

**ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**Zoom # 879 9251 9603**  
**May 16, 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  
Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Absent: Gary MacDougall, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Robert Hedlund, Mayor  
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff

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 one absent. President Mathews reported that Councilor MacDougall was absent because of a prior work commitment. He acknowledged the Department Heads and School employees present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council President Mathews opened the Annual Town Meeting with remarks:

*Good evening and thank you for joining us this evening at the Annual Town Meeting.*

*This meeting is historically held at the Abigail Adams Auditorium and the town scholarships are awarded at the onset of the meeting. Due to COVID 19, the Annual Town Meeting has been held remotely via ZOOM, for the past two years. Abigail Adams Auditorium cannot support a ZOOM platform.*

*Since we want to ensure that the public is able to readily comment on the budget, we have changed the venue to Council Chambers-- which is both in person and via ZOOM. Due to space limitations, we are unable to accommodate the Scholarship Awards Ceremony.*

*The Scholarship Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Tuft's Library in room 138.*

Vice President Molisse motioned to take REPORTS OF COMMITTEES out of order and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### **Budget/Management Committee- Chair Michael Molisse**

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on May 9, 2022 to consider the following measure:

#### **22 102- Appointment Board of Health Gary Peters**

This measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on May 2, 2022. The committee met on May 11, 2022 and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. Peters was invited to the table to review his interest and qualifications.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Councilor DiFazio motioned to approve measure 22 102; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Gary Peters of 34 Bluff Road to the Board of Health for a term to expire on June 30, 2025. This is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Peter Butler. Councilor Burga seconded the motion. Councilor Kiely arrived, 7:37 PM. Unanimously voted, 9-0.

The meeting reverted to the order of business.

### **OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES-Fiscal Year 2022- Town Council President Arthur Mathews**

President Mathews addressed those present:

#### **President Mathews’ Speech for the Annual Meeting, Monday 16 May 2022 at 7:30PM**

*Pursuant to Section 6-6 of the Town Charter, the Town Council President shall deliver an update on the legislative activities of the Council, for fiscal 2022, which commenced on July 1, 2021.*

*The Town Council has held a total of 57 meetings thus far for fiscal year 2022. This includes regularly scheduled 37 Town Council Meetings, 2 Special Town Council Meetings, and 18 meetings of the 12 committees under the Council’s jurisdiction.*

*As the legislative branch of government, the Town Council is responsible for approving measures, new appointments and reappointments, town ordinances, and the operating budget for the town, as submitted by Mayor Hedlund. Over the course of this fiscal year, the council approved 10 appointments, and 30 reappointments.*

*The Council, in deliberating the budget, and pursuant to the town charter, cannot increase, but can only reduce the budget.*

*Serving as President of the Town Council is an extreme privilege. I am honored by my colleagues’ trust in me to lead this esteemed body for a second consecutive term.*

*In addition to the measures the Mayor presents in his proposed FY23 budget tonight, I would also like to take a moment to highlight actions taken by the Town Council in fiscal 2022:*

- *Approved CPC funding for the Conceptual Design services for Iron Hill Park*
- *Free Cash measures of more than \$5 million for:*
  - *Fire Department Overtime- to cover personnel during illness, vacations, etc.*

- \$2.7 million into the Stabilization Fund
- \$500,000 to mitigate some of the impact in settling the 6 Collective Bargaining Agreements expiring next month
- \$250,000 to complete the Smelt Brook Park walkway with seating, lighting, interpretive panels and landscaping
- \$140,000 to complete the final phase of the Wharf Street remediation
- \$71,636 to replace IT Network Switches to upgrade aging technology infrastructure
- *The Council also approved Reserve Fund or Stabilization Transfers for the following:*
  - \$70,000 for conceptual design services for both Beal's Park in N. Weymouth and Iron Hill Park in E. Weymouth
  - \$50,000 in reserve for Insurance Expenses
  - \$9500 to supplement Wey-Bra Park Funding- the costs to administer Pond Meadow Park, which are shared with Braintree
- *The Council also voted favorably to invest over \$6 million in road and sidewalk repairs, and is in the process of accepting 6 private ways as public ways, to the benefit of the residents and these will favorably impact the Town's Chapter 90 funding.*

*In other measures the Town Council voted to:*

- *increase the COLA base for Weymouth's retirees - this is the first such increase since 1988.*
- *Approve early voting hours for the November 2021 Election, and a Re-precincting Plan based on census results.*
- *Approve traffic-calming measures and adjusted parking restrictions at the request of residents*
- *Reconsidered amendments to zoning ordinances affecting funeral homes and the Billboard Overlay District, in response to Citizens Petitions*

*The Council will shortly consider a utility petition from National Grid to replace aging infrastructure on Summer Street.*

*I would like extend my sincere appreciation to my fellow Councilors, the employees of the Council and Clerk's Offices, Mayor Robert Hedlund, his Administration, and the School Department for their ongoing efforts.*

*Additionally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the residents of the Town of Weymouth, who by their valuable input during public hearings have brought to light important issues, and have illustrated the true definition of democracy. The Council appreciates your participation in local government.*

*The next order of business on our agenda are the public hearings for the fiscal year 2023 budget, I would like to recognize Vice President Michael Molisse who will proceed with our agenda.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **22 066- Annual Appropriation- General Government**

### **22 067- Annual Appropriation – Sewer Enterprise Fund**

### **22 068- Sewer Retained Earnings – Pump Station Improvements**

- 22 069- Sewer Retained Earnings – Infrastructure Improvements**
- 22 070- Sewer Retained Earnings – Capital Equipment**
- 22 071- Annual Appropriation – Water Enterprise Fund**
- 22 072- Water Retained Earnings – Water Treatment Plant Improvements**
- 22 073- Water Retained Earnings – Water Main Improvements**
- 22 074- Water Retained Earnings – Capital Equipment**
- 22 075- Annual Appropriation – CPC**
- 22 076- Facilities and Fields Enterprise**
- 22 077- Annual Authorization – Revolving Accounts**
- 22 078- Annual Authorization – Gift Accounts**
- 22 079- FY22 Snow Removal Deficit**
- 22 080- Free Cash for EPEB Fund Contribution**
- 22 081- Free Cash for Park Maintenance**
- 22 082- Free Cash for WPS Curriculum**
- 22 083- Free Cash for WHS Planetarium Upgrades**
- 22 084- Free Cash for WPS Passenger Vans**
- 22 085- Free Cash for WPS WHS Security Cameras**
- 22 086- Free Cash for WHS CTE Equipment**
- 22 087- Free Cash for WPS Music Instruments**
- 22 088- Free Cash for DPW Front-Line Truck**
- 22 089- Free Cash for DPW Refurbish Heavy Equipment**
- 22 090- Free Cash for Recreation Passenger Vans**
- 22 091- Free Cash for Path Lighting at Weston Park**
- 22 092- Free Cash for Senior Center Improvements**
- 22 093- Free Cash for WFD Protective Bunker Gear**
- 22 094- Free Cash for Upgrading Fire Alarm Communications**

**22 095- Free Cash for WFD Station Generator**

**22 096- Free Cash for WFD Dispatch Software**

**22 097- Free Cash for WPD Police Cruisers**

**22 098- Free Cash for WPD Replacement of Tasers**

**Capital Improvement Plan for Years 2023-2027**

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measures 22 066 through 22 098 and the Capital Improvement Plan, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

**State of the Town- Mayor Robert Hedlund**

Mayor Robert Hedlund made an address. This is the first year in chambers instead of Abigail Adams Auditorium. He reported that he often watches the state of the union which is sometimes subject to hyperbole. As the town celebrates its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he proclaimed the state of the town is excellent. He presented an overview;



**The State of Weymouth**

**400 Years Later...**

**The State of our Historic Town is Excellent!**

- Managing through a pandemic with **no layoffs or cuts to services**
- A **responsible and healthy budget** proposal for Fiscal Year 2023
- **First-class** playing fields, parks, trails and town-managed ice rink and pool
- A new, state-of-the-art **Tufts Community Library** and playground
- A new **Chapman Middle School** and educational opportunity - **on-time and under budget**
- Over **\$30 million in road and sidewalk improvements** - Pave the Wey!
- **Revitalization of our Village Centers** - Pride and Economic Strength
- **Responsible New Zoning** to protect our neighborhoods and create economic opportunity
- More Improvements Coming - Wessagusset Walk/Coastal Stabilization, Beals Park, Iron Hill Park, Columbian Square
- **Growth in the town's stabilization fund** to \$8.6 million (from just \$1.1 million)
- **Lowest Average Single-Family Tax Bill in Surrounding Area**

2

Simply put, he added, people want to live, raise their families and invest in businesses in Weymouth.



**COVID-19 Revenue Recovery**

The COVID Pandemic had a significant impact on Town Revenues

From **FY16 through FY19:**

Actual Revenue Growth averaged 4.2%  
Actual Revenue averaged \$4.2 million over budgeted revenue

In **FY20**, Revenue grew by 0.3% and was \$1.2 million **below** budgeted

In **FY21**, Revenue grew by 3.3% and was \$1.3 million over budgeted

Had FY20 and FY21 revenue grown by previous average (4.2%), we would have ended FY21 with an addition \$8.6 million in revenue

We managed the revenue loss by controlling spending  
Actual expenses grew by just 2.0% in FY20 and 1.8% FY21

3



## COVID-19 Revenue Recovery

FY22 YTD actual revenues reflect continued recovery.

FY22 revenue is slightly ahead of traditional YTD percentage of budget

FY	BUDGET	REVENUE THRU APRIL	% OF BUDGET
FY17	\$155,506,272	\$141,689,762	91.1%
FY18	\$162,171,975	\$145,816,306	89.9%
FY19	\$168,648,297	\$153,612,178	91.1%
FY20	\$174,445,532	\$142,657,614	81.8%
FY21	\$177,573,130	\$161,770,298	91.1%
FY22	\$189,054,770	\$173,707,478	91.9%

4

The town weathered the recovery by managing spending while conserving jobs during the pandemic.



## Coastal Improvements/Resiliency

### Fore River Seawall

2019 - \$2.3 million Seawall Completed (\$1.6M state grant)

### Fort Point Seawall

\$129,557 state grant for Phase I redesign and permit development  
\$102,980 state grant for Phase II schematic design and modeling  
Estimated construction costs is \$9.3 million (75% grant/ 25% town)  
Plan for bids and start of construction in 2023

### Back River Boat Ramp Dredging

\$100,000 State ARPA Earmark  
\$70,000 Waterways funding for design/engineering

### Beach Seawall and Drainage Improvements (River St)

Applied for FY23 Seawall grant for design and permitting (\$244,500 cost, 75% grant)  
Applied for Coastal Zone Management Grant - \$80,000

5

The town has been grappling with the Fort Point Seawall issue for many years. It was delayed while obtaining signoffs from the neighbors. They are working on grant applications. The Grants Manager, Leilani Dalpe has been very busy working with the Mayor's office getting the grant applications completed.



## Coastal Improvements/Resiliency

### Wessagusset Walk and Coastal Embankment Stabilization



6



## Coastal Improvements/Resiliency

### Wessagusset Walk and Coastal Embankment Stabilization

The Town has engaged the services of Coastal Engineering Inc. to design new revetment of the embankment and construct the walk between Lane and Wessagusset Beach

- Final Design recently completed
- Bid Documents by June and award contract this Summer
- Start construction this Summer
- Anticipate completion by July 2024

#### Current Funding Plan

\$1 million Seaport Economic Council (state) grant  
 Up to \$6 million in Free Cash - Host Community Agreement  
 Applied for \$4 million MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

7

Mayor Hedlund thanked several departments for their coordination on this project. It has been identified as a project for 40 years. There was much grassroots effort that brought this to fruition.



## Pave-The-Way Road Improvements

### 2022-2023 Program

\$5.0 million bonding authorization  
 \$1.0 million in Free Cash (HCA, North Weymouth roads)  
 \$1.2 million in Chapter 90 (state) funds  
 Additional funding from CDBG, Utility Companies, etc.

### Since 2017

More than \$30 million invested in road and sidewalk improvements  
 188 "segments" of roads have been reconstructed or resurfaced

8

Mayor Hedlund added his own perspective, as a cyclist, on the condition of the roads. He is working to accelerate the street acceptance program and get more of the unaccepted roadways on the town books and counted towards Chapter 90 funding. He urged patience with the process; DPW has been doing a great job. He pointed out that the SafeStreets Program is taken into account when reviewing streets for acceptance and commended the Planning Department for their input.



## Water Needs and the MWRA

Weymouth pumps an average of 4.25 million gallons of water per day (mgd).  
 From 2014-2019 the average was 4.19mgd  
 2020 during peak of COVID, the average was 4.56mgd  
 2021 dropped to 4.30mgd  
 2022 Through April is down to 4.21mgd

Our permitted allowable volume under the Water Management Act is 5.0mgd  
 Weymouth has been (on average) using 84% of our permitted use  
 Maximum-day demand average is 5.26mgd, including COVID peak

Weymouth's "Safe Yield" is 6.27mgd – being how much water Weymouth can "safely" provide per day even during periods of extended drought.

9



## Water Needs and the MWRA

A 2021 report by Environmental Partners (EP) forecasted future water demand in Weymouth (separating Town and Union Point demands).

**Factors Considered:**

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| - Water Supply Information        | - Water Use Information |
| - Population Forecast             | - Employment Forecast   |
| - Approved and Future Development | - Union Point           |

**Conclusions:** (ADD = Average-Day Demand)

- Overall ADD (excluding Union Point) could rise to between 4.81mgd and 5.28mgd by 2040
  - A 13.2% to 24.2% increase over 20 years (a 0.66% to 1.2% annual increase)
- UP could expect an average ADD increase of 0.38mgd every 5 years, to an ADD of 1.6mgd by 2040
- Water demand could surpass the Town's withdrawal limit within approximately the next 5 years, without any additional demand from the Union Point Development

10





## Water Needs and the MWRA

### Solutions to meeting future water needs:

#### Continuing to address unaccounted for water (UAW)

Weymouth regularly averages over 20% UAW, more than twice the MassDEP allowable threshold of 10%. This equates to an average UAW of 0.94mgd. The immediate goal is to be closer to 0.50mgd

- Causes: Water breaks, plant operations, tank overflows, suspected “stolen” water for irrigation and commercial use, undiscovered leaks (Union Point a big concern), construction equipment, fire department use, and inaccurate metering
- DPW (Water Dept) is continually monitoring and performing leak detecting
- The Town is working to conduct a water audit to help determine causes/solutions
- DPW working with consultants on a newer and more accurate metering system
- Utilizing additional funding (ARPA) to replace aging water infrastructure
- Considering partnership program for residents/businesses to install low-flow plumbing devices

11



## Water Needs and the MWRA

### Solutions to meeting future water needs:

#### Exploring the MWRA as a source of water

- Most immediately available source of water – 100mgd over its safe yield
- Award-winning “clean” water; effectively free from PFAS

Town created a Water Supply Working Group with our engineers, Union Point developers, and the MWRA to identify options and costs

#### Progress:

- Created goals and identified system expansion routes provided by the MWRA and the recommended improvements in Weymouth that correspond with the various potential MWRA connection locations
- MWRA received \$300,000 in state funding through Speaker Mariano’s office to study MWRA expansion options to the South Shore. MWRA agreed to collaborate with Weymouth’s working group on study
- MWRA Advisory Board is considering temporarily waiving entrance fee for eligible communities over the next five years – MWRA confirmed Weymouth would be eligible. It could mean savings in the tens of millions

12

The town has been fortunate to not have to implement water bans. Since the Consent Order, conservation measures and leak detection programs were implemented. Water loss is a big problem at the air base. Looking ahead to when the buildout of the base becomes a reality means the town could potentially look to the MWRA for a water source to meet the increased demands, although in the enabling legislation, the developer is responsible for identifying a water source for the buildout. Hooking up to MWRA will enable Weymouth to complete infrastructure work, and possibly have the connection fee waived. Another benefit would be quality drinking water free of PFAS contaminants. The only detriment identified would be the cost to ratepayers. More information will be provided once the data from Environmental Partners has been disseminated to see if it makes sense for the town to consider the option. It will not be pursued with the intention of subsidizing Union Point; the master developer would be responsible for their portion of infrastructure, to service Union Point.

He noted the water department continues to seek water losses and a more accurate metering system (with ARPA funding) and partnering with business partners to continue conservation efforts.



## The NEW Chapman Middle School

- Substantial Completion by July 1, 2022 (Auditorium in September/October)
- Furniture and Equipment installed during the month of July
- Facility and systems tested and cleaned first week in August
- Teachers may start moving-in in mid-August
- First Day of School for Students is September 7, 2022



13



## The NEW Chapman Middle School

**Grades 6 through 8**  
**Built for 1,470 students**  
**252,170 total square feet**

45 General Classrooms  
 11 STEM Classrooms - 6th Grade  
 10 Science Classrooms - 7th and 8th Grade  
 6 Neighborhood Collaborative Areas

**Career Tech Classrooms**  
 Expeditionary Lab, Culinary Lab, Makerspace,  
 Broadcast Lab w/studio, Fabrication Lab

**Arts Education**  
 Chorus, Band and MIDI Composition Classrooms  
 Theatre Arts Classroom, 3 Art Classrooms (Kiln)

**842-seat Auditorium**  
 with balcony, dressing/makeup rooms

**10,000+ square foot Gymnasium**  
 with fitness studio and weight room

**18,000 square feet of SPED Rooms**  
 Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy,  
 Life Skills, Language Based Learning,  
 Social Emotional Learning, Resource Rooms,  
 Small Group Rooms, Sensory Room,  
 Transition Room, SPED Admin Suite

**12,500 square foot Café and Kitchen**

**Medical/Community Wellness Space**

14



## The NEW Chapman Middle School

Find a link to New Chapman Video Tour (April) on Facebook Page –  
 “Chapman School Building Project – Weymouth”

### **Budget**

Project Total (including Feasibility) = \$164,235,130

**Construction Budget = \$128,105,641**

Change orders = \$1,470,982 (1.1% of budget)

**Architectural and Engineering Budget = \$14,995,255**

Change orders = \$457,397 (3% of budget)

**Administration Budget = \$6,057,160**

No change orders

**FF&E Budget = \$5,292,000**

Change orders = \$787,341 (14.8% of budget)

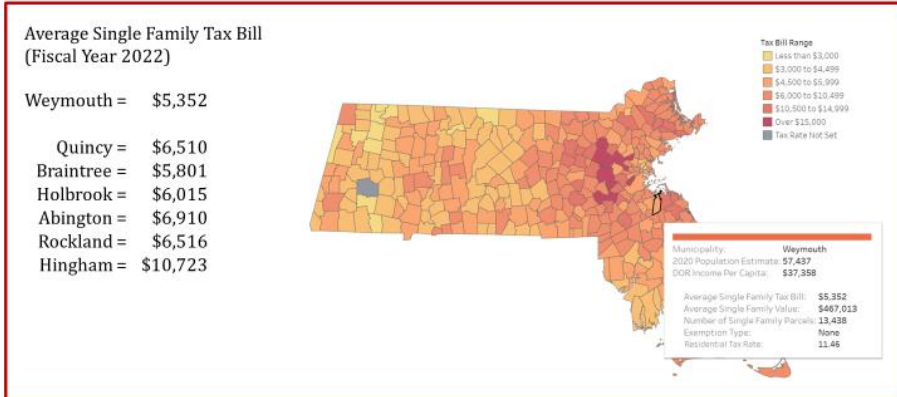
**Project Contingency Budget = \$9,305,074** – We have only used 30% of our contingency (\$6.6 million under budget)!

15

The mayor thanked the school committee members present, and the school superintendent, Ted Langill and the School Building Committee members. This is the most significant capital project the town has undertaken. Construction is currently below budget.



## Getting More for your Tax Dollars



16

Mayor Hedlund pointed out the amenities Weymouth provides compared to other communities with higher tax rates, such as trash pickup and nice playing fields. Weymouth, unlike their neighbors, lowered the tax rate. He turned the budget presentation over to Chief of Staff Langill.

### **Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Robert Hedlund / Chief of Staff Ted Langill**

Chief of Staff Langill provided a slide presentation with details on this budget:



## FY23 Annual Appropriation

FY23 Operating Budget	<b>\$190,306,660</b>	
FY23 Revenue Sources		
Tax Levy	<b>\$126,255,447</b>	66.3% of budgeted revenue
Local Receipts/Transfers	<b>\$23,460,781</b>	12.3% of budgeted revenue
Cherry Sheet (State Aid)	<b>\$40,590,432</b>	21.3% of budgeted revenue
Outside of Tax Levy		
FY23 Debt Exclusion	<b>\$4,518,237</b>	

17



## Operating Budget Growth History

FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19
\$190,306,660	\$183,576,870	\$177,573,130	\$174,445,532	\$168,648,297
3.7%	3.4%	1.8%	3.4%	4.0%

18



## FY23 Annual Appropriation

<b>Sewer Enterprise Fund</b>		
	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>
SALARIES	\$ 956,092	\$ 947,888
OVERTIME	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,625
EXPENSES	\$ 555,000	\$ 670,000
BENEFITS AND INDIRECTS	\$ 2,271,590	\$ 2,268,146
RESERVE	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
SEWER CHARGE	\$ 13,723,816	\$ 13,809,607
	\$ 17,698,098	\$ 17,887,266

19



## FY23 Annual Appropriation

### Water Enterprise Fund

	FY22	FY23
SALARIES	\$ 1,262,441	\$ 1,248,976
OVERTIME	\$ 202,500	\$ 202,500
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,225
EXPENSES	\$ 3,721,238	\$ 4,190,570
BENEFITS AND INDIRECTS	\$ 4,501,676	\$ 4,329,123
RESERVE	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
	<b>\$ 9,898,655</b>	<b>\$ 10,181,394</b>

**Water and Sewer Budgets will require a 2% rate increase**

20



## FY23 Annual Appropriation

### Community Preservation

	FY22 BUDGET	FY23 BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>			
1% Surcharge	\$860,000	\$900,000	\$40,000
State Match	\$195,000	\$350,000	\$155,000
Investment Income	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Interest and Penalties	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,059,000</b>	<b>\$1,254,000</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>			
Admin Costs (Max 5%)	\$52,950	\$62,700	\$9,750
Open Space and Recreation	\$105,900	\$125,400	\$19,500
Historic Preservation	\$105,900	\$125,400	\$19,500
Affordable Housing	\$105,900	\$125,400	\$19,500
Debt Service	\$88,850	\$0	-\$88,850
Unreserved	\$599,500	\$815,100	\$215,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,059,000</b>	<b>\$1,254,000</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>

21



## FY23 Annual Appropriation

### Facilities and Fields Enterprise Fund

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>COST CENTER (Expenses)</u>	
Legion	\$ 45,000.00	Building/office supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Lovell 1	\$ 90,000.00	Turf Maintenance (Supplies)	\$ 10,000.00
Lovell 2	\$ 90,000.00	Irrigation Maintenance (Contract)	\$ 32,000.00
Lovell 3	\$ 84,800.00	Field Equipment and Materials	\$ 10,000.00
Libby	\$ 31,000.00	Employee Laborer (FT Attendant)	\$ 38,000.00
WHS	\$ 28,000.00	Attendant (part time labor)	\$ 20,000.00
Sponsorships	\$ 5,500.00	Electric	\$ 36,000.00
Stella Tirrell	\$ 4,000.00	Retained earnings / Capital Fund	\$231,300.00
<b>Total anticipated revenue</b>	<b>\$378,300.00</b>	<b>Total anticipated expense</b>	<b>\$378,300.00</b>

22



## Revolving Accounts

<i>Account</i>	<i>Fund Name</i>	<i>Limit to Accept</i>	<i>Limit to Expend</i>
5201	Conservation	\$30,000	\$30,000
5202	Law Enforcement (local)	\$50,000	\$50,000
5203	Insurance Reimbursement	no limit	no limit
5209	Parks and Recreation	\$1,170,000	\$880,000
5210	Law Enforcement (federal)	\$100,000	\$100,000
5211	Commission on Disabilities	\$5,000	\$5,000
5214	MIIA Insurance Rewards	\$50,000	\$25,000
5216	Community Services	\$150,000	\$150,000
5221	Police Cruiser	\$91,500	\$91,500
5224	Field Permit	\$50,000	\$50,000
5225	Comcast Capital	\$50,000	\$150,000
5226	Historic Preservation	\$5,000	\$5,000
5235	Harbormaster	\$85,000	\$85,000

23



## Gift Accounts

<i>Account</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Limit to Accept</i>	<i>Limit to Expend</i>
5401	Junior Police Academy	\$15,000	\$15,000
5403	Community Policing	\$10,000	\$10,000
5406	Fourth of July	\$25,000	\$25,000
5407	Beautification	\$150,000	\$250,000
5408	Library	\$5,000	\$5,000
5409	Health	\$5,000	\$3,000
5410	Health Clinics	\$10,000	\$15,000
5414	Fire Department	\$5,000	\$15,000
5415	DARE	\$10,000	\$15,000
5419	MAP Program (Elder Svcs)	\$10,000	\$5,000
5422	Veterans Memorial Wall	\$5,000	\$5,000
5423	Veterans Service Donations	\$10,000	\$10,000
5425	Great Esker Park	\$20,000	\$20,000
5431	Weymouth Day	\$20,000	\$60,000
5432	Recreation	\$50,000	\$50,000
5435	Canine Donations	\$5,000	\$7,000
8324	Franklin Pratt - A	None Required	\$15,000
8338	James Humphrey Bequest	None Required	\$12,000
8339	Christine Sweetser	None Required	\$17,000

24



**Department Budgets**

- Average 3.7% increase
- Many CBA's not settled
- \$6,729,790 New Spending
  - Schools \$3,034,156
  - Benefits \$1,618,645
  - Town Depts \$1,599,430
  - State Assmnts \$554,205
- Reserve Fund Decreased
- Level Debt Service
  - Reviewing Debt Model
- 3% Non-Union COLA
- Restored pay steps (COVID)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSAL
TOWN COUNCIL	\$ 311,778	\$ 322,028	\$ 330,115	\$ 400,964
MAYOR'S OFFICE	\$ 608,730	\$ 640,018	\$ 650,073	\$ 688,497
RESERVE FUND	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ 545,000	\$ 475,000
MUNICIPAL FINANCE	\$ 1,962,300	\$ 1,797,696	\$ 1,862,603	\$ 1,898,155
TOWN SOLICITOR	\$ 517,287	\$ 403,216	\$ 411,501	\$ 418,351
INFORMATION SERVICES	\$ 1,109,415	\$ 1,068,015	\$ 1,148,823	\$ 1,192,348
TOWN CLERK	\$ 481,378	\$ 474,406	\$ 464,453	\$ 506,107
PLANNING & CONSERVATION	\$ 664,273	\$ 645,323	\$ 685,004	\$ 715,501
INSURANCE	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,134,975
ASSET MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,458,073	\$ 1,240,540	\$ 1,437,133	\$ 1,577,086
HUMAN RESOURCES	\$ 257,592	\$ 253,592	\$ 275,274	\$ 314,263
POLICE	\$ 13,425,763	\$ 13,570,790	\$ 14,027,304	\$ 14,784,954
FIRE	\$ 9,387,092	\$ 9,518,468	\$ 10,022,521	\$ 10,310,676
LICENSING & INSPECTIONS	\$ 683,720	\$ 677,898	\$ 703,151	\$ 732,624
DPW	\$ 10,306,303	\$ 10,030,124	\$ 10,285,469	\$ 10,114,318
HEALTH	\$ 611,998	\$ 581,706	\$ 625,033	\$ 648,036
LIBRARY	\$ 1,651,579	\$ 1,613,908	\$ 1,749,811	\$ 1,782,829
VETERANS SERVICES	\$ 670,437	\$ 668,437	\$ 674,325	\$ 692,807
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 354,388	\$ 350,788	\$ 331,174	\$ 321,448
ELDER SERVICES	\$ 251,700	\$ 253,438	\$ 267,711	\$ 346,729
CIVIL DEFENSE	\$ 15,135	\$ 23,335	\$ 23,556	\$ 23,898
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES	\$ 136,881	\$ 136,781	\$ 152,487	\$ 197,385
DEBT SERVICE (WITHIN LEVY)	\$ 10,668,428	\$ 11,254,815	\$ 10,195,429	\$ 10,188,783
PENSIONS & BENEFITS	\$ 35,722,686	\$ 37,495,194	\$ 38,722,541	\$ 40,341,186
SCHOOLS	\$ 73,619,894	\$ 74,392,872	\$ 78,135,121	\$ 81,169,277
ASSESSMENTS	\$ 7,468,302	\$ 8,309,342	\$ 8,125,858	\$ 8,680,063
OVERLAY FOR ABATEMENT	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
OPERATING TOTAL (LEVY)	\$ 174,445,532	\$ 177,573,130	\$ 183,576,870	\$ 190,306,660
DEBT SERVICE (EXEMPT)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,477,900	\$ 4,518,237
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 174,445,532	\$ 177,573,130	\$ 189,054,770	\$ 194,824,897



**FY23 School Budget**

- Fully funding School request at \$81,169,277
- An increase of \$3,034,156 or 3.9% ... 45% of town budget increase
- School administration plans to utilize Federal COVID-19 recovery funding to fund an additional \$2,649,171 on several expenses listed on the need list
- Under Mayor Hedlund, the Weymouth school budget has increased by \$19.2 million or 31%, a 4.4% annual average increase



## Summary of Budget Variances

<b>Town Council</b>	-Funding for FT Auditor -Funding for night/weekend meeting stipend
<b>Mayor's Office</b>	-48% of increase is for Wey-Bra Park Board (Pond Meadow Park) -Increase to responsibilities for one of two assistant positions (vacancy)
<b>Information Services</b>	-Less of Project Manager's salary is being offset with Comcast revolving funds
<b>Veterans Services Youth and Family Elder Services</b>	-Director's salary grade was adjusted (increased) in an effort to bring pay equity among all town department/division heads
<b>Asset Management</b>	-A new position that will be responsible for certain town facilities that involve public rental/usage, including the new 850-seat auditorium at the new Chapman Middle School
<b>Human Resources</b>	-Creating a new paid internship program (10 weeks, six interns)

27



## Summary of Budget Variances

<b>Licensing/Inspections</b>	-Turning a part-time clerical position into a full-time position -Reclassifying the Administrative Assistant position to a grade consistent with similar positions in town
<b>Town Clerk</b>	-Majority of increase is for new dog license and public records portal systems
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	-Decrease in salary expenses, that will be offset by enterprise fund
<b>Youth and Family</b>	-New PT Teen Center Coordinator, allowing Outreach Coordinator to focus more on Family Service outreach and case management
<b>Elder Services</b>	-Budget includes increased transportation service and a case manager, both offset by grant funding
<b>Police</b>	-Increasing Overtime by 6.4% to \$870,000 total -New Mental Health/Jail Diversion Clinician – ARPA funded -Offset with \$239,082 from South Shore Health (Dispatchers)
<b>Fire</b>	-Overtime budget increasing 12% to \$700,000

28



## Snow and Ice Removal Deficit

<b>Measure 22 079</b>	
\$500,000 from Stabilization Fund (to be reimbursed with FEMA reimbursement)	
\$863,431 from Free Cash	
<u>Snow and Ice Expenditures</u>	
In-house overtime	\$ 253,639.10
Contracts	\$ 934,892.00
Other Charges/Maintenance	\$ 159,942.97
Blades	\$ 13,436.40
Chains	\$ 4,971.71
Treatment	\$ 316,691.22
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,683,573.40
Appropriation	\$ 320,143.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 1,363,430.40</b>

29



Mr. Langill pointed out that the operating budget is approximately 3.6% over the current year. Tax levy is up by 4.4% and local receipts are up about 2.3% and state aid is up by 2.1%, using House Budget numbers. Chapman School Debt Exclusion saved the town \$1 million. \$300,000 of the operating budget uses ARPA funds. The administration has held to limiting use of one-time funding for recurring costs; however, they are confident these costs can be sustained going forward. Motor vehicle revenue is increasing by 2%, meals tax by 10%. Overall, it's a 3.7% increase from this year. Budget growth is back on track after the COVID year. It's in recovery mode. This year and the year before COVID, it was in the mid-3% range. Sewer Enterprise is increasing 1.1% and Water Enterprise by 2.9%. Between the two, ratepayers should see about a 2% increase in rates. FY23 Annual Appropriation includes Community Preservation, which is increasing significantly- revenue was higher than anticipated and the state match was about 39% match of the surcharge. Facilities and Fields include revenue and maintaining the turf fields. The enterprise was created to dedicate the revenue towards the maintenance of the investment made for fields.

Several of the collective bargaining agreements have not been settled yet, so a measure was submitted for a reserve fund for settlement mitigation. State assessments are not as bad as other years. The reserve fund was decreased to balance the budget, but should still be sufficient to fund any unforeseen events. Nonunion employees received a 3% increase, as well as restoring steps withheld during the COVID budget. Insurance was set up separate from the Mayor's budget in order to be better able to track the costs. The administration is reviewing debt service; with interest rates increasing, there may be some additional borrowing before the end of the year.

The school budget request was fully funded; a 9% increase (45% of the town budget increase), plus COVID funding. Any that recur will need to be funded within, or from savings. It is the seventh school budget under Mayor Hedlund with increased school funding. He summarized the variances within particular budgets. The Town Council's budget includes funding for a fulltime auditor and a stipend for night and weekend meetings. In the Mayor's office budget, a vacancy was filled, increasing the responsibilities, and it includes the Wey-Bra Board (Pond Meadow Park) salary and a flood control maintenance line. A position that Comcast previously offset is being reduced and absorbed in the IT budget. Three Department Head salaries were adjusted to balance pay equity the administration inherited. In the Asset Management budget, a new position was created in collaboration with the school department to protect the investment and generate revenue from the new Chapman auditorium. In the Human Resources budget, a paid internship program was created. In Licensing & Inspections, a part time position was moved to fulltime and the administrative assistant position upgraded. The Town Clerk budget includes a public records portal system and a new dog license program. The Parks & Recreation Department is decreasing; the new enterprise fund will offset two of the positions within the department. Youth & Family Services includes a new Teen Center Coordinator position and is one of the Department Head salaries adjusted for equity. Elder Services includes increased transportation services and a case manager position; both offset by grant funding. Police budget increased to cover overtime, created a new Mental Health/Jail Diversion Clinician position funded by ARPA over the next five years and offset the dispatchers with funding from SS Health. Fire Department budget increased for overtime; the spike in overtime may be associated with COVID and the opening of Station Two. He then reviewed the ARPA funding and the remaining measures. The town has through 2024 to obligate the money and through 2026 to spend it. there are many projects and a lot of sources to decide to spend the money. A survey was sent to residents and the results were disseminated.



## OPEB Trust Fund

**Measure 22 080**  
**\$250,000 from Free Cash to**  
**OPEB Trust Fund**

### SUMMARY OF WEYMOUTH'S PCOT ACCOUNT

CONTRIBUTIONS, DISTRIBUTIONS, AND TOTAL ASSETS AS OF MARCH 31, 2022:



\*Plan Year Ending June 2017 is based on 1 month of activity  
 \*\*Plan Year Ending June 2022 is based on 5 months of activity

30



## OPEB Trust Fund

### SUMMARY OF WEYMOUTH'S PCOT ACCOUNT

Plan Effective Date: May 15, 2017  
 Type of Plan: IRC Section 115 Irrevocable Exclusive Benefits Trust  
 Investment Strategy: PCOT Growth  
 Plan Administrator & Contact: Robert Conlon, Treasurer

---

AS OF MARCH 31, 2022:

Initial Contribution:	June 2017 - \$3,041,159.16
Additional Contributions:	\$900,000
Total Contributions:	\$3,941,159.16
Disbursements:	\$0
Expenses:	\$54,468
Total Investment Earnings:	\$1,088,017
Account Balance:	\$5,874,707

31



## Federal Relief/Recovery - ARPA

### ARPA - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

#### ARPA Recovery Funding

Direct Funding Allocated to Weymouth	<b>\$17,804,215.00</b>
Weymouth Funding Allocated Thru Norfolk County	<b>\$11,216,484.00</b>
	<b>\$29,020,699.00</b>

**Weymouth received \$8,902,107.50 in direct funding on 5/19/2021.**

**We have since earned \$34,571.42 in interest.**

**We expect the second half of the direct funding any day now.**

32



## Federal Relief/Recovery - ARPA

### Summary of the eligible uses of ARPA funds.

- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic – New minimum of up to \$10 million can be spent.
- **Support the COVID-19 public health and economic response** by addressing COVID-19 and its impact on public health as well as addressing economic harms to households, small businesses, nonprofits, impacted industries, and the public sector.
- **Provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors.
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water; to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet.

ARPA funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021.

Further, costs must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

33



## ARPA Spending Principles

Principles for Consideration of ARPA spending:

- Projects that have the **greatest impact on residents**, both directly and indirectly
- Projects that lead to **economic opportunity and recovery**
- Projects that make an impact on the **town's physical infrastructure**
- Projects that effectively **assist vulnerable populations** impacted by COVID-19
- One-time projects with no or **limited recurring or ancillary costs**
- Projects that **produce savings or increase the town's revenue base in the future**
- Existing Weymouth-based projects/programs that can be **enhanced/expanded**
- Projects that avert disruptive and costly delays, and **promote efficiency**

34



## ARPA Survey Results

### Received 2,052 responses

#### 50%+

Road and sidewalk improvements

#### 35% to 30%

Water and sewer infrastructure; Access to broadband/internet services; Behavioral Health Care (mental health/substance misuse treatment/overdose prevention); Address needs of WPS students; Support small businesses; Parks and recreation

#### 30% to 20%

Public safety; Climate change and environment; Food insecurity; Early Education

#### 10% to 20%

Affordable housing; Green Infrastructure; Direct assistance to households; Health and wellness; Support non-profits and social service agencies; COVID-19 mitigation and prevention

#### Less than 10%

Housing assistance; Cybersecurity; Workforce development; Support tourism and entertainment industry; Assistance to unemployed workers

35



## ARPA Spending and Commitments

COVID Testing and Test Kits - \$975,731.14  
 Mobile Food Pantry - \$200,000  
 Senior Center Gym Floor - \$125,000  
 Town Cemetery Improvements - \$100,000  
 Columbian Square Improvements - \$8,589,906  
 IT Broadband/Security - \$393,089; Park Wi-Fi Access and Security - \$546,770  
 Water Main Replacements - \$2,000,000  
 Tide Mill Brook Sewer Project (beginning engineering work) - \$6.9M estimate  
 New WPD Mental Health/Jail Diversion Clinician - \$89,222/year (5 years)

36



## Summary of other Measures

**22\_081 Free Cash for Park Maintenance - \$250,000**  
 Supplementing park maintenance line-items in Asset Management and DPW departments.

**22\_082 Free Cash for WPS Curriculum - \$350,000**  
 Replacing retired K-8 English Language Arts program.

**22\_083 Free Cash for WHS Planetarium Upgrades - \$250,000**  
 Upgrade 18 year old system program, parts for which are no longer available.

**22\_084 Free Cash for WPS Passenger Vans - \$200,000**  
 Replace 3 T-150 transit vans and 1 T-250 double wheelchair transit van.

**22\_085 Free Cash for WPS WHS Security Cameras - \$130,000**  
 Replacing and upgrading security cameras at Weymouth High School.

**22\_086 Free Cash for WHS CTE Equipment - \$75,000**  
 Replacing/purchasing various CTE equipment - MIG Welder; Pipe and Tube Rollers; Table Saw; Gas Grill; Tire Changer; IT Chairs & Desks

**22\_087 Free Cash for WPS Music Instruments - \$25,000**  
 Repair/replace school-owned loaners to ensure equity in music program access. Update music tech for WHS. New equipment for concert/marching band programs to accommodate increased enrollment.

38



## Summary of other Measures

**22\_088 Free Cash for DPW Front-Line Truck - \$170,000**  
 Purchasing a one-ton dump-truck to replace a 2004 Ford F350 that needs restoration work beyond its value and will be more than 18 years old at the time of replacement. The new unit will be fully equipped with a snow plow, material spreader, and matched with a hitch

**22\_089 Free Cash for DPW Refurbish Heavy Equipment - \$150,000**  
 Refurbishing several pieces of heavy equipment damaged (rust and corrosion) by nature of winter work. Repair truck beds and bodies as well as the cosmetic and mechanical features of the DPW machinery with the intent of extending the life of our fleet

**22\_090 Free Cash for Recreation Passenger Vans - \$80,000**  
 Replacement of two (2) outdated passenger vehicles no longer used for transportation due to safety concerns - vans were repurposed to library and asset management (2005 E350, 2008 E350)

**22\_091 Free Cash for Path Lighting at Weston Park - \$50,000**  
 Add 10-12 lights to existing pathways at rear of Weston Park between Washington Street and Front Street

**22\_092 Free Cash for Senior Center Improvements - \$100,000**  
 Replace "elementary school-sized" toilets at the senior center and install pull-up bars. Repairs to aging building, including broken downspouts, holes in the hallway ceiling, outside trim, and mason work needed to building bricks near kitchen entrance

39



## Summary of other Measures

**22\_093 Free Cash for WFD Protective Bunker Gear - \$406,400**

Purchasing 100 sets of protective bunker gear - coat, pants, boots, gloves, hood, and helmet

**22\_094 Free Cash for Upgrading Fire Alarm Communications - \$100,000**

Replace existing 25 year old technology which was donated from the Air Base when it closed. The technology has changed to digital and there is no support for the old technology. We have over 200 King Fisher radio boxes throughout the community

**22\_095 Free Cash for WFD Station Generator - \$100,000**

Remove and replace old gasoline generator with new diesel powered generator

**22\_096 Free Cash for WFD Software - \$40,000**

Purchase of new pre-fire planning application and fire records software system

**22\_097 Free Cash for WPD Police Cruisers - \$390,000**

Continuation of annual replacement of seven (7) marked cruisers. Police vehicles are used 24/7 and average in excess of 40K miles per year, not including idle hours. This results in excessive maintenance costs, vehicle and operational safety issues

**22\_098 Free Cash for WPD Replacement of Tasers - \$235,000**

Current Tasers are over five (5) years old and out of warranty. Newest technology Taser is extremely more effective. This will fund 100 tasers and 2 docking stations

40



## FY23 Budget and CIP Available Online

Go to

**[weymouth.ma.us/mayor/links/budget](http://weymouth.ma.us/mayor/links/budget)**

to access the current and past budget books and presentations.

Go to

**[weymouth.ma.us/planning-board/pages/capital-improvement-plan](http://weymouth.ma.us/planning-board/pages/capital-improvement-plan)**

to access the current and past Capital Improvement Plans

41

Mr. Langill continued and stated that projects were funded or committed to fund and he reviewed those. He then provided a brief overview of the several other measures submitted with the budget, in free cash measures.

More information is available on the town website, including the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

**Beth Hogan, (no address given)** addressed the White Oaks Development on Washington Street Route 53, a privately owned, mixed use development that impacts Weymouth's budgets. Numerous trees were taken down and a mess left behind. Council President Mathews thanked her for her comments. The BZA and Conservation Commission have held hearings. Mayor Hedlund asked her to leave her name and number and he will have her comments addressed with the appropriate departments.

**Ed Cowen, 56 Wilson Ave.-** stated that it is important for all to work together. He respected the work of the administration and is proud to live in the town.

**Elizabeth Foster-Nolan 54 House Rock Road**- commends all department heads, Ted and the Mayor, for a thoughtful process after difficult years. The open door policy for ARPA funding and what the community wants has been very helpful. She is thrilled to see a mental health diversion clinician in police- this is another way to support them. She urged they do what can to support them more in this area. Elder Services and Youth & Family Services deserve what they get and more. She noted the School department also for the thoughtful process. The community needs to understand the thought process. She supports it fully. It's what Weymouth needs and deserves.

Councilor DiFazio pointed out that success doesn't equal revenue. He had a few questions:

1. Fields and retained earnings in those accounts- when they were first installed it was estimated with a lifespan of ten years. Will meet that number needed for replacement?

Steve Reilly responded that the enterprise fund is new with the intent to tap for replacements. They have addressed the maintenance aggressively, and Legion Field and the high school fields are already several years into them and they are wearing well. The intent when they were done may not have been to fully fund replacement, but to at least be in a better position to contribute to fund them. Without knowing when the fields will need to be replaced, they should be in a solid position.

2. Does the town expect to use ARPA funds for the construction of Tide Mill sewer project? Several constituents have asked him.

Mayor Hedlund responded that they haven't gotten that far in the discussion on the project. They have to do design and engineering first, and if it meets the parameters, it could be considered for funding. Mr. Langill added that everything is open – it is flexible, and there are several sources. Bonding may also be a consideration, depending on the price tag and the timing.

3. Quincy put a \$15 million bond in their budget to pay their OPEB liability. Why? Weymouth was advised as long as they contribute, it will put them in a good position.

Mr. Langill responded that by bonding, it gets rid of the liability, but there is some benefit to removing that size liability. It does involve some risk. Mayor Hedlund added that Quincy has the luxury of being able to meet their needs with their revenue sources. There is a huge disparity – Weymouth got a far bigger bang for their buck than Quincy.

Councilor Burga thanked the town departments/workers for the significant investment in North Weymouth through several projects. She recognized that it's paid for by HCA and ARPA funding and as much as don't like that, they appreciate it. Mayor Hedlund added that there are more parks they haven't been able to upgrade yet. Significant work was done in roads in North Weymouth, without neglecting other areas of town and sequenced around utility work.

Councilor Belmarsh commented that the geniality of this year's budget season and that is a testament to the financial stability. She appreciates where we are now. While she wants to endorse Councilor DiFazio's support for infrastructure improvements, she reminded all that ARPA funding is intended to cover shortfalls as a result of COVID. Be cognizant of the community's needs. Without having an auditor in place, she reserved the right to submit additional questions to the administration.

**Michael Grafton, 38 Morningside Path**- reminded that people tend to forget these numbers are much higher because of the number of volunteers who put in hundreds of hours. Volunteers add to the budget; if

the core is lost, success rates may change. Someone should quantify what we get and what we would lose without them.

The Mayor responded that it takes a village. He also thanked the department heads. From state to local government, the contrast of a negative caricature is not true in Weymouth, which has civic engagement, and people involved in civic associations. He thanked Mr. Grafton for pointing it out.

**Danielle Graziano- 430 Ralph Talbot Street-** Addressed the staffing shortages- she asked they look at supplementing fees to families with disabilities for non-inclusive camps and childcare.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on measures 22 066 through 22 098 and the Capital Improvement Plan, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

#### ADJOURNMENT

President Mathews thanked all for their attendance. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is June 6, 2022. At 9:15 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 21 June 2022