

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Weymouth Town Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**October 3, 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: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer  
Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator  
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice President Smart announced that the Health Department will hold a public health- Flu Shot Clinic, Saturday, October 22, 2016 at WHS Maroon Cafeteria 9 AM-1:30 PM. Most major insurance is accepted, and residents are asked to bring their insurance card.

Councilor Conlon announced he will hold constituent hours on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 10-11 AM in Council Chambers at Town Hall and from 3-4 PM at Fogg Library.

President O'Connor announced that Weymouth Firefighters are participating in Breast Cancer Awareness month in October and will continue their tradition of wearing pink shirts and raising funds from the sale of them. The department raised \$6,000 last year for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

**Citation Issuance for Act of Heroism-Presented to Firefighter Matthew Menz- Mayor Robert Hedlund, Council President Patrick O'Connor and Councilor Thomas J. Lacey**

Council President O'Connor and Councilor Lacey read the citation on behalf of the Town Council and Administration for Firefighter Menz' actions performing heroic lifesaving actions while off duty; he performed CPR on a retired firefighter and likely saved his life. Mr. Menz received an ovation.

Michael Stewart, resident and employee of Liberty Mutual, presented Firefighter Menz with the Liberty Mutual Fire Mark Award. He noted that all candidates who receive the award qualify for a potential \$10,000 award to their town at the end of the year.

## **MINUTES**

### **Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016**

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Approve the Minutes from the Town Council meeting of September 6, 2016 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS**

### **16 134-Feasibility Study for the Construction or Reconstruction of the Chapman Middle School**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a Feasibility Study for the construction or reconstruction of a new middle school to replace the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School at 1051 Commercial Street, Weymouth MA 02189, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee.

To meet this appropriation, the Weymouth Town Council approves the expenditure of said amount from FUND 5218, (Chapman Feasibility Study Fund). The Town of Weymouth acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Weymouth incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 134 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Public Safety Committee- Chairman Thomas J. Lacey**

#### **Discussion and Update from Mayor Hedlund's Administration on Rehabilitation/ Residential Homes in Weymouth -Cathy Torrey**

Councilor Lacey reported that this matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee on September 19, 2016. The committee met on October 3, 2016. He reported it was a productive meeting with Ms. Torrey and members of the administration present. Ms. Torrey gave an overview of the subject; a dialogue ensued which included discussion and investigation of different types of rehabilitation houses. Paul Williams of the Health Dept. educated the committee on programs and some of the challenges around lack of oversight. Solicitor Callanan provided detailed overview of the legal implications; to impose oversight must be to the same standard as any other home in town. They voted to partner with administration to co-author a letter to the state agencies to encourage accelerated regulation methods and oversight of these homes, with support for those in recovery. They will draft a letter in the coming weeks. This matter is closed and he will provide a draft to the Council when ready.

## **Economic Development Committee-Chair Ed Harrington**

### **MBTA Bus Routes Resolution**

Councilor Harrington reported that this matter was referred to the committee on September 6, 2016. The committee met on September 20, 2016. The committee voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. The matter was introduced by a citizen request brought forward by resident Irving Murstein. He read the resolution into the record:

*“WHEREAS: Weymouth needs to expand the MBTA bus routes in town, namely the East Weymouth Route, Bus 222 and the South Weymouth Route, Bus 225.*

*WHEREAS: There are two bus routes in Weymouth and neither of them provide service to the local shopping centers.*

*WHEREAS: Union Point is being developed and bus 225 needs to expand service to South Weymouth as Union Point now has over 600 families with proposed housing of over 2,500 housing units, Apartment buildings, Assisted living area, commercial area and a very large concert area.*

*WHEREAS: Bus Route 222 serves only part of East Weymouth and does not provide service to the main shopping areas in East Weymouth where the large chain food stores are located.*

*WHEREAS: If Route 222 is expanded further to include the shopping areas then commuters could pick up the Route 225 bus route into South Weymouth which includes South Shore Hospital.*

*WHEREAS: Both bus routes 222 and 225 should run at least every hour to provide more convenience to the commuter.*

*WHEREAS: There are many areas in Weymouth where there is public housing, veterans housing, senior citizen housing and apartments.*

*WHEREAS: Many of the residents from subsidized housing rely on public transportation but cannot get to their destinations easily within the town.*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Weymouth Town Council requests favorable action on this matter by the State Transportation Agency and the MBTA.*

*FINALLY BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to these agency heads.*

*Signed on this third day of October in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen*

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*Weymouth Town Council President Patrick O'Connor”*

On behalf of the Economic Development Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Harrington to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Vice President Smart. Councilor

McDonald reported that a representative from the MBTA (Ms. Lally) came to the meeting but arrived late. She did express her willingness to listen to concerns. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Steps Specific to Official Audit Report of South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation**

Councilor Harrington reported that this issue was referred in June 2013 and the committee met in August and carried the matter over. State auditor's report had raised concern. The audit was done; since SSTT no longer exists and there is no longer a need to carry the item it was closed out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Correspondence to Department of Conservation and Recreation Regarding Connell Pool-  
Action Requested under 2-9(b)-Councilor Jane Hackett, Councilor Rebecca Haugh and  
Councilor Arthur Mathews**

Councilor Hackett reported that the pool had not been funded in the state budget. A draft letter was composed to the state and a copy provided in the councilors' packets.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Consider Correspondence to Department of Conservation and Recreation Regarding Connell Pool under 2-9(b) Same Night Action and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Approve; that the correspondence to the Department of Conservation and Recreation Regarding Connell Pool be sent to DCR and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Mathews noted the closing of the pool affects all age groups. He urged they keep advocating for funding to keep it open this fiscal year. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is Monday, October 17, 2016. At 7:54PM; there being no further business, a Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Council President Patrick O'Connor