

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
November 20, 2017, Monday**

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President
Michael Smart, Vice President
Robert Conlon, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Absent: Ed Harrington, Councilor
Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Jane Kudcey, Housing Director
Sandra Williams, Chair, Planning Board
George Berg, Planning Board
Kenneth Padula, Planning Board
Paul Rotondo, Planning Board
B.D. Nayak, Planning Board

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll, with 3 members absent. President O'Connor reported that Councilors Harrington, Lacey and Molisse all called with prior commitments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Haugh announced that the WHS Class of 2018 will hold 47th annual Craft Fair that will be held at Weymouth High School on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 9 AM – 3 PM. Admission is \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior, or \$1.00 off with the donation of a non-perishable, non-expired item for the Weymouth Food Pantry. More information is available on the Weymouth Public Schools' website.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

Ambulance request for Proposal (RFP) Process- Linda MacDonald of 58 Laurel Street

Ms. MacDonald was invited to the table and she read the following statement:

"I am here to discuss the RFP for bids for ambulance services put out by Mayor Hedlund. The three responses are currently in the hands of the fire chief and are due for a decision within the next week or so.

But first I think it is very difficult to discuss this contract without discussing the fire department and the WFD desire to provide a town- based ambulance service. One of the stipulations in the RFP is that the bidder describe how they would assist the town in shifting to a town- based ambulance service run by the WFD and how they would reimburse the town for services provided by the WFD.

Anything I am going to say from here can be fact checked through our annual reports and through reputable online sources like the National Fire Protection Association and FEMA. It is a known fact that although the population of the U.S. grew 46% from 1977 to 2015, the rate of reported fires dropped by 72% during that same time. Most of the calls responded to by fire departments across the United States are EMS related with only an average of 4 % of calls being for fires or potential fires.

Our own town reports show that in 1990 fires made up 55% of calls and EMS less than 2 % of calls. By 1999 fires were 9% of calls and our fire department's EMS response had grown to 48% of all calls. In FY 2016, fires made up less than 4% of calls, EMS 56% and 26% were good intent responses. False alarms and weather calls made up the remainder.

So currently, unless Fallon calls off the fire department, a fire engine with 4 firefighters is dispatched to all EMS events. While some might think the number of EMS incidents must have grown significantly during that period, in fact, in 1996, the fire department administration standardized all running orders. It was no longer up to dispatch whether a fire engine went out on EMS calls, a fire engine was sent out on all calls no matter what.

Weymouth has contracted with private EMS providers for decades. When I called for an ambulance for my grandmother in the early 80's, two EMTs came in an ambulance and took her to SSH. Today that same call would have resulted in a fire engine with 4 firefighters, Fallon ambulance with two EMTs, and probably a police officer or 2.

According to a study done by Mayor Kay, Chief Stark, Chief Grimes, Council President Patrick O'Connor and Public Health official Dan McCormack in 2015, the cost to the town for our private EMS contract was \$24000 and the cost of a town- based ambulance would exceed any revenues collected by \$800,000 a year. In her memo to the council, Mayor Kay wrote that the group's findings should be vetted through an independent 3rd party.

In response to the extension of Fallon's contract in 2015, our present Mayor is reported as saying that "I have not endorsed a fire (department) based EMS, but it is an option that deserves more open and meaningful deliberation," Hedlund said.

Which leads us to the RFP that was presented to the council for their approval on 9/18 with a vote of no action by the council. During the presentation the council was told the award of an EMS contract will be different than prior ambulance contracts because bidders will be expected to provide the town with the amount they will reimburse the town for services currently provided by existing town fire department employees and that the contract will produce revenue for the first time.

There was no presentation on what those costs currently are, under what scenarios the private contractors would have to pay the town or what the town could expect in revenues from such a contract. Since most ambulance services are covered by Medicare or Medicaid followed by private insurers and ambulance companies cannot balance bill Medicare or Medicaid, I wonder where this “reimbursement” will come from. Will this, for example, become an additional fee to recipients of services so that the EMS companies can cover their costs? Will it become a hidden tax imbedded in the budget or, more concerning, could this vaguely worded stipulation in the RFP be construed as a contractual kickback? This revenue scheme by itself, deserves a public meeting in council chambers.

The contract’s wording is contradictory in several places. For example, the first paragraph states “the Town shall not evaluate proposals, nor shall the Town award this contract, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 30B.” and then in the very next sentence; the Town reserves the right to award this contract to the Vendor whose proposal is determined to be in the best interests of the Town.” Everyone involved in the RFP process is employed by the town.

In addition, the contract requires the bidder to explain how the vendor would assist in transitioning to a town- based EMS system. This to me seems like putting the cart before the horse. There has been no “meaningful” public meeting regarding this question, no data collected from an independent source like the data to be presented later in this meeting, from an independent source on housing production in Weymouth, no independent vetting of studies done during the tenures of Mayor Kay or Mayor Madden on a town- based EMS service. There has been no vote of the council on whether the town wants to pursue a town- based EMS or input from a public that has been educated on the budgetary implications of establishing a town based EMS system. In this regard, the Fire Department and candidates they endorse have been progressively pushing the town in that direction and not the taxpayers or their elected representatives.

The town is currently poised to build a new middle school, a new public library and is well into several costly park and athletic field improvements. We have loads of money and time invested in projects that will improve our community. However, the question of whether the town wants to take over EMS services from private providers looms in the background. It is a carrot dangled in front of our firefighters. It has devolved to asking private vendors, with their own employees, (some of whom are your constituents) to respond to vaguely worded questions about “reimbursing” town coffers without data supporting the request.

My hope is that the Council will:

- Ask the Mayor to settle these questions through a study of our present fire department. I can understand why a fire department whose mission is fire suppression, but fights very few fires, needs to do EMS to remain viable, but perhaps the answer is to reconfigure how we staff for fire suppression and not to add more responsibility to a department that already feels understaffed.*

- *A separate study from an objective 3rd party, vetting the findings of previous administrations on the costs to the town of running a fire based EMS service.*
- *And that the Mayor come before you with the data, possible scenarios that might produce revenue from private EMS contracts, expected amounts of revenues, and the plans for that revenue. If they do not have the data now, how can we evaluate or understand how that revenue was produced and whether the collection of reimbursements adversely impacted residents. “*

Council President O'Connor responded that once the committee that was established by the administration completes its review of the contract, they will meet. The questions and comments raised by Ms. MacDonald will be forwarded to the Mayor. No member of the council is on the committee deliberating the contract; it is an administration process.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to take COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS out of order and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

President O'Connor reported that under the new structure, the following appointment and reappointment measures will be bundled and voted together; he noted that measure 17 115 was withdrawn by the Administration.

17 112- Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Brandon Diem

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Brandon Diem of 22 Stratford Road to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

17 118-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Hong Vuong

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Hong Vuong of 26 Paris Street to the Cultural Council, for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

17 119-Appointment to the Board of Health-Lynn Squillace

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Lynn Squillace of 119 Pond Street to the Board of Health for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

17 120-Appointment to the Historical Commission-James Clark

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint James Clark of 86 Great Hill Drive to the Historical Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

17 121-Appointment to the Waterfront Committee-James A. Sullivan

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint James A. Sullivan of 75 Blanchard Road to the Board of Health for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

17 122-Appointment to the Scholarship Committee-Joanne Kelly

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Joanne Kelly of 63 Governor Winthrop Lane to the Scholarship Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

17 123-Appointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Michelle Casey

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Michelle Casey of 34 Hollis Street to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

17 126-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Mary Pap

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Administration that the Town of Weymouth appoint Mary Pap of 60 Lovell Street to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measures 17 112, 17 118, 17 119, 17 120, 17 121, 17 122, 17 123 and 17 126 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President O'Connor reported that all potential new appointees will be invited to appear before the Budget/Management Committee to present their qualifications and interest. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 111-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Kemal Denizkurt

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Kemal Denizkurt of 33 Circuit Road to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

17 113-Reappointment to the Conservation Commission-Scott Dowd

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Scott Dowd of 133 Pierce Road to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

17 114-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Edward Foley

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Edward Foley of 54 Harding Avenue to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

17 116-Reappointment to the Memorial Committee-Sтивен McCloskey

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Steven McCloskey of 38 Saunders Street to the Memorial Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

17 117-Reappointment to the Historical Commission-Michael Murphy

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Michael Murphy of 425 Front Street to the Historical Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to adopt the reappointment list, inclusive of the following measures: 17 111, 17 113, 17 114, 17 116, and 17 117 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 115-Reappointment to the Retirement Board-Gregory Hargadon

This measure was withdrawn by the Administration on November 17, 2017.

17 110-Acceptance of GL C.71S37M-Consolidation of Administrative Functions

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth through the Town Council, and with the approval of the Mayor, move to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 71, §37M, which allows the consolidation of administrative functions, including but not limited to financial, personnel, and maintenance functions of the school committee with those of the city of town.

The decision to consolidate or to revoke a decision, shall occur upon a majority vote of both the school committee and the council, with approval of the Mayor. The School Committee has voted to approve this provision to consolidate administrative functions with the Town.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 110 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Hackett asked if the reorganization plans should be referred to Budget or Ordinance. There hasn't been one recently. She asked if this measure could be referred to both committees. Vice President Smart responded that it could be referred to separate committees but not together as a joint meeting since it would constitute a quorum of the entire Council. Councilor Hackett suggested referring this to each committee since a reorganization plan is subject to time constraints to act otherwise it goes into effect. Vice President Smart withdrew his motion to restate it.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 110 to the Ordinance Committee and also to refer to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 124-CPA Funding Request for Stella Tirrell Park

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,000 from the Fund Balance reserved for Open Space and

\$28,144 from the Unreserved Fund Balance for a total of \$206,144 for the purpose of funding costs associated with a construction of a street hockey rink and parking at Stella Tirrell Park in South Weymouth.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 124 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 125-Reserve Fund Transfer-CODE RED

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$9,900 from the General Fund Reserve to Civil Defense-Other Professional Services for the purpose of funding the costs associated with purchasing a license for CodeRED emergency system access.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 17 125 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17 104-Housing Production Plan Presentation-Joint with Planning Board

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the public hearing on measure 17 104 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on November 10, 2017. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Sandra Williams called the Planning Board to order.

A Motion was made by Ken Padula to open the public hearing on measure 17 104 and was seconded by George Berg. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Director Robert Luongo gave an overview with Jane Kudcey. The process occurred over the last several months and included housing and health surveys with help from staffers Jody Lehrer and Valerie Sullivan. Once the plan is vetted by the Council and the Planning Board and approved, it will be forwarded to the state. The South Shore Chamber of Commerce also furnished a copy of their plan for the Council's review. Eric Halvorsen Jennifer Goldson and Judi Barrett, are the consultants who presented the following PowerPoint presentation:

Weymouth Housing Production Plan

Joint Weymouth Town Council and Planning Board Public Hearing

November 20, 2017

Presented by

Eric Halvorsen, AICP, RKG Associates Inc

Judi Barrett, Barrett Planning Group LLC

Jennifer Goldson, AICP JM Goldson

community preservation + planning

The consulting team



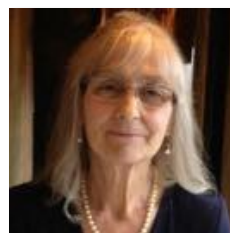
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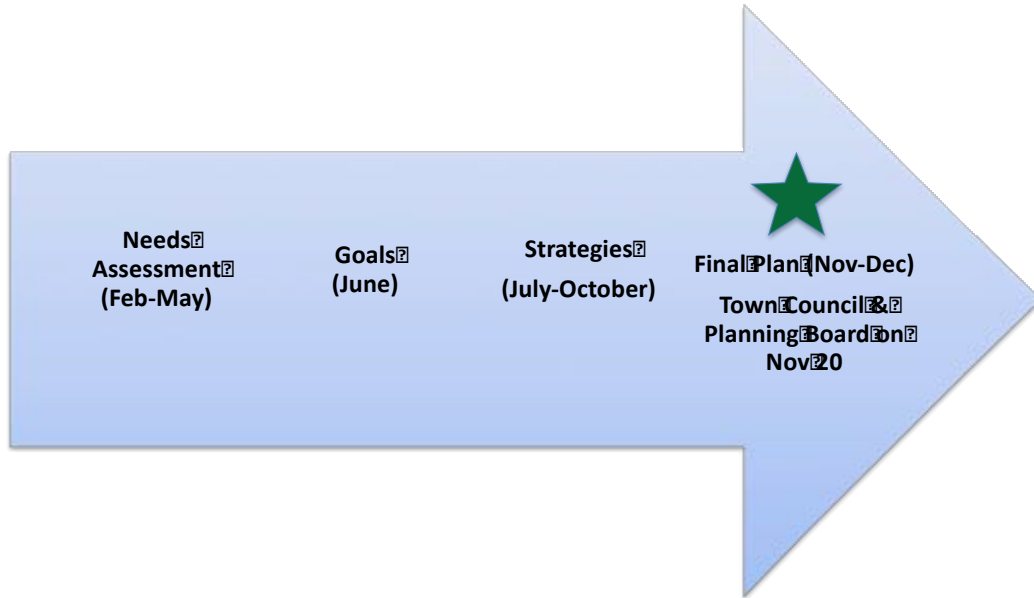


Craig Pereira, NCI, CFM
Horsely Witten Group



Judi Barrett
Barrett Planning Group

Project Schedule



Scope of Work & Community Engagement Process

Two Work Products:

- 1) Housing Production Plan
- 2) Health Addendum

Community Engagement Process:

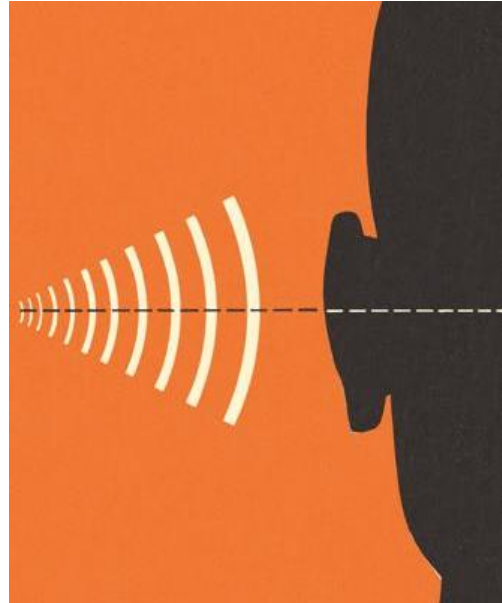
- Housing Survey
- Health Survey
- Stakeholder Focus Groups
- Two Public Forums (June and October)

Housing Production Plan – Three Key Elements

- 1) Needs Assessment
- 2) Goals and Strategies to achieve 10% with at least incremental production
- 3) Five-year action plan

Many HPPs also address other local concerns such as:


- middle-income units
- direct assistance to households
- more diverse housing options




HPP Certification Explained

Weymouth has **23,337** year-round homes. Needs a total of **2,334** homes to be counted on the SHI to meet the 10% goal. Has 1,771 now - needs 563 more

Step 1. Planning Board, Town Council, and the State (DHCD) "approve" the Housing Production Plan.



Step 2. Town permits 117 SHI homes in a calendar year (0.5% of total year-round homes)



Step 3. Town earns "certification" by the State and enters safe harbor for one year.

Summary of Key HPP Findings

1. Growth in number of households, due to more small households, creates need for more housing units.
2. Significant increase in older adults over 65 years creates need for smaller, low-maintenance, empty-nester housing and units with supportive services.
3. Older housing not well suited for older population - in need of improvements and modernization.
4. Need for affordable rental and ownership units. Low/moderate income residents spend too much for housing - particularly seniors with extremely-low incomes.

Summary of Key Health Findings

1. Adequate housing and community health are closely linked
2. Priority to address needs of senior population
3. Need affordable housing with access to public transportation and alternative transportation options including walking and biking
4. Increase availability of affordable, quality housing
5. Need to improve access to local food stores and healthy food options

Weymouth's Housing Vision

Weymouth strives to be a thriving community that welcomes people of all ages, incomes, and cultural roots with a strong commitment to linking residents through parks, open space, and recreation and vibrant village centers.



Five-Year Goals

GOAL 1: MIXED HOUSING TYPES

Encourage the development of a mix of housing types appropriate for an aging population and affordable to extremely low- to moderate-income senior households. The plan recognizes that alternative housing options for the senior population can create turnover opportunities for younger families.



Five-Year Goals

GOAL 2: AFFORDABLE

Integrate affordable units into a broader range of housing types throughout Weymouth's established and newly developed neighborhoods.

GOAL 3: INVEST IN NEIGHBORHOODS & PUBLIC HEALTH

Continue to invest in Weymouth's existing housing stock and neighborhood infrastructure, including sidewalks, parks, and commercial centers, to strengthen the quality of life, aesthetics, access to public transportation, and access to healthy food choices.



Five-Year Goals

GOAL 4: MIXED-INCOME AND MIXED-USE

Encourage mixed-income housing through mixed-use development in business districts and village centers and reduce the incidence of blighted properties in commercial areas.



Five-Year Goals

GOAL 5: SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Recognize and address the unique housing quality, suitability, and service needs of seniors and residents with physical, cognitive, and mental disabilities.

GOAL 6: PERMANENT HOUSING FOR HOMELESS AND AT RISK

Support opportunities to create service-enriched permanent housing for Weymouth's homeless individuals and families and those at risk of homelessness.



Five-Year Goals

GOAL 7: HOMEOWNERSHIP

Strengthen and expand resources that support greater pathways to homeownership for first-time homebuyers, including low- to middle-income households (at or below 80 percent AMI) and middle-income households (80 percent to 100 percent AMI).

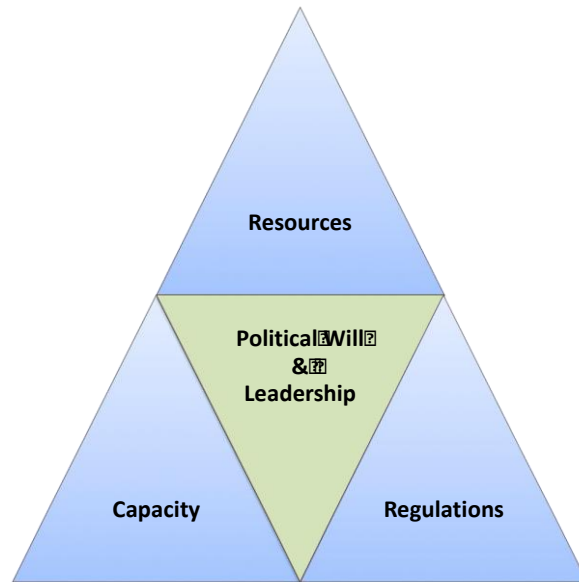
GOAL 8: TOWN CAPACITY

Increase town capacity to facilitate housing production and rehabilitation by allocating funding, staff, and other resources to relevant activities, and by educating the community about housing needs.



Strategies? Our Approach

Effective packages include a variety of strategies



Strategies

1. Establish a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust
2. Increase CPA allocations for community housing
3. Prioritize investment in lower-income neighborhoods for parks, transportation, and healthy food access
4. Increase workforce housing options
5. Expand Housing Rehab Program
6. Training for landlords
7. Expand homeownership assistance
8. Preserve affordability of expiring uses
9. Preserve and expand public housing
10. Senior property tax work-off abatement and other senior service/housing needs
11. Encourage creation of veteran's housing
12. Explore potential sites to encourage development of mixed-income multifamily
13. Amend zoning in commercial areas to allow mixed-use
14. Adopt Inclusionary Zoning

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Action Plan

Provides specific assignment of responsible entity, supporting entity, and timeframe to implement the housing strategies.

#	Housing Strategies	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Responsible Entity	Supporting Entities
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Council President O'Connor asked for comments from the Council:

Councilor Conlon asked if establishing a housing trust would require revenue from the town and from where it could come. Ms. Barrett responded that it is often funded with CPA funding, cell tower rental revenue, tax title proceeds, and inclusionary zoning (a recommendation in the plan). Councilor Conlon noted that if federal, state and municipal funding were used, it would be possible, but not with only municipal funding. Most communities are using other sources, and not funding from the general fund revenue. Housing trusts need to be carefully vetted so there is a link between CPC and the trust. Having a group that focuses just on housing is beneficial.

Councilor Hackett asked about the 10% allocation. She questioned if it has been determined that Weymouth does not meet the minimum 10% through numbers or land mass calculation. Ms. Barrett responded that the town does not meet the 10% number of units. Mr. Luongo responded that Weymouth meets the 40B in land area set aside for affordable housing. The state is in the process of changing two items which will affect it. The town is losing affordable housing units due to the expiration of leases at Queen Anne's Gate and another coming off subsidies and choosing not to extend the lease. Since the economy and housing market is more robust, owners can get higher rents (market rate units). With the withdrawal of affordable units, the qualifying land area is

shrinking. The state is seeking to change the regulations qualifying for the 1.5%. A development sitting on 5 acres could be counted in full in the past. The Mayor has sent a letter to Secretary Ash and expressed his concern with the draft regulations, but it's one community in opposition. The town currently is in compliance with 40B, but it is in jeopardy. The housing production plan could be a strategy towards preserving it.

The Planning Board was invited to provide their comments:

Planning Board Chair Williams asked if the group and halfway homes are included in the ten percent. The response was that if they are under the supervision and control of a state agency that serves adults with lifelong ability challenges, then they count. Not all group homes may count; it depends on the ownership and operating structure. Mental health units also count; they are reviewed and updated once per year. The agencies that control the homes provide the count to the state (DCHD).

George Berg asked for clarification on homeless individuals. There was a significant reduction in their numbers from 2015 to 2016 but not as much since. Is this a trend? It seems counterintuitive. Homelessness is not always about housing costs. The homeless often have other needs. There are more households that are cash strapped. This is a separate number than what is happening with homelessness in general. There is also a shift in the framework, from shelter to getting rehousing more quickly.

President O'Connor then opened comments to the public:

Suzanne Torres, 109 Broad St. noted that the Boston Motel has been closed. She asked if the town planned to close the other hotel and is concerned because they were used as an emergency shelter. Father Bill's will be changing from overnight to providing housing more quickly. There is a need. She is advocating for the poorer residents. If this change to housing happens more quickly, then they will need more housing. How will Weymouth do its part?

Aaron Schultz, 386 Front St., noted the town needs to support this. He asked what thought has gone into the infrastructure upgrades that need to be taken into account. Ms. Barrett noted that infrastructure and utilities are taken into account, but this is a regional need and more housing will be needed than the zoning will allow. The beauty of planning is that the town has taken all aspects and needs into account when planning.

Council President O'Connor asked Mr. Luongo if the park and infrastructure improvements will be needed over the course of the five year plan. Many of the improvements are being made that target the pockets of low-income areas. CDBG funds have been used to improve infrastructure. The plan will allow for more precise coordination. There is an informal coordination of services. He also responded to the earlier comment; the two motels cannot be used to house emergencies; the Governor has done away with them. They do not provide a safe or clean environment for families. They need to make sure anyone at risk of losing housing are assisted and coordinate with

housing, family services, etc. to make sure anyone displaced from the motels were matched with adequate services.

Laura Sabadini, 386 Front St. thanked the proponents for paying attention to the low and moderate income needs. She asked that they speak to the goal of serving people with disabilities. How will they know if they are serving these needs- are they actively recruiting and considering their feedback?

Mr. Luongo responded that they haven't thought that far out. Once the plan is adopted, outreach will be researched so that private and public sectors can come together and develop a plan. Ms. Sabadini suggested they reach out to the Commission on Disabilities. Ms. Kudcey responded that the committee has met with the commission and a member serves on the housing production team. They will continue to ask for their input.

Robert Montgomery Thomas, 848 Washington St. noted he attended a public input meeting of the team and that the closed motel sits on prime land in the golden triangle. He has questioned the size of square footage of the affordable senior and fixed family units and age restriction. He suggested expansion of Lakeview Manor, which is grossly underdeveloped. He noted he provided some materials to the Council Secretary. Maxing out Lakeview would satisfy Weymouth's unit needs and can be done in phases. He asked how they could propose planning without conceptual plans?

Linda MacDonald, 58 Laurel Street asked what is the next step in housing? She and her husband are empty nesters looking for the next step; something on one level with a small garden area, in walking distance to shopping but not in a high-rise or out in the limits of the town and she hopes there is something in the plan for people like them. She also wants to see something so that the elderly can safely live in their homes and be able to maintain them.

President O'Connor asked if the planning director is requesting a referral to committee. Mr. Luongo suggested the Economic Development Committee since the Council does not have a governing committee and the administration will make themselves available for further deliberation. Councilor Haugh asked if this includes the consultants? Mr. Luongo responded that they may be over budget to bring back the consultants. It was clarified that this has already been referred to the Budget/Management and Economic Development Committees. They will sort out which will make a recommendation.

A Motion was made by George Berg to close the public hearing on measure 17 104 and was seconded by Paul Rotondo. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the public hearing on measure 17 104 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2017. At 900 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