

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
June 17, 2019, Monday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Jane Hackett, Vice Chairman
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Kenan Connell, DPW Director
Owen MacDonald, Traffic Engineer
George Pontes, Veterans Agent
Chief Richard Grimes, WPD
Chief Keith Star, WFD
Caroline LaCroix, Human Resources Director

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to take measures 19 084 through 19 089 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 084-Appointment to Planning Board-Gregory Agnew

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Mr. Agnew was invited to the table to review his interest in the appointment. Mr. Agnew cited his experience in the commercial construction/property management field.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 084 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 085-Appointment to Cultural Council-Joseph Bisbee, Jr.

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Mr. Bisbee was invited to the table to review his interest in the appointment. Mr. Bisbee reported he is a Bridgewater State student.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 085 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 086-Appointment to Board of Elder Services-Rev. Thomas Coronite

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Mr. Coronite was invited to the table to review his interest in the appointment. He is looking for another way to serve the community. Rev. Coronite is the Chaplain to the WFD and a church pastor with experience ministering to the elderly.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 086 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 087-Appointment to Cultural Council-James Neiland

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Mr. Neiland was invited to the table to review his interest in the appointment. Mr. Neiland reported he is a lifelong town resident, and this gives him an opportunity to stay connected and active.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 087 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 088-Appointment to Board of Registrars-Joseph Bronske

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Mr. Bronske was invited to the table to review his interest in the appointment. Mr. Bronske reported that he takes voting seriously and brings fair party and voter representation. Vice Chair Hackett reminded him he has huge shoes to fill with Mickey Cronin's departure and urged he seek her counsel.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 088 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 089-Appointment to Weymouth Housing Authority-James Parker

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Mr. Parker was invited to the table to review his interest in the appointment. Mr. Parker is a former school committee member who has been out of local politics for a while. He has been auditing multi-family low income housing developments for many years and can bring something substantive to that board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 089 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 080-Veteran Volunteer Property Tax Relief Program

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Veterans' Agent George Pontes presented the measure which is a result of a change in state legislation (passage of the Brave Act). If Weymouth accepts, veterans can use it to work off \$1500 in taxes. Vice Chair Hackett asked if residents may participate in more than one relief program. Mr. Pontes responded no.

Vice Chair Hackett made a motion to forward measure 19 080 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 082-FY19 Dept. of Public Works Budget Transfer Request

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. DPW Director Connell presented the measure. There are two unexpended fund balances to transfer to cover anticipated costs to the overtime account for completing spring projects. Gasoline account surplus will transfer to street/sidewalk materials/vehicle maintenance and parts in order to finish up a busy year.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 082 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 083-FY19 Water Enterprise Fund Budget Transfer Request

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. Mr. Connell presented the measure to transfer \$200,000 from the water enterprise fund to capital account to GPWTP filter costs. Councilor McDonald asked for status on the recoupment of the repair costs. Mr. Connell responded that they brought in an outside consultant who will work with the town solicitor.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 083 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 090-Acceptance of G.L. C. 44 § 53F ¾-Cable Television Public Educational and Governmental Access Special Revenue Funds

Measure was referred on June 3, 2019. A public hearing will be held at the Town Council meeting June 17, 2019. Ted Langill and Mary Heinrichs, WETC were invited to the table to present the measure. This is in response to a change in the state law. Under an agreement with Comcast, they provide the town and WETC with a portion of their revenues. Town is under a ten-year agreement. With guidance from DOR as to how the money is taken in and accounted for, they created a revolving fund - Comcast account. The biggest difference is that the town will collect the entire amount and forward WETC's portion instead of having it sent directly to WETC. Funds are currently spent to offset IT charges and it brings in about \$800,000. They have to meet a July 1st deadline. There is a healthy balance in the account; they will try not to spend more than they collect in a given year.

Councilor McDonald asked if this changes the amount the town gets? Mr. Langill responded that it's spelled out in the agreement; that doesn't change in the first ten years. There has been a slight decrease over the last few years. During the last recession it did better. Auditor Swanson asked how the 4.5% is derived? Is it an industry average? It is not, but it can go up to 5%. Mr. Swanson asked for clarification on the schedule. Vice Chair Hackett noted that the contract was signed by the previous administration and she was extremely displeased with the package and the rates. Mr. Langill noted their frustration with the inability to negotiate.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 090 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Vote the following measures for the fiscal year 2020 budget:

19 051 A-Town Council - \$311,788

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 A to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 B-Mayor's Office - \$1,408,730

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 B to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 C-Reserve Fund - \$650,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 C to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 D-Municipal Finance - \$1,962,300

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 D to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 E-Town Solicitor - \$517,287

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 E to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 F-Information Services - \$1,109,415

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 F to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 G-Town Clerk - \$481,378

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 G to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 H-Planning & Conservation - \$664,273

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 H to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 I-Asset Management - \$972,323

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 I to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. Vice Chair Hackett reported she is pleased with how the administration spelled out funding for the maintenance of fields and applying \$400,000 to DPW for maintenance of grass fields and will continue as revenue continues. She suggested the creation of an enterprise fund to budget. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 J-Town Building Maintenance - \$485,750

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 J to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 K-Human Resources - \$257,592

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 K to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 L-Police Department - \$13,425,763

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 L to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 M-Fire Department - \$9,387,092

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 M to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 N-Licensing and Inspections - \$683,720

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 N to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 O-Department of Public Works - \$10,306,303

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 O to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 P-Health - \$611,998

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 P to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 Q-Library - \$1,651,579

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 Q to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 R-Veterans' Services – \$670,437

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 R to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 S-Parks & Recreation - \$354,388

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 S to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. JH- bang for the buck UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 T-Elder Services - \$251,700

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 T to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 U-Civil Defense - \$15,135

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 U to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 V-Commission on Disabilities - \$400

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 V to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 W-Youth and Family Services - \$136,881

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 6, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 W to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 X-Debt Service - \$10,668,482

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 X to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 Y-Pensions and Benefits – 35,722,686

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 Y to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 Z-Schools - \$73,619,894

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 22, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 Z to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 AA-State and County Assessments - \$7,468,302

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 AA to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051 BB-Overlay for Abatements - \$650,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 BB to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 051-General Government Annual Appropriation - \$174,445,532

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, May 6, May 8, May 13, May 15, May 22, and June 3.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 051 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 052-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 052 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, as amended and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 053-Gift Account Annual Authorization

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 053 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 054-Free Cash for Stabilization Fund-\$1,250,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 054 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 055-Free Cash Transfer to OPEB Trust Fund - \$200,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 055 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 056- Free Cash for FY19 Snow Removal - \$800,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 056 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 057-Free Cash for School IT - \$605,982

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 057, as amended, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 058-Free Cash for School Educational Materials-\$350,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 058 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 059-Free Cash for School Chair Lifts - \$75,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 059 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 060-Free Cash for CTE Educational Materials - \$86,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 060 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 061-Free Cash for New Police Cruisers - \$329,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 061 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 062-Free Cash for Station 2 Repairs and Improvements - \$375,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 062 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 063-Free Cash for Fire Department Lease of Fire Engine - \$120,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 063, as amended, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 064-Sewer Enterprise Fund FY20 Appropriation - \$17,440,396

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 064 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 065-Sewer Retained Earnings-Pump Station Improvements - \$1,000,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 065 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 066-Sewer Retained Earnings-Capital Equipment - \$50,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 066 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 067-Water Enterprise Fund FY20 Appropriation - \$9,897,586

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 067 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 068-Community Preservation Fund Annual Appropriation - \$890,000

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 068 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 069-Authorization to Expend CDBG & HOME Funds

Measure was referred on April 16, 2019 and reviewed on May 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 069 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Molisse thanked the Department Heads, Town Administrators and staff. Vice Chair Hackett thanked the chair. Councilor McDonald acknowledged the chair's attendance at every meeting. Councilor Heffernan thanked everyone for the smooth budget process and

credited it to the leadership. Councilor Kiely echoed his comments, especially in her transition year.

At 6:49 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 3 September 2019