

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Weymouth Town Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**January 4, 2016, Monday**

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President  
Michael Smart, Vice President  
Robert Conlon, Councilor  
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor  
Jane Hackett, Councilor  
Ed Harrington, Councilor  
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor  
Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor  
Arthur Mathews, Councilor  
Brian McDonald, Councilor  
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Carolyn Murray, Interim Town Solicitor  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President O'Connor announced the late start due to the Swearing-In ceremony for the Mayor, Town Councilors and School Committee conducted earlier in the evening.

Councilor Conlon announced his office constituent hours to be held from 10-11 AM in Council Chambers and 3-4 PM at the Fogg Library on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

**Election of the Town Council President and Vice President**

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the nominations for Town Council President and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Lacey nominating Patrick O'Connor for Council President and was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the nominations for Town Council President and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to elect Patrick O'Connor to the position of Town Council President and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President O'Connor made brief remarks. He thanked his family, fellow Councilors and noted it has been a remarkable few years. He highlighted the goals he was able to achieve during his tenure as President, the challenges they faced, and the future goals he sets for the next two years. He will expand those goals to include continued progress on the development of Southfield, finalizing a master plan for the Emery Estate, revitalization of the Weymouth Landing area, advocating for budgeting which invests in education, public safety and commercial development, and addressing the opiate abuse epidemic. He believes a solution to that problem will come from the local level and he looks forward to contributing to a solution that will provide a model for the rest of the Commonwealth.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to open the nominations for Town Council Vice President and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews nominating Michael Smart for Council Vice President and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to close the nominations for Town Council Vice President and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to elect Michael Smart to the position of Town Council Vice President and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Vice President Smart thanked his family for their support. He looks forward to working with the Council and the new administration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

At 8:10 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Smart to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Council President Patrick O'Connor

Voted unanimously on 1 February 2016