

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Annual Town Meeting
Abigail Adams Auditorium
89 Middle Street
May 22, 2017, Monday**

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President
Michael Smart, Councilor
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: Robert Hedlund, Mayor
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Kathy Deree Town Clerk
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll, with all members present.

Presentation of Scholarship Awards

- Chairperson Lois Desmond, Scholarship Committee
- Robert Hedlund, Mayor
- Patrick O'Connor, Town Council President

Scholarship Chair Lois Desmond read a brief overview of the Scholarship program, now in its 25th year.

The Town of Weymouth Scholarship Fund presented the 2017 scholarship awards at the Annual Town Meeting on May 22, 2017. A total of \$78,600 was awarded to 43 Weymouth residents. The awards were presented by Lois Desmond, Chairman of the Scholarship Fund Committee, assisted by President Patrick O'Connor and School Committee Chairperson, Lisa Belmarsh. The scholarship recipients included high school seniors from both public and private high schools, students presently attending college, and adults returning to college for retraining or to further their college education. The

funds for these awards are possible through the generosity of Weymouth citizens who donated to the Fund and Business Partners, Organizations, and Sponsors of Memorial Scholarships. The following Weymouth residents received scholarships:

High School Graduates--students who will graduate from public and private high schools this year including Career and Technical students:

Michael G. Botsch - \$3,100 Weymouth Club Scholarship
Parker J. Bowden - \$1,000 Francis E. and Evelyn M. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship
Mary Grace Clark - \$500 DeLuze Collision Center Scholarship and \$500 Donovan Financial Services Scholarship
Justin D. Delano - \$3,000 Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Memorial Scholarship
Jonathan J. DiModica - \$1,000 Quincy Credit Union Scholarship and \$2,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

Nai-Lah S. Dixon - \$3,000 Hope Paterson Memorial Scholarship
Aoife J. Duffy - \$1,000 Friendship Scholarship
Hannah M. Furness - \$500 Richard W. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship and \$500 Town of Weymouth Scholarship
Thomas M. Gable - \$1,000 Electro Switch Scholarship
Aidan Gallegos - \$2,000 Dennis P. Shea, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Ian M. Goodine - \$2,000 Weymouth Town Taxi Scholarship
Melissa K. Hernandez - \$1,000 Michael J. Murphy Memorial Scholarship
Emily K. Kenneally - \$1,000 Electro Switch Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship
Patrick M. Kennedy - \$1,000 Stockholders Steakhouse Scholarship

Julia J. Laenen - \$1,000 South Shore Running Scared Road Race Scholarship
Maggie M. Landers - \$1,000 Equitable Bank Scholarship
Rachel B. Lawlor - \$1,500 Weymouth Garden Club Scholarship
Jake M. Mahoney - \$1,000 Joseph I. Dalton Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship
Nathan R. Murphy - \$3,000 Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Memorial Scholarship

Victoria E. Nash - \$1,000 McDonald Keohane Funeral Homes Scholarship
Winnie I. Nguy - \$1,000 Union Point Scholarship
Alexis C. Noyes - \$1,500 George H. Player Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

Paige H. Rumble - \$1,500 Jason G. MacKean Memorial Scholarship
Patrick D. Sullivan - \$1,000 William and Florence McGrath Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship
Thomas A. Young - \$1,000 William L. Concannon Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

STUDENTS PRESENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE – Students who immediately enrolled in college after high school including those who continued on to graduate school after earning their undergraduate degree:

Samuel B. Brown - \$1,000 Joseph "Joey" Lamm Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

Lauren R. Graham - \$1,500 Weymouth Garden Club Scholarship

Brittany A. Johnston - \$1,000 David G. Noble Memorial Scholarship

Sasa Jovanovic - \$500 Weymouth Fraternal Order of Eagles and \$500 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

Kayla E. Matthews - \$3,000 Susan Vincent Scholarship

Claire E. O'Connor - \$1,000 Joseph P. and Rosemary Flynn Memorial Scholarship

Kate E. Rogerson - \$1,000 Connie G. Passero Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

Elizabeth P. Sheridan - \$1,000 Joseph "Joey" Lamm Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

Jillianne C. Smith - \$500 Weymouth Lions Club Scholarship and \$500 Town of Weymouth Scholarship

RETURNING ADULTS – Residents returning to college for retraining or to further their college education:

Kimberly A. Dalton - \$1,000 Friendship Scholarship

Lauren E. Rogerson - \$1,500 Willi and Helen Ida Wiessmeyer Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer M. Walker - \$500 Weymouth Lions Club and \$500 Town of Weymouth Scholarships

SALVATORE AND MARIA PIZZI FAMILY FOUNDATION RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Foundation was set up by the Pizzi brothers to honor their mother and father who valued education and hard work. The Foundation sponsors two \$3,000 scholarships each year and those scholarships are renewable at the discretion of the Foundation and the Town of Weymouth Scholarship Fund Committee. The following former Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Scholarship recipients have met the eligibility requirements and based on their final GPA score for the year, their award will be renewed:

Thomas M. Hickey - \$2,000 Renewal Award

Erin M. Crowley - \$3,000 Renewal Award

Anthony C. Byrne - \$3,000 Renewal Award

Zachary W. Rush - \$3,000 Renewal Award

Kevin Lyons - \$3,000 Renewal Award Stephanie M. Smith - \$3,000 Renewal Award

Ms. Desmond asked residents to consider making a donation or sponsoring a scholarship.

Council President O'Connor announced the Memorial Day ceremonies slated to begin at the Korean War Memorial Monday with a parade to the amphitheater to follow.

Overview of Legislative Activities for Fiscal Year 2017

-Patrick O'Connor, Town Council President

Council President Patrick O'Connor acknowledged the members of Town Council, Administration and the School Committee who were present and read the following address:

Weymouth Town Meeting, Monday May 22, at 7:30PM

"Good evening and thank you for attending our Annual Town Meeting. I want to take this opportunity to also congratulate all of the scholarship recipients that are here with us tonight.

Pursuant to Section 6-6 of the Town Charter, the Town Council President shall deliver an update on the legislative activities of the Council, for Fiscal Year 2017—which began on July 1, 2016.

The Town Council held a total of 52 meetings to date for the 2017 Fiscal Year. This includes 21 Town Council Meetings, 4 Special Town Council Meetings, and 27 meetings with Committees that are under the jurisdiction of the Council.

As we come to the close of Fiscal Year 2017, I would like to make note of some recent accomplishments made for our community.

We addressed several budgetary measures for Fiscal Year 2017:

We approved \$150,000 for the purchase and installation of solar powered street lights for the municipal parking lot in Columbian Square, and another \$1,000,000 to study the feasibility of reconstructing the Chapman Middle School.

We transferred \$2 million from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund to ensure greater security in local spending, approved the schematic design for an application to construct a brand new Tufts Library, and authorized a request for new boilers at the Hamilton and Wessagussett elementary schools.

The Town Council also approved several projects from Community Preservation Coalition (CPC) funding. We granted:

\$28,000 to the Weymouth Public Library Historical Collection to preserve items which hold important local history,

\$8,000 for the design and permitting of a tidal culvert on Puritan Road, to mitigate flood damages,

\$23,000 for a town wide housing production plan, and \$800,000 for the preservation of the Veteran's Memorial Wall.

We also approved measures that would go towards maintenance and improvements of outdoor recreational spaces in Weymouth.

\$11.4 million was allocated to field and park restoration and improvements, and another \$1.7 million will pay for improvements to the grounds of the Emery Estate.

Throughout all of our budgetary efforts, we received 12 detailed audits from our Town Auditor, Mr. Swanson, which examine financial transactions regarding all cash related activities in the town.

These audits have resulted in a far more efficient and transparent government, by allowing greater insight for the Council into the Town's financial activities. We have also made great strides with the Union Point project, which is becoming one of the most exciting developments in the entire Commonwealth, and is quickly gaining statewide recognition and interest.

The Town Council approved a Tax Incremental Financing agreement with Pro-Drive Technologies, which will be the first major company established at Union Point.

We addressed pertinent issues to our community, such as:

Sober homes, where we co-authored a letter to the state agencies to encourage greater regulation and oversight of these homes, while upholding support for those in recovery.

We continue to work with emergency responders and state resources to address the opiate crisis that is so heavily plaguing our community. This is a continuously growing effort as the problem continues to become more and more severe.

We also voted to adopt the MBTA Bus Routes Resolution that supports bus route expansion into South Weymouth and an increase of daily bus runs.

As this is my last year serving on the Weymouth Town Council, I want to take a moment to express why serving as President of the Town Council has been my life's great honor.

The partisan divide which obstructs far too many legislative branches of government across our nation, thankfully does not exist in our community, and it has made my time here the most rewarding experience of public service.

We work together to solve the problems facing our town. We may have differing opinions, but at the end of the day, we stand united in doing what is needed to make Weymouth a better place to live.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to my fellow Councilors, for their trust in me to lead this esteemed body for the past four years. I am even more thankful to be able to call each of them a friend.

I also want to thank the employees of the Council and Clerk's Offices, Mayor Robert Hedlund, his Administration, and the School Department for their ongoing efforts.

Our work together here has consistently benefitted our Town, and the experience has taught me all of the values that I will continue to use in future years of public service.

Most importantly, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the residents of the Town of Weymouth, whose engagement in local government and strong sense of community have illustrated the true definition of democracy, and as a result, made our town a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Again, serving you on this Council has been a great honor and I look forward to the advances we will make in the years to come.

Thank you for your attention and your participation.

The next order of business on our agenda are the public hearings for the fiscal year 2018 budget, I would like to recognize Vice President Michael Smart who will proceed with our agenda."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Measures:

17 025-General Government Annual Appropriation

17 051 A-Town Council

17 051 B-Mayor's Office

17 051 C-Reserve Fund

17 051 D-Municipal Finance

17 051 E-Town Solicitor

17 051 F-Information Services

17 051 G-Town Clerk

17 051 H-Planning and Development

17 051 I- Town Building Maintenance

17 051 J-Administrative Services

17 051 K-Human Resources

17 051 L-Police Department

17 051 M-Fire Department

17 051 N-Licensing and Inspections

17 051 O-Department of Public Works

17 051 P-Health

17 051 Q-Library

17 051 R-Veterans' Services

17 051 S-Parks and Recreation

17 051 T-Elder Services

17 051 U-Civil Defense

17 051 V-Commission on Disabilities

17 051 W-Youth and Family Services

17 051 X-Debt

17 051 Y-Pensions and Benefits

17 051 Z-Schools

17 051 AA-State and County Assessments

17 051 BB-Overlay for Abatements

17 026-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization

17 027-Gift Accounts Annual Authorization

17 028-Free Cash for FY17 Snow Removal

17 029-Sewer Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

17 030-Sewer Retained Earnings-Pump Station Improvements

17 031-Sewer Retained Earnings-Annual I/I Program

17 032-Water Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

17 033-Water Capital Projects-Transfer Unexpended Balances to Capital Projects Residuals

17 034-Water Retained Earnings-Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Improvements

17 035-Community Preservation Committee Annual Appropriation

A motion was made by Vice President Smart to open the public hearing on measures 17 025 through 17 035, inclusive, and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was advertised on May 12, 2017. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

State of the Town- Mayor Robert Hedlund

Mayor Hedlund congratulated the scholarship recipients and read brief remarks. He noted it was his second year as Mayor and it has been busy over the last year. He appreciated the cooperation of the Council, the administration and the new hires. The second budget he has filed is a responsible one, with modest growth, and uses recurring, predictable funding. It is 4.3% increase over the 2017 budget. Non-school spending is up 2.1%. This budget provides for new police and firefighter positions, and DPW workers for parks. It has a responsible school budget that does not rely on an infusion of free cash, but addresses a needs list and commitment to continue funding IT. There are no water or sewer increases despite a rate increase from MWRA. The administration has again had a successful year securing grant funding and he thanked the staff, including Nicholas Bulens, who coordinates the grants, and the support he received. \$400,000 for streets, coastal resilience, electrical charging stations, green communities, the Landing daylighting project and municipal bridge grant to replace the Commercial Street bridge over the herring run, and a parks grant to create King Oak Hill park, and a seaport grant to pursue design for a feasibility study of a walkway joining beaches. Narcan and libraries are among the projects that benefited. He hopes to continue the momentum when the state Board of Library Commissioners meets next month. Weymouth's Achilles heel has been how to build up its commercial tax base. To that end, new companies to Weymouth include Barrel House Z Brewery, Brewster Ambulance headquarters, and on Union Point Pro-Drive which includes a TIFF in acquiring the land for the first phase only. Recent projects in the Landing include mixed use and retail that were approved and

are expected to continue. Council President O'Connor mentioned some projects in his Council address, and included the Columbian Square improvements, Johnson and Camelot Streets, the Phase II traffic study moving forward and several park and field improvement plans for Lovell Field/Libbey Field/Weston Park and a revamping of how they are maintained. He thanked the Council and the Parks and Recreation Chair, Director Steve Reilly and John MacLeod. Other projects include Tufts Library and King Oak Hill Park. They are getting close to determining what the future of Emery Estate will be and how and if the future of the house will work with the park. Osprey Overlook Park at the old landfill site will open in the summer and is an extension of Great Esker. Part of the master plan for the Back River trail (Kibbey property) was done last year.

The Chapman School Project is moving to a feasibility phase. A Project manager was selected and public forum will be held on June 6th. Landmark projects were approved and progress will be made on the daylighting and Deleegas property and they will be looking at other blighted projects in the area. He appreciated Councilor Lacey's work to rezoning and creating an overlay district in 2010. Specific targeted rezoning on commercial is coming up. They will also focus on North Weymouth beaches. The town purchased a sand rake and new floating dock. Wessagusset will be stocked with Lifeguards this summer. If the momentum at the beaches continues, a connection could become a reality.

Another big issue is the proposed gas compressor station. The town will continue to oppose; they have taken a more aggressive stance than any other community in America. While they won some battles, they haven't won the war yet. They have succeeded in a delay to the schedule and sent 3 dozen letters to several groups, the DPU and DEP proceedings, have filed suit in state and are defending one in federal court to protect the town, its residents and their property values. He thanked Councilor Haugh and Solicitor Callanan for their efforts. He thanked the Town Council for continued guidance, the staff for their efforts and employees for continued support.

Presentation of the Budget- Chief of Staff Ted Langill

Chief of Staff Langill presented the FY18 Budget in PowerPoint format:

Fiscal Year 2018 Mayor's Budget Presentation



May 22, 2017
Mayor Bob Hedlund



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

SUMMARY

- **\$162.2 million Operating Budget ... a 4.3% increase over FY17**
- **A Balanced, Fiscally Responsible Operating Budget**
 - **Built on recurring, predictable sources of revenue** (no Free Cash)
- **A Budget with Modest Growth to Address Primarily Personnel Obligations/Needs**
 - **Several Collective Bargaining Agreements Settled (FY17 & FY18)**
 - **1.5% COLA increase for non-union personnel (non-schools)**
- **School Budget increasing \$2.9 million (4.5%), slightly higher than level services**
- **Increases in Pension and Benefits Cost ... 21.5% of Operating Budget**
 - **2.0% Increase in Health Care Benefits (\$434,177)**
 - **6.5% Increase in Contributory Retirement (\$647,752)**
- **Increase in State Assessments more than increase to State Aid (Cherry Sheets)**



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
OPERATING REVENUE

	FY17 budgeted	FY18 budgeted	Variance
Total Revenue	\$155,506,272	\$162,171,975	\$6,665,703 (4.3%)
Tax Levy	\$97,255,945	\$101,383,864	\$4,127,919 (4.2%)
Local Receipts*	\$12,900,000	\$13,907,100	\$1,007,100 (7.8%)
State Aid	\$37,193,663	\$38,428,546	\$1,234,883 (3.3%)

These three revenue sources make up 95% of total revenue.

Tax Levy = 62.5% Local Receipts = 8.6% State Aid = 23.7%

*Includes MVE, licenses/permits, meals tax, PILOT, tax penalties and interest, and Southfield special assessments collected to pay parkway bond.

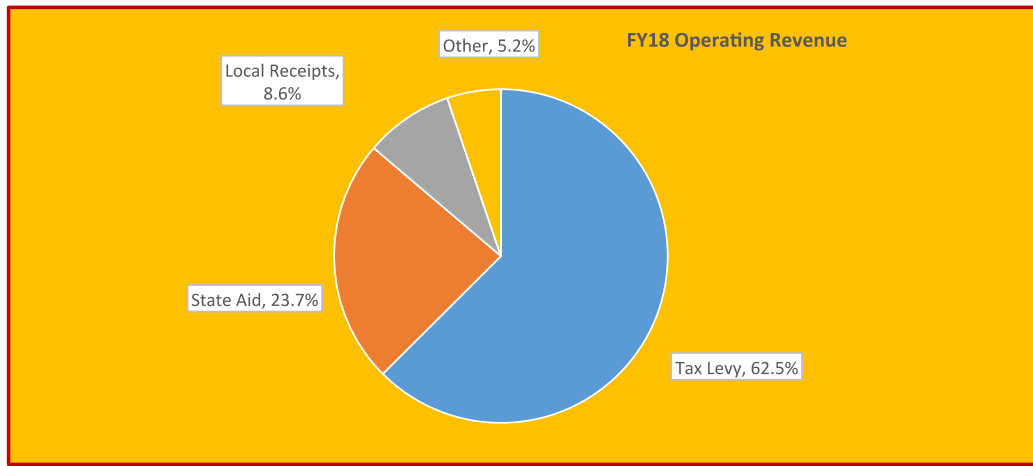


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- FY17 Tax Levy Limit plus 2.5%		
- FY18 estimated New Growth is \$1.45 million (FY17 actual was \$1,058,858)		
Local Receipts: \$1 million Increase (7.8%)		
- Building Permit Revenue and Motor Vehicle Excise account for 85% of the increase		
State Aid: \$1,234,883 Increase (3.3%)		
- Estimated Chapter 70 Increase of \$187,890 (0.7%) based on House & Senate Budget		
- Estimated UGGA Increase of \$326,975 (3.9%) based on House & Senate Budgets		
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OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	FY17	FY18	Variance
Total Expenditures	\$155,506,272	\$162,171,975	\$6,665,703 (4.3%)
Town Departments	\$40,708,404	\$41,852,972	\$1,144,568 (2.8%)
Debt Service	\$9,958,884	\$10,044,280	\$85,396 (0.9%)
Schools	\$65,160,413	\$68,069,237	\$2,908,824 (4.5%)
State Assessments	\$3,377,146	\$4,974,730	\$1,597,584 (47.3%)
Charter School Tuition	\$1,473,061	\$3,032,976	\$1,559,915 (106%)
Pensions/Benefits	\$33,267,000	\$34,847,262	\$1,061,929 (3.1%)



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
CHERRY SHEETS (LOCAL AID)

State Aid	FY17 Budget	FY18 Budget	Variance
Chapter 70	\$27,883,625	\$28,071,515	\$187,890
UGGA	\$8,383,979	\$8,710,954	\$326,975
Charter Reimb.	\$250,000	\$901,663	\$651,663
TOTAL Revenue	\$37,193,663	\$38,428,546	\$1,234,883
State Assmnts	FY17 Budget	FY18 Budget	Variance
MBTA	\$1,198,564	\$1,207,418	\$8,854
Charter Tuition	\$1,473,061	\$3,032,976	\$1,559,915
TOTAL Expense	\$3,377,146	\$4,974,730	\$1,597,584
Cherry Sheet Deficit:			(\$362,701)

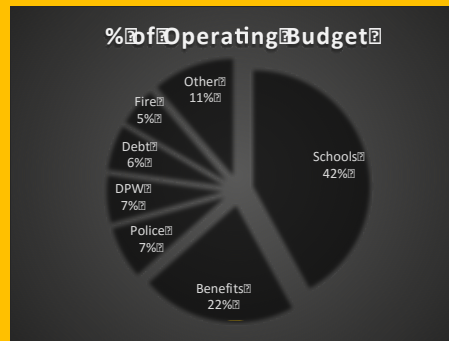


Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Percentage of FY18 Operating Budget

Schools	42.0% (\$68,069,237)
Pension/Benefits	21.5% (\$34,847,262)
Police	7.2% (\$11,735,772)
Public Works	6.5% (\$10,497,569)
Debt Service	6.2% (\$10,044,280)
Fire	5.3% (\$8,588,100)

Total FY18 Revenue: \$162,171,975
Increase over FY17: \$6,665,703





Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Addressing Needs in FY18

FY18 Budget includes funding for...

2 additional Police Officers

1 additional Fire Fighter (in addition to grant application)

2 additional DPW workers for park maintenance

2 additional School positions

– Curriculum Leader and SPED Teacher

Additional funding for 3 Health positions (less grant \$)



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

FY18 Budget – NOT just addition – Includes SAVINGS

Non-School Department Budgets increasing by just 2.8%

88 budget line-items are decreasing – (\$1,022,971)

- help offset contractual and operating needs

288 budget line-items are level funded (no change)

150 budget-line-items are increasing



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
ENTERPRISE BUDGETS

	FY17	FY18	Change
Sewer	\$15,898,214	\$16,301,088	\$402,874 (2.5%)
- MWRA Assessment is increasing by 2.4% or \$280,902 - Debt Service near level funded from \$1,629,836 to \$1,623,051			
Water	\$9,797,669	\$9,851,522	\$53,853 (0.5%)
- Debt Service decreasing by \$40,921 or 1.2% from \$3,370,357 to \$3,329,436 - Health Insurance decreasing by \$78,363			
Overall Water/Sewer budget increasing by 1.8% (\$456,727)			
Determined we can support budget increase with existing rates – <u>NO RATE INCREASE</u> in FY18			



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

	FY17	FY18	Change	Current Fund Balance*
Revenue (1% Surcharge, State Match, Investment Income, and Interest & Penalties)	\$776,000	\$806,000	\$30,000	
Admin. Costs (Max. 5%)	\$38,800	\$37,399	(\$1,500)	
Debt Service	\$147,313	\$139,800	(\$7,513)	
Open Space	\$77,600	\$80,600	\$3,000	\$150,167
Historical Resources	\$77,600	\$80,600	\$3,000	\$0
Community Housing	\$77,600	\$80,600	\$3,000	\$462,099
General Reserve	\$357,087	\$387,100	\$30,013	\$247,402

*as of 5/22/17



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
WEYMOUTH SCHOOLS

FY18 OPERATING BUDGET

School's FY17 Budget..... \$65,160,413

Level Services.....\$2,779,649

Curriculum Leader*\$100,000

Special Education Teacher (0.5)*\$29,175

FY18 SCHOOL BUDGET: \$68,069,237

In two years, the School operating budget will have increased by over \$6 million or 9.8%...with NO reliance on mid-year Free Cash

***From School Needs List**

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SPENDING/PRIORITIES

WHS A/C Unit \$175,000

WHS Expansion Joints \$325,000

**Boilers \$1,225,000
(Partial Reimbursement by MSBA)**

**IT Improvements \$675,000
(with additional Comcast funds)**

**Charter Schools (Net) \$2,133,004
(tuition – reimbursement)**



Mayor Hedlund's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget
CAPITAL SPENDING

Previously Funded

Town Hall Repairs \$530,000 (FC)

Veterans' Memorial Wall \$800,000 (CPC)

Other Uses of Free Cash

Stabilization Fund \$2,000,000

Pending

Snow Deficit \$870,000

Measures Filed (FC)

Commercial Street Bridge\$500,000

Herring Run Diversion Wall \$600,000

School IT \$675,000

Police Body Armor/Security \$160,000

Station 1 Repairs \$200,000

Voting Machines/Booths \$173,000

Multi-Purpose DPW Tractor \$150,000

WHS Expansion Joints \$325,000

Council President O'Connor thanked the administration for the presentation.

The following are the comments from the public:

Robert Montgomery Thomas, 848 Washington Street –congratulated the scholarship recipients. He addressed the OPEB liability and the town's failure to properly fund its share. He also noted the Councilors voted to join a trust without union participation.

Alice Arena, 6 Blueberry St recognized the Mayor and Town Solicitor for their work opposing the gas compressor station.

Andrea Honore, 61 House Rock Road, echoed Ms. Arena's comments and announced her upcoming run for a School Committee seat.

Elizabeth Foster Nolan, 54 House Rock Road thanked the town leaders for their effort this year. She was pleased to see police measures and appreciates the Mayor increasing the school funding. It's a fact that charter school enrollment increase is a direct result of a lack of funding to public schools and she urged that the town look to do more without affecting public safety sectors. Look at the correlation between charter and public schools-they will need innovative thinking going forward for schools – how to advocate but not at the expense of other departments.

President O'Connor thanked Councilor Haugh, who brought the issue to their attention.

Suzanne Torres, 109 Broad Street thanked the Mayor for the legal stance in addressing the compressor station; they are blessed to have his state house experience.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to close the public hearing for measures 17 025 through 17 035 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 PM there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Smart to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for June 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Patrick O'Connor as Town Council President

Voted unanimously on 10 August 2017