

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 20, 2014, Monday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
James Clarke, Director of Planning

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

14 101-Sale of Town Owned Land

Mr. McKinney and Jim Clarke presented the measure. Mr. Clarke provided two handouts: a list of the parcels, as amended, and his report to the Mayor on the parcels. As part of the process to sell, a list was prepared over the summer and furnished to various town departments for review. Other than comments from the Conservation Commissioner, no issues were raised. Most of the lots on the list are abutter lots; small unbuildable lots, or those which would be considered buildable by state law -but the town would not consider recommending as appropriate for various reasons. Of the 23 from the original list, 5 are being withdrawn. He reviewed the lots and reasons being withdrawn from consideration:

- #10- 25 Emerson Street - this has a 30' wide DPW sewer easement on the back portion, and although it is not being used it would be compromised by building anything on it. They will work on eliminating the easement (repositioning the easement where the sewer line actually is) and this lot may come up in a future sale.
- #13-River Street – this lot is across from a property, on the Back River with a dock. Upon further investigation it appears the owner of that property has been paying the taxes; and paid off the liability but it isn't owned by him.
- #18-Campbell Street – wetland in South Weymouth behind the Weathervane golf course. When the notices went out, he received a call from Bristol Brothers; it appears this lot was part of a swap of land in 1999, when the town sold the sand and gravel operation, and it's been withdrawn for further legal review.
- #20-Victoria Avenue – this was sold at the last auction.
- #23-Royden Road – this was withdrawn at the request by an abutter on Roberts Street whose pool encroaches on the land. The Conservation Commissioner noted

it was given to the town for conservation purposes and it needs further review as to whether the town is authorized to sell it. It may require an act of legislation.

Mr. Clarke noted that when the measure was presented for referral there were several questions from Councilor Smart. A correction has been made to indicate current values. The other issue is that several of these parcels are shown on the Property Viewer as owned by individual homeowners. These are known as “land of no value” acquisitions. Land appraised below certain value (\$20,000) can be processed through DOR electronically. Although they can’t move forward on the ownership they would like to move forward with the auction and are seeking approval to sell, pending release by DOR, to the Town of Weymouth. The auction will be held October 21, 2014, 1:00 PM at the McCulloch Building.

Councilor Hackett asked how the town intends to allocated the proceeds. CFO McKinney responded that the proceeds will be applied to the General Fund. Councilor Hackett responded that she believes there is a restriction placed on proceeds raised from the sale of town-owned land and for what use they can be expended. Mr. McKinney responded that may be true of a larger valued sale, but revenue from the last auction was allocated to the General Fund. Councilor Hackett asked that this be further reviewed.

A motion was made by Councilor O’Connor to forward 14 101-Sale of Town Owned Land to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:12PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor O’Connor to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Chairman Michael Molisse
Budget/Management Committee

Voted favorably on November 10, 2014