burga asked how the old and new platforms differ? Asst. Smith responded that French and Spanish are the major platforms, though Latin is also taught. The platform relates to an online curriculum (not textbooks) and the purchase of the licensing is to the rights of the online standards. Highlight of the changes are in the standards and he will have them forwarded. Councilor Shanahan pointed out it provides Weymouth students with a competitive edge; however, it will be a learning curve first for staff.

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

23 014- Library Line Item Transfer

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 6, 2023. presented the request that the town of Weymouth transfer a total of \$25000 as delineated below for the purpose of meeting the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' (MBLC) materials expenditure requirement:

\$25000 from Adult Services Salaries

To the following line items:  
Books and Related Materials

Library Director Rob McLean presented the request for funding to meet one of the requirements for state certification (materials expenditures), to purchase books for the collection. Spending is short this year (12% goal) but the funds are available within the department due to a number of retirements and resignations. The funds will purchase new books.

Councilor Burga is pleased the library is adding to its book collection. She asked if the department uses books from existing inventory collections when it holds book sales? Mr.

McLean explained that the library accepts donations from patrons and uses them for book sales.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Kiely 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 3 April 2023