

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
November 13, 2017, Monday**

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

Absent: Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present: Robert Hedlund, Mayor
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President O'Connor reported that Councilor Hackett was unavailable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Conlon announced constituent office hours on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 10-11:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Councilor Haugh announced a public information meeting was held earlier this evening; it was generated as a result of a request from sixteen residents. Weymouth, Braintree and Quincy jointly petitioned MA DEP regarding the contamination on the site of the proposed compressor site. She reported there were a lot of good comments. Residents have until January 6, 2018 to provide additional written comment. More information is available at nocompressor.com or through the Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station and Councilor Haugh's personal Facebook page.

Citation Issuance to Joan Anderson for years of dedicated service as a Library Trustee, President Patrick O'Connor, Mayor Robert Hedlund, Cathy Torrey, Library Trustee Chair

President O'Connor invited Cathy Torrey, Chair of the Board of Library Trustees and

Mayor Hedlund to join him to make a presentation to Joan Anderson for her forty years of service. He read proclamations on behalf of the Senate and a second from the Town Council and presented her with a town tile. Cathy Torrey presented Ms. Anderson with a gift on behalf of the library trustees and library staff. Mayor Hedlund noted some of the milestones reached during her tenure on the Board of Library Trustees, that included the groundbreaking for Pratt, and the renovation of the Fogg Library. She has advocated for libraries in the state, at the state level and lobbied local officials. She organized book drives, book sales and other fundraising activities on behalf of the libraries. She is a member of the state association and brought back many ideas. He noted the various positions Ms. Anderson held during her years on the Board, including Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair. He recognized her husband, Walter. He thanked her for her service to the town. Ms. Anderson thanked the Mayor, Council members, library trustees and employees for the honor and recognition. Council President O'Connor noted the many people in attendance to support her.

MINUTES

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

17 104-Housing Production Plan Presentation

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth review the Housing Production Plan and vote to adopt this plan.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 104 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President O'Connor reported that the Economic Development Committee would also wish to deliberate measure 17 104.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 104 to the Budget/Management Committee and the Economic Development Committee, and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 105-Fiscal Year 2018 Tax Classification

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth approve a Classification Tax Rate Shift of 1.45 for commercial, industrial, and personal property taxes with no residential exemption for fiscal year 2018.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 105 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 106-Traffic Regulations Associated with Reconstruction of Middle Street/Libbey Industrial Parkway Intersection

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth, through the Town Council, pursuant to GL Chapter 40, §22, amend the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-102(j) by adding the following:

9. Flashing Yellow Arrow. Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection, facing a flashing yellow arrow signal indication, displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or such movement indicated as is permitted by other signal indications displayed at the same time. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or making a U-turn, shall yield the right-of-way to:
 - a. (a) Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk, and
 - b. (b) Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.

In addition, vehicular traffic turning left of making a U-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so

closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection.

And pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-103(b), Section 13-103(d), Section 13-104(a), authorize the placement of signals, markings, and signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Traffic Signal			
Intersection			
Middle Street/Libbey Industrial Parkway/Tara Gardens			
Restricted Turning Maneuvers			
Location	Direction	Restriction	Time
Middle Street at Libbey Industrial Parkway	Southbound	Left Lane Must Turn Left	All
Middle Street at Libbey Industrial Parkway	Westbound	Right Lane Must Turn Left	All
Bus Stop			
Street	Side	Location	
Middle Street	West	95' South of Tara Drive to 135' South of Tara Drive	
Middle Street	East	80' North of Libbey Industrial Parkway to 120' North of Libbey Industrial Parkway	
Blocking Driveway Prohibited			
Address	Direction of Traffic		
915 Middle Street	Southbound		
921 Middle Street	Southbound		
925 Middle Street	Southbound		
930 Middle Street (driveway on Libbey Industrial Parkway)	Westbound		
Parking Restricted			
Street	Side	Location	Regulation Type
Tara Drive	South	60' West of Middle Street to Middle Street	No Parking Any Time

And cause the above restrictions to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulation Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1 – Appendix A under Schedule II, Restricted Turning Maneuvers, and Schedule III, Parking Restricted, and under new headings, Schedule VI, Traffic Signal, Schedule VII, Bus Stop, and Schedule VIII, Blocking Driveway Prohibited.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 106 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 107-Reserve Fund Transfer for Unpaid Bills

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$220.44 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills:

<u>Unpaid Bill</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Yourmembership.com	DPW	\$165.00
Verizon	Admin Svc.	\$55.44
	Total	\$220.44

Furthermore, that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to pay such bills.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 107 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 108-Reappointment to the Cultural Council-Anne Marie Gable

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, reappoint Anne Marie Gable of 23 Edgeworth Street, Weymouth MA to the Cultural Council. Her term will expire on June 30, 2019.

17 109-Reappointment to the Cultural Council- Judith Rizzo

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, reappoint Anne Judith Rizzo of 39 Manomet Road, Weymouth MA to the Cultural Council. Her term will expire on June 30, 2019.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to adopt the reappointment list and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.

President O'Connor reported that the Solicitor researched the matter at the request of the Council and determined action is not required under 2-9(b) for reappointments. Notice of reappointments will be provided to the Councilors and unless there is objection, this new approach will continue going forward. All new appointments will continue to be brought forward and processed in the usual manner.

Vice President Smart reported that under the new guidelines of the Open Meeting Law, referring measure 17 104 to the Budget/Management and Economic Development Committees together constitutes a Council majority. Because of this, they cannot be held in a joint meeting, but will require separate committee meetings. The meetings may be held on the same evening but cannot be opened together.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017. At 7:48 PM, 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 Patrick O'Connor as President of the Town Council

Voted unanimously on 4 December 2017