

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
Zoom # 891 5452 2756
March 21, 2022, Monday

Present: Arthur Mathews, President
Michael Molisse, Vice President
John Abbott, Councilor
Lisa Belmarsh, Councilor
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Gary MacDougall, Councilor
Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Robert Luongo, Director of Planning & Community Development
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner
James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance
Chip Fontaine, Town Engineer (via Zoom)
Jim McGrath, Asst. Town Engineer (via Zoom)

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Abbott announced a meeting at WHS Humanities Center at 7 PM to provide the public with details on the next steps for Columbian Square- and the Parking, Land Use and Marketing Study currently underway.

President Mathews recognized Solicitor Callanan, who has left his position in Weymouth for a new opportunity with the Town of Brookline.

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2022

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022 Economic Development Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Rules Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2022

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 Rules Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

22 016- Street Acceptance – Camelot Way

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Camelot Way, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN CAMELOT WAY, SOUTH WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Department of Public Works Engineering Division Town of Weymouth, Plan #7451-B, dated November 24, 2017 containing ± 17, 543 S.F., to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measure 22 016 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted

Asst. Town Engineer Jim McGrath explained the process of street acceptance. It’s requested by residents, the DPW evaluates the street to ensure it’s in decent shape, and whether it has an as-built plan on record. If it’s good, the plan is submitted to the Planning Department for acceptance. Our Legal Department prepares the street description. That is the point these measures stand.

President Mathews asked what advice he could offer to those residents who want to have their street accepted? Mr. Fontaine emphasized that it’s not the engineer who makes the decision. Residents who request street acceptance should submit the request to the DPW who will bring it to the Mayor. He added that the current procedure is not working well for the town. The process should begin immediately after a subdivision is complete, so that the town doesn’t have to spend money later to complete improvements or bring the street up to town standards. Once the acceptance is brought to the Town Council, two public hearings are held; first to accept the layout and second for the taking of the private way.

Mr. McGrath noted that Camelot Way was paved a few years ago; sidewalks and curbs were installed in 2018. There is one abutter in addition to the town (site of the municipal parking lot). This street is in good condition and he recommends accepting it. Mr. Fontaine concurred.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions from the public, to which there were the following responses:

Matthew Tallon, 105 Trefton Ave. gave a general comment on the process. He was glad to see these 7 streets put forward, and noted there are still more than 100 in the town (including his) that have not been accepted, and so they remain in a state of disrepair. In his area (Idlewell), they haven't been able to add the infrastructure necessary to meet acceptance. There needs to be a pathway to acceptance; a middle ground somewhere between perfection and disrepair.

Mr. Fontaine responded that far too many ways were allowed to be constructed in a substandard manner. The people who live on them pay 100% property taxes. While the DPW does their best, they are legally restricted from maintaining those roads. The town could waive all requirements; whatever is in the best interest of the residents. If they are accepted, they are open to Chapter 90 funding, which can be used to bring up the standard. There is a mechanism by which private roads can be accepted en masse and brought up to acceptable standards.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on 22 016 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

22 017- Street Acceptance – Cardinal Circle

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Cardinal Way, a private way, shown on a plan entitled "AS-BUILT PLAN AND PROFILE, CARDINAL CIRCLE, WEYMOUTH, MA. by Neil J. Murphy Associates, Inc.," Plan #6834-B, dated January 10, 2011 containing ± 12,326 S.F., to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote."

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on 22 017 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Mr. Fontaine noted that all seven streets under public hearing are approved by DPW for acceptance.

Councilor Belmarsh asked if all of these were at the request of the residents. Mr. McGrath responded that this street was completed in 2011, but did not make it on to the last list of streets that were submitted. Meeting House Lane and the remainder of streets had 100% sign off on all abutters when the work was completed in 2018 and 2019. Mr. Fontaine added that all seven street met 75% or more (minimum standard) sign off.

President Mathews asked if there is over 100 still to be unaccepted. Mr. McGrath responded he is unsure of the actual number but it is more than 100.

Councilor MacDougall asked if all of these requests came from the Mayor? President Mathews responded that Cardinal was from a request from the residents. Councilor MacDougall asked if some streets were cherrypicked by the administration to be worked on? President Mathews took offense to the term “cherrypicked.”

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on 22 017 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

22 018- Street Acceptance – Meeting House Lane

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Camelot Way, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN, MEETING HOUSE LANE, WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Weymouth DPW, Plan #7396-B, dated December 19, 2019, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on 22 018 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on 22 018 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

22 019- Street Acceptance – Mill River Drive

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Mill River Drive, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN, MILL RIVER DRIVE SOUTH WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Weymouth DPW Engineering Division Plan #7367-B dated December 16, 2019, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a

Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on 22 019 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on 22 019 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

22 020- Street Acceptance – Tilden Circle

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Tilden Circle, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET AS-BUILT PLAN, TILDEN ROAD & TILDEN CIRCLE, WEYMOUTH MA.” drawn by Weymouth DPW, Plan #7370-B, dated August 2, 2018, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on 22 020 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was the following response:

Mayor Hedlund responded to Councilor MacDougall’s earlier question. He said the town is trying to catch up on roadwork, and has looked at additional bonding. The town currently spends an average of \$1.2 million per year. In deciding which streets to accept, they look at an area; Pine Street for example, and Tilden was a prime candidate. The solicitor’s office approached them. They were advised to obtain a 100% buy-in. they are unsure if it is 75 or 100% and are determining which. In Tilden, they were able to obtain 100% buy-in that required meeting one resident in person. This is not an easy process, and there is a lot of paperwork and requirements.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on 22 020 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

22 021- Street Acceptance – Tilden Road

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Tilden Road, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET AS-BUILT PLAN, TILDEN ROAD & TILDEN CIRCLE, WEYMOUTH MA.” drawn by Weymouth DPW, Plan #7370-B, dated August 2, 2018, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on 22 021 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on 22 021 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

22 022- Street Acceptance – Waterford Drive

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Waterford Drive, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN, WATERFORD DRIVE SOUTH WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Weymouth DPW Engineering Division, Plan #7366-B. dated December 16, 2019, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measure 22 022 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Abutters were notified on March 4, 2022.

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was the following response:

Van Le, 16 Waterford Drive, he supported acceptance of his street.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on 22 022 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS

Compliance Guidelines for Multi-Family Districts Under Section 3A of the Zoning Act- Robert Luongo, Director of Planning and Community Development

Mr. Schneider noted that over the last year, the state voted legislation that will impact the town

from a housing production standpoint. To comply with the new mandates, the town will need to complete a general questionnaire for the state before May 2nd, and to make a presentation before the legislative body. Director Luongo added that no zoning changes are proposed at this time; the presentation is to explain the new law, which requires cities and towns that receive MBTA bus, rapid transit and commuter rail service to comply with new multi-family zoning within a certain radius of the commuter rail or MBTA bus terminals. They may already be compliant within certain areas, and they are still studying the law. The town's grant funding is dependent on this compliance and they have another year to determine if the current zoning is sufficient or whether some zoning adjustments will be needed.



Housing Choice

MBTA COMMUNITY ZONING INITIATIVE

Town Council Public Meeting
March 21, 2022

State Housing Choice Initiative

- Enacted as part of the Economic Development Bill in January 2021, new Section 3A of M.G.L. c. 40A (the Zoning Act) requires that an MBTA community shall have at least one zoning district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right and meets other criteria set forth in the statute
- Minimum gross density of 15 units per acre
- Must be within .5 miles of an MBTA Commuter Rail Station
- Failure to comply results in loss of eligibility for state grants and assistance.
- Town must respond to questionnaire and hold this public meeting by May 2nd to be in compliance for 2022.

Penalties for Noncompliance

- Ineligible for MassWorks Grants
- Ineligible for Housing Choice Initiative Grants
- Ineligible for Local Capital Project Grants

* Weymouth has received \$2,423,000 from these grants to date

Additional Requirements

- If zones maintain a minimum of gross 15 units per acre, they can be larger. This means that communities can meet their requirements by legalizing sufficient density within a 50-acre zone or they can push for more moderate density across a larger zone. Take a community like Belmont, for instance. Belmont's new zone must allow for at least 2,176 multi-family units. To meet that requirement, they could create a 50-acre zone around, say, Belmont Center (which has bus service) that allows for 44 units per acre, they could create a 145-acre zone that allows for 15 units per acre, or they could do something in between.
- The entire zone need not be set at a uniform density level, so long as the district overall allows for 15 units per acre. For example, a town could zone for high density along a main street through a mixed-use sub-district and then have another sub-district on side streets that allows for lower density. This ability to use sub-districts adds gives communities flexibility to create districts that make sense relative to their existing planning initiatives and neighborhood context.
- Communities can even comply by creating a non-contiguous overlay district, as long as at least one section is at least 25 contiguous acres and all other parts are at least 5 acres large

Total Unit Requirement for Weymouth

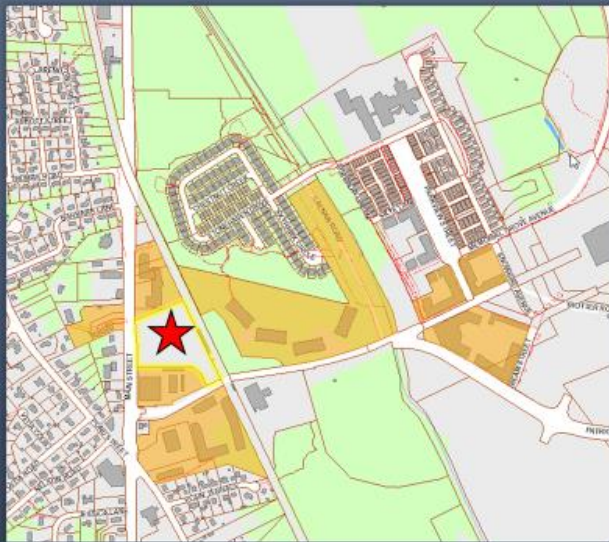
- Weymouth is considered a "Bus" community because we have MBTA Commuter Rail and bus service to Subway
- Calculation for Weymouth is therefore:

25,419 (existing Housing Units) * 20% = 5,084 allowable by zoning

Preliminary Town Strategies

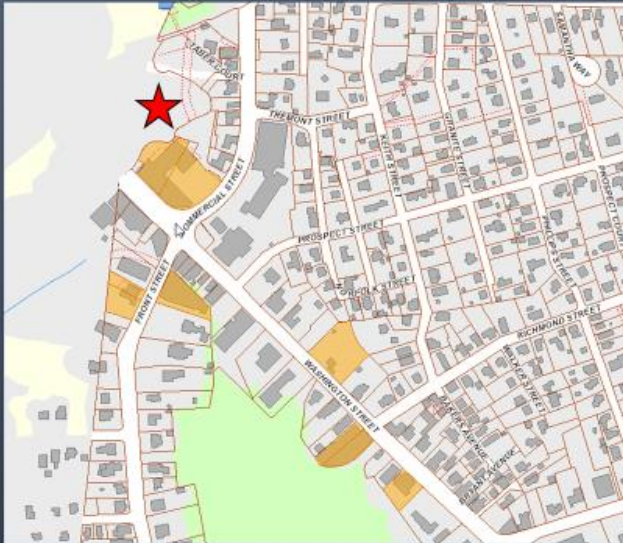
- It is confirmed that the goal of this initiative is create ZONING not UNITS
- Credit for previously constructed or approved multi-family family developments DO count toward the requirements if the projects are still zoned for a “by right” density of at least what has been prescribed.
- At least one designated area must be of 25 acres or more. Remainder can be made up of smaller areas.

Preliminary Town Strategies



- ★ South Weymouth MBTA Station
- Existing or Approved Qualifying Developments
Approximate Acreage = 38 Acres

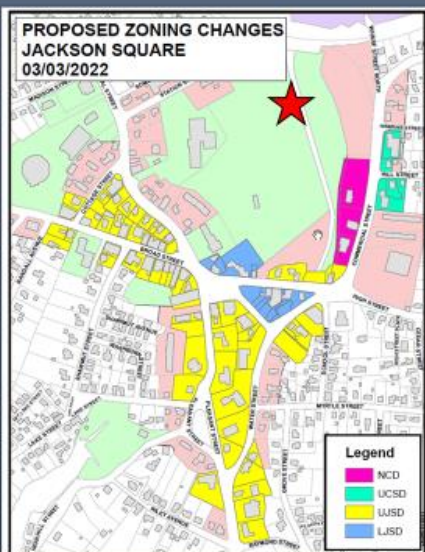
Preliminary Town Strategies



- ★ Weymouth Landing MBTA Station
- Existing or Approved Qualifying Developments
Approximate Acreage = 3.5 Acres

*Village Center Overlay District = **22 Total Acres**

Preliminary Town Strategies



- ★ East Weymouth MBTA Station
- 3 Story "by right" in proposed Jackson Square Overlay
Approximate Acreage = 8 Acres

Following the presentation, several Councilors had questions or comments.

Councilor Happel asked if the housing unit formula numbers are applied town-wide or per rail station. Director Luongo responded that he is unsure. The number of units is one factor by which a percentage is assigned. Because the town has 3 stations, the percentage has to be adjusted for each-the requirement can be spread over the 3 areas.

Councilor Burga asked how many additional housing units have been added since the last census? Mr. Schneider responded that it is based on the 2019 figures, and many have been added.

Councilor Abbott asked that the initial strategy of having one parcel of at least 25 acres, and will it likely involve the land around the South Weymouth T stop? Mr. Schneider responded it makes the most sense. Councilor Abbott asked if zoning changes will be required to the Commercial Corridor Overlay District or Union Point. Mr. Schneider responded that language may need to be added to the CCOD that developments of a certain density will be by right (instead of special permit process- site plan only). A spur of the area going into Union Point includes the single family residential units. Mr. Schneider responded it is included because it's part of the entire commons parcel. He will work with the SRA to see if the zoning in place at this area of Union Point is sufficient to meet the guidelines. Mr. Luongo responded that the state does not want communities to zone R-1 neighborhoods into multifamily ones.

Councilor Shanahan asked if moving into compliance will afford the town additional grant opportunities. Mr. Luongo responded that because the town has been designated a Housing Choice Community, by meeting certain housing production goals, they already have preferential treatment for grants.

Councilor Heffernan asked if the town has received any communication from the MBTA that capacity or frequency changes will be made as a result. It's great that the Baker administration is focused on making transit-oriented communities, but it is one-sided. The town pays an assessment each year. The MBTA has added mandates, and the town has asked for fixes to the capacity and run frequency fixes for some time. Mr. Luongo responded that there hasn't been any talk of it. they are trying to get back to the point before COVID. Councilor Heffernan noted by then it will be exponentially worse. The town has to make these concessions and Mr. Luongo noted the state is now stepping into local zoning decisions. He has not seen this before as a planner. He is unsure the state takes into account the local issues, like capacity or water needs. They will give credit for what the town has done to increase density in certain areas. Councilor Heffernan added commuters pay \$400 a month to use the service and pay assessment to the MBTA in their taxes.

Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2027

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2027 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

Councilor DiFazio noted that the Council received a memo adding an amendment to the CIP and he read it into the record:

To: Town Council
From: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Re: Additional FY23-27 CIP Project
Date: March 21, 2022

Mayor Hedlund has added a project to the FY23-FY27 Capital Improvement Plan (DIP) that was previously submitted to the Town Council.

The project is the replacement of the Tide Mill Brook section of the Lower Central (Sewer Interceptor (LCI)). This section, between Commercial Street and Montcalm Street, experiences Sanitary Sewer Overflows during extreme rain events and requires replacement. This Tide Mill Brook section was constructed in the 1950's and has outlived its design life.

The estimated cost project cost is \$6,935,058. It is eligible for ARPA funding.

Councilor DiFazio added that he is enthusiastic that the Mayor added this project to the CIP, considering the town still has sanitary sewer overflows.

22 047- Reappointment- Recreation Commission- Arthur DelRosso

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, approve the reappointment of Arthur DelRosso of 452 Pleasant Street to the Recreation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

22 048-Reappointment- Conservation Commission- George Loring

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, approve the reappointment of George Loring of 146 Pine Street to the Conservation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

22 049-Reappointment- Board of Zoning Appeals- Jonathan Moriarty

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, approve the reappointment of Jonathan Moriarty of 38 Hilldale Road to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.

22 050- Reappointment- Waterfront Committee- George Mutch

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, approve the reappointment of George Mutch of 213 North Street to the Waterfront Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

22 051- Reappointment- Board of Elder Services- Lauren Pizzi

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, approve the reappointment of Lauren Pizzi of 10 Shawmut Street to the 10 Shawmut Street for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

22 052-Reappointment-Youth Coalition- Mary Jordan-Roy

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, approve the reappointment of Mary Jordan-Roy of 31 Brae Road to the for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

22 053-Reappointment- Conservation Commission- Frank Singleton

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, approve the reappointment of Frank Singleton of 60 Bluff Road to the Conservation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

Vice President Molisse motioned to adopt the reappointment list and approve measures 22 047 through and including 22 053 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Councilor Belmarsh asked if the Capital Improvement Plan is available on the town website? President Mathews asked Mr. Malary to relay the request to post it to the administration, and include the addition of the Mill River project.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Auditor Selection Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Chair Molisse reported that the Auditor Selection Committee met on February 23, March 2, and March 7, 2022. In October Auditor Swanson retired and President Mathews appointed a selection committee. They met and set up the selection process. The committee did not have a candidate to move forward in either selection rounds. Meanwhile, they sought to contract some of the internal audit work to an external audit firm, while continuing to search for a suitable candidate.

Ordinance Committee-Chair Kenneth DiFazio

Chair DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met on March 17, 2022 to deliberate the following measure(s):

22 015- Parking Restriction – Vicinity of 12 Columbian Street

This measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on February 7, 2022. The committee met on February 17, 2022 and a public hearing was held and closed on March 7, 2022. At its meeting on March 17, 2022, the committee voted 3-2 to send the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for unfavorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Councilor DiFazio motioned that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-103(b), and Section 13-104(a), does not authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Parking Restricted			
Street	Side	Location	Regulation Type
Columbian Street	Southwest	Between Points 150’ northwest of Pleasant Street and 188’ northwest of Pleasant Street	20 Minute Parking, 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Except Sundays

And cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1 – Appendix A under Schedule III, Parking Restricted.

Councilor Abbott seconded the motion. Councilor MacDougall motioned to substitute amending the measure to a 30-minute parking restriction, and motion was seconded by Councilor Belmarsh.

Councilor Abbott stated that while he is sympathetic to the business owners, his objection to the measure stands as there is a Land Use and Marketing Study underway and it makes sense to hold off any parking changes until the study is completed and the recommendations from it have been made.

Councilor Happel stated that this is a business that is trying to get established. He supports the substitute motion.

Vice President Molisse stated that they need to support the business even if it is for the short term; noting that it's just two spaces. He supports the substitute motion.

Councilor Kiely supports the substitute motion; there are many empty storefronts and they should support a small business.

Councilor Burga supports the substitute motion; they should do anything to help small business.

Councilor Shanahan commented to Vice President Molisse's comments; this will impact and benefit many stores in the square. They need to look creatively at other areas in town.

Councilor Belmarsh pointed out the 30-minute regulation is currently written in the Code of Ordinances; they are not adding anything new. It takes into account Lt. Morse's comments mentioned in the committee's deliberation. With the parking study, they can take a look at parking as a whole and create new zones and ensure there is support to enforce the ordinances.

Councilor Heffernan supported the substitute motion. He is willing to do what he can to help small businesses thrive.

President Mathews noted he voted unfavorably when the committee deliberated the measure. He has concerns as enforcement is difficult. The police can't be up there every 20 minutes to enforce the ordinance. The 20-minute restriction also sets a precedent. Already, the Council office has fielded requests from other proprietors requesting exceptions to the posted parking. When the study is complete they may receive some suggestions on parking recommendations.

However, he had a conversation with the parties that has changed his mind and he now supports the substitute motion.

Councilor DiFazio stated that the concerns discussed at the Ordinance Committee and the public hearing still exist.

The vote passed, 9-2, (Councilors DiFazio, Abbott – no.)

Rules Committee- Chair Pascale Burga

22 002- Town Council Rules 2022-2024

This measure was referred to the Rules Committee on January 18, 2022, and Councilor Burga reported that the Rules Committee met on March 10, 2022, to review the Town Council Rules 2022-2024. In accordance with Rule 57, the Council is required to complete a review and adopt the rules within 120 days of the first meeting in each even year. Suggestion and changes were sought from the Councilors and Council office staff. The committee deliberated a change in title language of Rule 18 and Rule 26, both to maintain consistency.

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Councilor Burga motioned to adopt the Town Council Rules 2022-2024 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Belmarsh reported that she submitted a request for an addition to the rules to allow for committees to meet remotely that was not deliberated. President Mathews responded that the amendments to the rules, as adopted, may be made at any time. The committee can reconvene and review this and any other suggestions. Unanimously voted.

Economic Development- Chair Greg Shanahan

Councilor Shanahan reported that the Economic Development Committee met on February 9, 2022 to review the following issue:

American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)- Plans for Receipt and Expenditure of Funds

This issue was referred to the Economic Development Committee on January 18, 2022, at the request of Councilor Belmarsh. The committee met with Chief of Staff Langill on February 9, 2022. A list of questions from Councilor Belmarsh were submitted to the administration and Mr. Langill responded to all questions. He provided a lengthy explanation of the ARPA funds breakdown and how the funds will be expended. The town will receive \$17.8 million in direct allotment, and \$11.2 from Norfolk County. The town has through 2024 to allocate the money and until 2026 to spend it. The town is required to report expenditures quarterly, and the Council will be provided copies. The administration put out a survey to the public. Residents can still reach out to the administration with their suggestions for spending the funds. The administration will post the quarterly report. The administration will provide a progress update at the Annual Town Meeting in May and has updated the Mayor's page of the Town website with pertinent information.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is April 4, 2022. At 9:16 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 4 April 2022