

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**April 25, 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 Fuller, Chief of Police  
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He took measure 22 056 out of order while waiting for Atty. McLeod to arrive.

**22 056- Police Line-Item Transfers for Overtime Expenses**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. Chief Fuller was invited to the table. He requested reallocating \$200,000 from the Uniform Salary line item- \$75,000 from the tech support line item to cover a shortfall in the overtime account. The additional overtime hours cover members who were called to active military duty and those out on illnesses, and during a few COVID outbreaks in the department. There are currently 6 recruits in training (paid during training).

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 056 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

Councilor Burga asked for the current staffing numbers. Chief Fuller responded that there are 101 (including recruits in training). When he began in the department, there were 115; and it was reduced to 87 in the 1980's and has steadily climbed back. Unanimously voted.

**22 055- Appointment of Solicitor – Richard McLeod**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. Atty. McLeod was invited to the table. He reviewed his experience as a general practitioner working for small firm, where he handled litigation cases. He also spent a good portion on the other side, and successfully sued many municipalities on behalf of energy companies. He also served as a town meeting member and 21 years on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and sees this opportunity as a good fit.

Councilor Burga asked what position he would take on matters that are a conflict of interest having been before BZA. Atty. McLeod responded that he has spoken with the state Ethics Commission. Outside counsel would have to address those matters. Councilor Kiely noted she has been at several BZA meetings and was impressed with his experience and knowledge of the town.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 055 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 057- Reserve Fund for Insurance Expenses**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. Mr. Langill provided the committee with the outstanding receipts and expects additional deductibles and endorsements. This hasn't been budgeted in the past, but is for next year.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 057 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

**22 058- Reserve Fund to Supplement Wey-Bra Park Funding**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. Mr. Langill reported that this was a request from the board, as a result of a retirement where sick and vacation payout is owed. This amount is Weymouth's (50%) share.

Councilor Shanahan asked if new expenses will be expected with the turnover in staff. Councilor Burga asked how many employees are included in the budget. Mr. Langill responded that he can provide details when they review the Mayor's budget- he does not have that information readily

available. Operations are increasing more than 18% and salaries are for rangers and a supervisor.

Vice Chair Heffernan Councilor motioned to forward measure 22 058 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Burga.

**22 059- Reserve Fund for Scholarship Committee Expense**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. Mr. Langill reported that the committee sent out their annual newsletter and the total invoices were more than what they had to cover the expense.

Vice Chair Heffernan motioned to forward measure 22 059 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:21 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Heffernan to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman  
Voted unanimously on 6 June 2022