# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Weymouth Town Hall Council Chambers November 9, 2015, Monday

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President

Michael Smart, Vice President Robert Conlon, Councilor Jane Hackett, Councilor Ed Harrington, Councilor Rebecca Haugh, Councilor Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor Arthur Mathews, Councilor Brian McDonald, Councilor Michael Molisse, Councilor

Not Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk

Carolyn Murray, Interim Town Solicitor

James Clarke, Planning Director Nick Bulens, Planning Department Chip Fontaine, Town Engineer

Mary Ellen Schloss, Conservation Administrator

Kyle Corkum, Managing Partner, LStar

Matthew Barry, LStar

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 one member absent. Council President O'Connor reported that Councilor DiFazio was absent due to his father's death over the weekend. He led the Council in a moment of silence in honor of Rocco DiFazio.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice President Smart announced that the Ordinance Committee meeting slated originally for Thursday evening has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Councilor Haugh announced an update on the status of the gas compressor application by Spectra Energy. The application was formally submitted on October 21, 2015 and a series of public hearings will be scheduled. A resource report is available and residents can contact Councilor Haugh for more information. She noted the process will take many months, and she is committed to re-siting the facility away from the North Weymouth area. She will continue to keep the Council and public apprised of the status.

Councilor Mathews announced that the Public Works Committee will meet Tuesday, November 10, 2015 to continue discussion on utility work.

Council President O'Connor, on behalf of the Veterans' Council, announced the observances scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11, 2015. Parade route will start at Jackson Square at 9:45 AM and a ceremony will follow at the Korean War Memorial.

President O'Connor also announced scouts from Wolf Pack 303, North Weymouth are in attendance fulfilling Civic badge requirements.

# Citation Issuance to Troop 9 Scouts for Heroic Rescue Efforts- Scouts Sebastian Pizzuto, Jacob Preble, Dillon Lawlor, Matthew Freitas, Shayne Galvin, Nick Ames, Tommy Jaklitsh and Troop Leaders Steven Lee and Dr. Michael Jaklitsch- Council President Patrick O'Connor and Vice President Michael Smart

Vice President Smart and President O'Connor invited Troop 9 and scoutmasters before the Council. Vice President Smart read a citation to the scouts and Council President O'Connor read a citation to the troop leaders. They received a standing ovation by the audience.

#### **MINUTES**

# **Budget/Management Committee Meeting of September 21, 2015**

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2015 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **Town Council Meeting of September 21, 2015**

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2015 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

# 15 114 Community Preservation Committee-Kibby Property Construction

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the public hearing on measure 15 114 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on October 30, 2015. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

James Clarke presented the request for \$50,000 to augment funds for construction. The Kibby property, adjacent to Abigail Adams Park, was purchased in 2010 and will complete the parks connector trail. Six bids have come in and a contract will be executed with work to be completed by May of next year. Once completed, the park will be maintained by DCR.

The following comments were received from the public:

**Jeff Potter, 51 Broadreach** and representing North Weymouth Civic Association spoke in support of the project.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the public hearing on measure 15 114 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# **15 115 Community Preservation Committee-Herring Run Passage and Smelt Restoration**

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the public hearing on measure 15 115 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on October 30, 2015. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mary Ellen Schloss and Chip Fontaine presented the request for \$50,000 to supplement funding from Division of Marine Fisheries to repair deteriorating infrastructure. Funds will allow then to fix gates and improve infrastructure for smelt passing through the area. There is a critical need; there were two fish kills caused by the grates failure over the last fifteen years. Funds sought in this measure are for design, permitting and bid doc preparation. The actual work will go out to bid later. Chip Fontaine reported that an evaluation of the existing design and permitting was completed and they solicited proposals and selected the firm presently under contract. Different options were proposed. \$50,000 from the state did not cover the work so they sought additional funds from the Community Preservation Committee that was approved. They hope to get more funds through grants to continue the project.

President O'Connor asked for comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the public hearing on measure 15 115 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 15 109 National Grid Petition for Manhole and Duct Locations-Winter Street

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the public hearing on measure 15 109 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on November 2, 2015. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Joshua Pacheco and Frank Silvia, representatives from National Grid, proposed installing two circuit feeders from the substation and three new manholes to ease overload on the three existing circuit feeders. Vice President Smart asked about voltages; this is a primary. He also noted that the Council and its committees have held a series of meetings to address the conditions of restoration of the roadways following construction. Mr. Pacheco responded that the roadway will be patched to the sidewalk after the work is done.

President O'Connor asked for comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the public hearing on measure 15 109 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to consider measure 15 109 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 measure 15 109; that the Town of Weymouth permits Massachusetts Electric Company to locate manholes, wires, and ducts, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along the following public way:

• Winter Street, under Plan No. 18356962 dated August 17, 2015

The motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Harrington thanked Vice President Smart for bringing his expertise on this subject matter. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### 15 116-National Grid Pole Installation-Middle Street

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the public hearing on measure 15 116 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on November 2, 2015. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Pacheco and Silvia requested a new stub pole installed on Middle Street to span guide to an existing pole by 780 Middle Street. Councilor Mathews noted that Asst. Engineer McGrath noted tree care needed to be taken for two trees in the vicinity of the proposed installation, and as was noted, he suggested they consult with the town Arborist regarding any tree-trimming. Vice President Smart asked to be sure no blind spot is created from the driveway by the installation. Mr. Pacheco responded that it will not.

President O'Connor asked for comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the public hearing on measure 15 116 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to consider measure 15 116 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 measure 15 116; that the Town of Weymouth permits Massachusetts Electric Company to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary in the following public way or ways:

• Middle Street, under plan No. 18356972, dated October 14, 2015

The motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### 15 117-National Grid Pole Installation/Relocation-Torrey Street

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the public hearing on measure 15 117 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on November 2, 2015. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Pacheco noted that this pole needs to be moved up. He reported that the abutter at 77 Park Ave. is pleased with it.

Vice President Smart asked if any of the service drops requires an outage? Mr. Pacheco responded no.

President O'Connor asked for comments from the public to which there was no response

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the public hearing on measure 15 117 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to consider measure 15 117 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 measure 15 117; that the Town of Weymouth permits Massachusetts Electric Company to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary in the following public ways:

• Torrey Street under Plan No. 18356940 dated April 23, 2015

The motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Lacey thanked the two utility representatives for coming prepared to the public hearings. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### 15 102- Proposed Amendment to Southfield Zoning and Land Use By-Laws

President O'Connor invited Kyle Corkum and Mathew Barry to the table. Mr. Corkum reported he was present to answer questions. President O'Connor noted that after the agenda was set, the Council received the peer review report. Councilors have had a chance to look at the document over the weekend. The administration will have a presentation by the Abrams Group at the next meeting. Zoning changes will be on the agenda for all meetings. Councilor Lacey asked if Mr. Corkum and Barry read the peer review and their comments regarding the discrepancies? Mr. Corkum responded that the most basic question is whether the plan is plausible. It is not unless the zoning is created. There is no alternate. They share the belief that it is possible. He is hopeful the 2018 date is realistic, but whether it's 2018 or 2019 is not material. Not sure it was taken into consideration but they accept the Abrams Group assessment as the differential is so

minute as to be inconsequential. He also noted that Councilor Haugh pointed out the figures do not include using meal or hotel tax.

Councilor Hackett noted that the commercial component does not consider TIF's. Mr. Corkum responded that he understood the sensitivity of using a TIF as enticement and made a pledge to avoid using it. They will reward the first commercial enterprise to the development; they'll give them the first ten acres free. The can be flexible in pricing but couldn't have expected Abrams group to know that, since they didn't interview LSTAR for their report.

Vice President Smart noted that the 2018 deadline is not for occupancy. Mr. Corkum mentioned firms on the short list for commercial headquarters. 2018 is not crazy for occupancy. They have been approached by more than ten restaurants. The big companies will be worth the wait; they bring a lot of jobs. Vice President Smart noted they currently have no revenue stream from it and appreciate that they went big instead. There is no risk to the town to set land aside. Any costs are not borne by the town before the revenue is realized. There is no risk to the town to set this land aside.

Councilor McDonald agreed that the revenue stream is minute and the projections confirmed. The town did their due diligence. They have a commuter line to Boston. Mr. Corkum responded that they don't need the parkway to build residential. It's a show of faith from the state that they are willing to fund the parkway.

Councilor Conlon responded that residential is self-generating. What will the next generation have? It will not lose money from 2018 on. Mr. Corkum responded that by year 20 years from now they will be successful. Mr. Corkum noted that if they set 85 acres aside for office and Research & Development, it will be worth it. It may take time but is still worth it.

Councilor Hackett asked if they are speaking just to analysis? President O'Connor noted that under Open meeting law they can speak to the entire topic. Councilor Hackett asked about the baseline development review and increase in apartments and condos. Mr. Corkum responded that he was asked to pull market rate homes from the town center and place around the park district, without eroding the adult resident neighborhood. The residents and Council have asked him to pursue this, and if it can be done without compromising the other ideals he will do it. It will significantly reduce overall single family property but radically increasing the commercial.

Councilor Harrington noted that shifting from 900 sq ft to 3M now is a dramatic change, and they are being asked to consider moving zoning to accommodate it. He would like assurances that future changes will be consistent with growth. Mr. Corkum responded that they tried to speak to this in the past. In the electronic flyby simulation, most of the buildings were 6 stories; one was much higher; right on Main Street. The zoning gives the flexibility to do that. They have limited amount of land but can use the height to their advantage. They may come back and ask for more commercial. They will not come back and request market rate or residential unless they acquired more land not currently in

ownership (current Coast Guard housing could extend the age restricted housing.) Councilor Harrington asked if that is a blanket statement; is he comfortable where the town stands on open space. If they vote the zoning, and in the future the Council deems it should rezone open space to other forms of uses, is it set up to do that? Do they have the ability? Mr. Corkum responded that the Town Council has the power to do that. There is real value in quality open space. If not ecologically significant, and was in the interest of the greater good of the community, he would consider that. Right now they are matching the original open space pledge.

Councilor Lacey noted that not enough emphasis has been made on the success of the parkway; this is a critical success. He also suggested he is not in agreement with Councilor Conlon regarding waiting; he asked they don't be too patient. He asked if Mr. Corkum could go into more detail regarding the commercial inquiries for biotech or R&D and if he could share any of the plans at this time. Mr. Corkum responded that he is bound by confidentiality, but there are several viable parties. They have been approached by a number of colleges and other small users and three major headquarter users. These are not casual inquiries and any one would be a great addition. They are promising and he is going after the businesses aggressively.

Councilor McDonald asked if the Council will deliberate this at the next Council meeting. President O'Connor responded that the Council can begin deliberations if they are satisfied with the results of the peer review by the Abrams Group presentation, at the next Council meeting.

Councilor Haugh noted that with the legislative changes, the dedicated commercial zone which began with 30 acres of contiguous zone in Weymouth will now have more than quadrupled what is proposed is astronomical.

Councilor Mathews asked if any purchase & sales agreements are in place pending the zoning change? Mr. Corkum responded that zoning is one of the issues, but there is not any indication that will fall off anyone's list unless they wait too long. They just can't get too patient.

Councilor Conlon noted that he appreciated that they listened to what the Southfield Neighborhood Association wanted, including more single family homes and welcoming more children.

President O'Connor noted he read the peer review and it validates the finances and economic forecast. The state commitment to the parkway shows their belief in it. The project is unprecedented and ambitious and not uncommon to produce skepticism. He suggested any questions by the Council on the Abrams Group peer review before they meet next should be sent ahead. The Planning Board has already sent the Town Council its favorable recommendation.

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

# 15 118-Community Preservation Committee-Back River Trail-Town Landfill

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the design and construction of the Back River Trail through the Town landfill as put forward by the Director of Planning & Community Development, as follows: \$300,000 from the General Reserve Fund and \$50,000 from the Unreserved Fund.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 15 118 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### 15 119-Special Legislation to Buy Back Military Service

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth petition the General Court, pursuant to Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for an act of special legislation to allow Keith Stark to buy back his military service for purposes of creditable service under General Laws Chapter 32, as follows:

"SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general of special law to the contrary, including but not limited to General Laws Chapter 32 and Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2002, that the Town of Weymouth Retirement Board shall be authorized to allow Keith Stark, an employee of the Town of Weymouth, to purchase up to four (4) years of military service credit for his years of military service in the United States Navy branch of the armed services of the United States, for purposes of creditable service to be counted towards his pension benefits, provided such service shall not be credited until Keith Stark has paid into the annuity savings fund of the Weymouth Retirement Board such sum or installments upon such terms and conditions as the Weymouth Retirement Board may prescribe for each year of creditable service sought of an amount equal to the appropriate percent of the regular annual compensation of Mr. Stark when he entered the Weymouth Retirement system.

SECTION 2. The General Court is authorized to make typographical or other minor revisions to this act, provided such revisions are not inconsistent with the purpose of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 15 119 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### 15 120-Appointment to the Commission on Disabilities/Andrea Feeney

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints Andrea Feeney of 16 Stacey Way to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

# 15 121-Appointment to the Community Events Committee/Mary Jordan-Roy

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints Mary Jordan-Roy of 31 Bray Road to the Community Events Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 20.

### 15 122-Appointment to the Construction Steering Committee-John Gillon

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints John Gillon of 111 River Street to the Construction Steering Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

# 15 123-Appointment to the Cultural Council/Debbie Courteau

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints Debbie Courteau of 201 Lake Street to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

# 15 124-Appointment to the Cultural Council/Judith Rizzo

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints of Judith Rizzo of 39 Manomet Road to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

#### 15 125-Appointment to the Cultural Council/Michael Yavorsky

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints Michael Yavorsky of 84 Regatta Road to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

# 15 126-Appointment to the Youth Coalition/Sally Scott

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints Sally Scott of 34 Hollis Street to the Youth Coalition for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

### 15 127-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate) Marissa O'Brien

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoints Marissa O'Brien of 98 Mount Vernon Road East to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measures 15 120 through 15 127, inclusive, to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 15 128-Release of Easement-Ford Road

Nick Bulens reported on behalf of the Mayor that the Town, through its Department of Public Works, has been approached by Mr. Richard Held, the current owner of property located at 0 Ford Road in Weymouth, who has asked if the town still needs the turnaround easement taken in 1957 by the State, on behalf of the Town, as part of the layout of the Southeast Expressway. The Town Engineer has advised that the easement is no longer needed for any town purpose. Accordingly, the Mayor requests that Council act favorably on the following:

"Pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15 and Section 2-206 of the Town's General Ordinances, that the Town Council vote to release any interest that the Town of Weymouth may hold in an easement across 0 Ford Road in Weymouth, Massachusetts which was taken for the benefit of the Town of Weymouth by an Order of Taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works by Layout No. 4581, dated July 23, 1957, recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 3578, Page 157, shown as "Parcel No. 2-10T Hugh A. Gillis Est. Area = 14,385 SF," with said taking done in connection with the layout of the Southeast Expressway, and further, that the Mayor and Director of Public Works be authorized to execute any documents necessary to implement this measure."

Vice President Smart asked the Solicitor whether this measure should be referred to the Public Works or Ordinance Committee? Ms. Murray recommended that it should be referred to the Public Works Committee.

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 15 128 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 15 129-Resolution to Accept Land and Water Conservation Funds for Back River Trail

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth adopt the following:

"A RESOLUTION TO FILE AND ACCEPT GRANTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE BACK RIVER TRAIL.

Whereas: The parcel identified on the Town of Weymouth atlas by Sheet 19, Block

173, Lot 1 (hereinafter parcel 19-173-1) is zoned as Open Space by the Weymouth Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 120, and dedicated to park and

recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and

Whereas: Development of a multi-use trail along the Weymouth Back River Trail is

an explicit goal and action item within the Town's Open Space and

Recreation Plan; and

Whereas: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is

offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of parks through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

(P.L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897)

Whereas: Development of the Back River Trail through parcel 19-173-1 will cost a

total of \$350,000 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) and the Town Council has allocated \$350,000 in Community Preservation Act funds for

this development.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

1. That the Mayor of Weymouth be and is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and

- 2. That the Mayor of Weymouth be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Recreation Commission; and
- 3. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Resolution offered by:

Susan M. Kay, Mayor"

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to consider measure15 129 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 15 29; that the town of Weymouth Accept Land and Water Conservation Funds for Back River Trail and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### 15 130-Fiscal Year 2016 Supplemental Budget

Nick Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor:

"I hereby submit the proposed supplemental operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16). It is presented in two sections: (I) New appropriation requirements per the Southfield Redevelopment Authority Tax Plan; (II.a) Explanation of the additional capacity to fund supplemental operational needs for FY16; and (II.b) Departmental appropriations under the proposed FY16 supplemental budget.

Measure: The sum of \$989,994 to be raised and appropriated for intergovernmental appropriation to Southfield per the Southfield Redevelopment Authority Tax Plan; and further the sum of \$542,978 to be appropriated for the purpose of funding the FY16 supplemental operating budget; and further the sum of \$35,142 to be appropriated from the Insurance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund.

# I. FY16 Intergovernmental Appropriation to Southfield per the Southfield Redevelopment Authority Tax Plan

The first area for your attention are the appropriation actions related to the Southfield Redevelopment Authority (SRA) Tax Plan as approved by the Commissioner of Revenue and

the Secretary of Administration and Finance in October of 2014, to be implemented with the first actual tax billing for FY16 (i.e., the tax bill to be dated and mailed no later than December 31, 2015 after the setting of the tax rate). As you know, the SRA Tax Plan was a result of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2014 approved on August 20, 2014. The Town's appropriation is needed to fund an intergovernmental payment to Southfield to allow the independent authority to make payment on its infrastructure debt.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> of this past spring, the Town's FY16 funding requirements for Southfield were presented to the Council in a Budget Presentation by the Mayor and CFO. The May 18<sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation referenced the need for an estimated \$600,000 of funding from Weymouth for the SRA's infrastructure bond payment and another estimated \$400,000 for other charges, which are referred to as special assessments in the SRA Tax Plan, for a total estimate of \$1 million.

The final numbers actually required for intergovernmental appropriation by the Council could only be determined after the finalization of property values at Southfield from Weymouth, Abington, and Rockland. Based on these final values, the required appropriation to Southfield to allow the Town Accountant to pay the future invoice from Southfield related to its infrastructure bond is \$989,994, which is slightly below the estimated \$1 million discussed in the May 18<sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation. Please refer to Attachment A for a summary of the changes from the May 18<sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation to the final amount to be appropriated.

Weymouth's payment to Southfield for the infrastructure bond is funded by taxation. The special assessments (\$418,794), are also part of the infrastructure bond payment, are directly offset by receipts to the Town from nine undeveloped properties at Southfield.

#### II.a FY16 Excess Capacity at the Time of Setting the Tax Rate

Attachment B presents the reasons for the additional capacity to fund supplemental operational needs in FY16. The excess is principally an increase in actual New Growth versus budgeted New Growth and the fact that the portion of the Southfield intergovernmental payment will be offset by \$418,794 of receipts/payments to the Town for nine parcels of undeveloped land.

#### II.b Departmental Appropriations

Attachment C presents departmental requests for supplements to the FY16 operating budget with supporting documentation. The requests by the Town's departments are as follows:

Department	Description	Amount	
Building	Salaries (Plumbing and Gas)	\$	10,000
Police	Capital (vehicles)*	\$	55,719
Fire	Capital (vehicle)	\$	65,000
Fire	Equipment (grant match req.)	\$	26,523
Legal	Special Counsel	\$	46,000
Library	Childrens Books	\$	6,223
Library	Adult and Teen Books	\$	13,863
Library	Reference Books and Databases	\$	1,750
Recreation	Other Professional Services	\$	30,000
Recreation	Salaries	\$	20,820
Elections	Salaries	\$	18,800
Elections	Overtime	\$	1,500
Elections	Supplies	\$	1,500
Elections	Rental Expense	\$	150
Elections	Miscellaneous	\$	1,130
Public Works	Salaries (Parks & Grounds)	\$	38,000
Public Works	Salaries (Highway)	\$	38,000
Public Works	Equpment	\$	48,000
School Department	Various	\$	120,000
Total Departmental Supplemental Appropriations		\$	542,978

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 15 130 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Bulens reminded the Council on behalf of the Mayor that the Board of Assessors meets next week and will make a recommendation on a tax burden shift at that time.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEES

# **Budget/Management Committee- Chair Michael Molisse**

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met earlier this evening. The following measures were deliberated:

# 15 114- Community Preservation Committee-Kibby Property Construction

This item was referred to the committee on October 13, 2015. The committee met on November 9, 2015 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on October 13, 2015. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 15 114; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the

Community Preservation fund- Unreserved Account for additional funds for construction of the park/trail connection through the former Kibby property described in the request put forward by the Director of Planning & Community Development, and was seconded by Vice President Smart. Councilor Haugh thanked Mr. Clarke and the administration for their work bringing this forward. Councilor Harrington reported that he toured the property and it needs some cleanup but it is a valuable, beautiful spot with wonderful views. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 15 115- Community Preservation Committee-Herring Run Passage and Smelt Restoration

This measure was referred to the committee on October 13, 2015. The committee met on November 9, 2015 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on November 9, 2015. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 15 115; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,133 from the Community Preservation fund for additional funds incurred by Weymouth and was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Chairman Harrington reported that the Economic Development committee met on October 28, 2015 and deliberated the following measure:

# Southfield Zoning Discussion- Maximizing Weymouth's Interest

Councilor Harrington reported that the committee met on October 28, 2015. There were limitations on the meeting because the matter is still under consideration by the full Council. He formed a list of questions that he presented to the managing partner of LStarwhich followed along lines of development beyond what is before Council, as long-term and economic planning go hand in hand.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015.

At 8:54 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 21 December 2015