

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
June 15, 2022, Wednesday**

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

Absent: Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and took measures 22 066 through 22 098 and the Capital Improvement Plan FY23-27 out of order.

**22 066- FY23 Annual Appropriation- General Government**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$194,824,897 to provide for all the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's several departments and activities for the fiscal year 2023, and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the conditions specified. The sources of funding for said expenditures are as outlined in the Revenue Projections which are attached hereto and incorporated herein. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 4, 9, 11, 18. A public hearing was conducted during the Annual Town Meeting on May 16, 2022.

**22 067- FY23 Annual Appropriation – Sewer Enterprise Fund**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,887,266 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during the fiscal year 2022 for the Sewer Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, an expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on on May 9, 2022.

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

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with sewer pump station improvements. #78 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 069- Sewer Retained Earnings – Infrastructure Improvements**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with sewer infrastructure improvements. This is #165 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan and was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 070- Sewer Retained Earnings – Capital Equipment**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vehicles and associated equipment. #133 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 071- FY23 Annual Appropriation – Water Enterprise Fund**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,181,394 from the Water Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation and expenses during fiscal year 2023 for the Water Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds. In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council. was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 072- Water Retained Earnings – Water Treatment Plant Improvements**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Water Treatment Plant improvements. #80 and #81 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 073- Water Retained Earnings – Water Main Improvements**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with water main improvements for the Town’s water distribution system. #82 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 074- Water Retained Earnings – Capital Equipment**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of a new inspectional vehicle. #136 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 075- FY23 Annual Appropriation - CPC**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2022 Community Preservation Budget in the amount of \$1,254,000. The estimated revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2023 are as identified:

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| <u>Estimated Revenue</u>         | <u>FY22</u> | <u>FY23</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1% Surcharge                     | \$860,000   | \$900,000   |
| State Match                      | \$195,000   | \$350,000   |
| Investment Income                | \$2,000     | \$2,000     |
| Interest & Penalties             | \$2,000     | \$2,000     |
| Total Estimated Revenue          | \$1,059,000 | \$1,254,000 |
| <br><u>Budgeted Expenditures</u> |             |             |
| Administrative Costs (max 5%)    | \$52,950    | \$62,700    |
| Total Open Space & Recreation    | \$105,900   | \$125,400   |
| Total Historic Resources         | \$105,900   | \$125,400   |
| Total Housing                    | \$105,900   | \$125,400   |
| <br><u>Debt Service</u>          |             |             |
| Principal & Interest             | \$88,500*   | 0           |
| Total General Revenue            | \$599,500   | \$815,000   |
| Total Appropriation Request      | \$1,059,000 | \$1,254,000 |

This was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 4, 2022.

**22 076- FY23 Annual Appropriation - Facilities and Fields Enterprise**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,300 from the Facilities and Fields Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation and expenses during fiscal year 2023 for the Parks and Recreation Department and that the Director of Parks and Recreation with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds. In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor

and Town Council. This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 077- FY23 Annual Authorization – Revolving Accounts**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2023 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and revolving account 5209 for Parks and Recreation established by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53D. Furthermore, that each of these revolving accounts is permitted to accept funds in the aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

| Account | Fund Name                  | Limit to Accept | Limit to Expend |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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               | \$91,500        | \$91,500        |
| 5225    | Comcast Capital            | \$50,000        | \$150,000       |
| 5226    | Historic Preservation      | \$5,000         | \$5,000         |
| 5235    | Harbor Master              | \$85,000        | \$85,000        |

This was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 078- FY23 Annual Authorization – Gift Accounts**

This measure requests that Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2022 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53A. Furthermore, that each of these gift accounts is permitted to accept gifts and/or donations in aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

| Account | Fund Description      | Limit to Accept | Limit to Expend |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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        |

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|------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 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 | Veteran's Service Donations | \$10,000      | \$10,000 |
| 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 |

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 4, 2022.

**22 079- FY22 Snow/Ice Removal Deficit**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$500,000 from the Stabilization Fund and \$863,431 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2022 snow removal budget. Any unexpended balances as of June 30, 2022 will fall to Free Cash. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 080- Free Cash for EPEB Fund Contribution**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash to the Town's OPEB Trust Fund was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 4, 2022.

**22 081- Free Cash for Park Maintenance**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with park maintenance. This funding supplements the (two) park maintenance line-items in the operating budget. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 082- Free Cash for WPS Curriculum Materials**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of English Language Arts curriculum materials for Weymouth Public Schools. #58 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 18, 2022.

**22 083- Free Cash for WHS Planetarium Upgrades**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with upgrades to the planetarium computer program at Weymouth High School was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 18, 2022.

**22 084- Free Cash for WPS Passenger Vans**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase (replacement) of four (4) passenger transportation vans for Weymouth Public Schools. It is #69 and #70 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 18, 2022.

**22 085- Free Cash for WHS Security Cameras**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$130,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing and upgrading security cameras at Weymouth High School. This was inadvertently left off the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 18, 2022.

**22 086- Free Cash for WHS CTE Equipment**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$75,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Weymouth High School's Career and Technical Education Department. #56 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 18, 2022.

**22 087- Free Cash for WPS Music Instruments**

This measure requests the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of music curriculum, equipment and instruments for Weymouth Public Schools. This is #57 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 18, 2022.

**22 088- Free Cash for Front-Line DPW Truck**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$170,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with purchasing (replacing) and equipping a one-ton front-line truck to be used by the Department of Public Works. #6 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 089- Free Cash for Refurbishing DPW Heavy Equipment**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$150,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with refurbishing heavy equipment used by the Department of Public Works. #10 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan.

It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 090- Free Cash for Recreation Passenger Vans**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$80,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase (replacement) of two (2) passenger vans for the Recreation Department. This is item #40 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 091- Free Cash for Weston Park Path Lighting**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the installation of lighting along the walking path at Weston Park-- #42 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 092- Free Cash for Senior Center Improvements**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with general repairs and upgrades to restroom facilities at the Senior Center. #14 and #15 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 9, 2022.

**22 093- Free Cash for WFD Protective Bunker Gear**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$406,400 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing protective bunker gear for each firefighter in the Weymouth Fire Department. This is #23 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 11, 2022.

**22 094- Free Cash for Upgrading Fire Alarm Communications**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Free Cash the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing existing King Fisher fire alarm communication technology. This is #17 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 11, 2022.

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

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing the emergency generator at Fire Station One. This is item #20 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 11, 2022.

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

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$40,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with upgraded dispatch software for the

Fire Department. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 11, 2022.

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

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$390,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase (replacement) of new police cruisers for the Weymouth Police Department. This is #50 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 11, 2022.

**22 098- Free Cash for WPD Taser Replacements**

This measure requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$235,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the replacement of tasers in the Weymouth Police Department. #52 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. It was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 11, 2022.

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

This measure requests to accept the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2027 which was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 19, 2022. The committee met and deliberated on May 4, 2022.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward measures 22 066 through 22 098, including the FY2023-2027 Capital Improvement plan to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 3-0.

Chair Molisse took Measures 22 109 through 22 115 out of order.

**22 109- Appointment-4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Mary Roy**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Ms. Roy was invited to the table and she reviewed her current service on other boards, and her interest and qualifications.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint Mary Roy of 31 Brae Road for appointment to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 3-0.

**22 110-Appointment-Board of Zoning Appeals Nicole Chin**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Ms. Chin gave her qualifications, including her current work on projects in Boston's Seaport District.



Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint Nicole Chin of 56 Pine Cliff Road to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2024. This appointment fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Richard McLeod. Chair Molisse asked that as she reviews projects for BZA, she visits each property to familiarize herself with the project. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 3-0.

**22 111-Appointment-Scholarship Fund Committee Gerald Dowling**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Dowling was invited to the table. He provided his background which includes employment with UMASS Boston. He also is an ordained minister.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint Gerald Dowling of 609 Middle Street, Apt. 75 to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025. This appointment replaces Caitlin McInnes. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 3-0.

**22 112-Appointment-Board of Library Trustees John Lambiase, II**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Lambiase was invited to the table. He explained that he currently serves on the Advisory Committee for culinary students and is interested in serving the whole town.

Councilor Burga arrived here, at 6:10 PM.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint John Lambiase, II of 119 Park Ave. West to the Board of Library Trustees for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025. This appointment replaces Vicki Kaufman. Councilor Heffernan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 3-0

**22 113- Appointment-Memorial Committee John Lambiase, II**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Lambiase added that he is a veteran and a former Boy Scout.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint John Lambiase, II of 119 Park Ave. West to the Memorial Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025. This appointment replaces Joan Anderson. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0

**22 114-Appointment-Board of Elder Services Elaine Pepe**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. The chair reported that Ms. Pepe was unable to attend, but many on the committee/council could vouch for her public service record.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint Elaine Pepe of 26 Erin Way to the Board of Elder Services for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025. This appointment replaces Tom Coronite. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0.

**22 115-Appointment-Commission on Disabilities Cheryl Taylor**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. The chair reported that Ms. Taylor was unable to be present, but her service is also well known.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint Cheryl Taylor of 472 Pond Street to the Commission on Disabilities to fill the remainder of a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2024. This appointment replaces Frank Burke. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0.

**22 104-Reserve Fund Transfer-Town Clerk**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Langill explained the four invoices. The first is for upgrades to the town’s dog licensing system. The one the town was using has gone out of business. The two mailing expenses cover costs incurred in required mailings for the redistricting of precincts, and an overrun on census mailing costs. The last was to purchase a voting machine for a new precinct 9A. He confirmed for Councilor Burga that the records from the previous license system will migrate to the new.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$14,286 from the FY22 Reserve fund to the following Town Clerk line items for the purpose of paying the listed invoices:

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| LL Data Design     | \$2,495 |
| Golden Manet Press | \$3,845 |
| ES & S             | \$7,346 |
| Park Press         | \$ 600  |

Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0.

### **22 105-Reserve Fund Transfer for WPD Taser Replacements**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Langill explained that this funding will cover an additional 10 tasers and docking station and supplements the original request. He confirmed for Councilor Burga that the equipment being replaced is of no value. Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$45,516.25 from the FY22 Reserve Fund to supplement funding from Measure 22 098 for the purpose of funding costs associated with the replacement of tasers in the Weymouth Police Department. This need is #52 on the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Councilor Burga seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0.

### **22 106-Reserve Fund Transfer - Assessors**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Langill explained that Calpine (formerly Sithe Energies) 20-year tax agreement expires soon. The town needs to obtain a reasonable value for the site in order to negotiate new terms. The last payment was \$4.4 million, so there is a lot riding on getting the best value. Discussion has already begun. A copy of the contract was attached to the measure.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$49,900 from the FY22 Reserve Fund to the Municipal Finance-Other Professional Services line item for the purpose of paying costs associated with valuation and consulting services. Councilor Burga seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0.

### **22 107-Transfers to Fire Department Overtime**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Langill explained that this supplements a prior measure (22 004) and when that measure was filed, the administration expected additional funding would be needed. This is largely because the department is currently down 10 members due to various factors. This should get them through the fiscal year.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sums of \$250,000 from Free Cash, \$55,000 from Fire Department and \$60,000 from the Reserve Fund to Fire Department Overtime for the purpose of funding costs associated with an increase in fire department overtime hours. Councilor Burga seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0.

### **22 108-Legal Department Line Item Transfer**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. Mr. Langill reported that this will move funding within the legal department, from outside counsel to transition to in-house counsel. There are several factors that required legal work – limiting the impact to Weymouth’s roads and ways on a project abutting a Weymouth

neighborhood. Conservation and billboard issues have also required additional legal resources.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Town Solicitor Judgment/Claims to Town Solicitor Special Counsel to cover expenses through June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burga and unanimously voted, 4-0.

**22 103-Request to Extend Current Auditing Contract for FY2022**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 6, 2022. The current contract with Melanson is due to expire, however, in the absence of a Town Auditor, there are reports that need to be filed, and the Council negotiated an extension of Melanson's contract to complete the requisite reports.

Councilor Heffernan motioned to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$61,000 for the purpose of extending the contract with Melanson to include the FY 2022 audit. Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted, 4-0.

Chief of Staff Langill extended appreciation to this committee, and remarked that sometimes it looks easier than it is. He also thanked the department heads, many of whom were present. The work begins months ahead and is in consultation with them. The administration survived COVID without layoffs and it is directly attributable to an effective team, including the Town Council, and a good working relationship with the School Department. The administration will continue to keep an eye on expenses. It was noted that Mr. Langill personally approves any expense over \$1,000. This administration is proud of the budgets that have been put before the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:26 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Heffernan to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Burga.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman  
Voted unanimously on 15 August 2022