

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Weymouth Town Hall

Council Chambers

May 15, 2017

Present: Michael Smart, Vice President
Robert Conlon, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator

Absent: Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor
Patrick O'Connor, President

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Vice-President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with two members absent: Councilors O'Connor and Lacey who are unable to attend this evening's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Harrington made the following announcements:

Weymouth's Garden Club will hold it's annual plant sale at DPW on Winter Street on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Weymouth Memorial Day Observations on Sunday, May 21, 2017:

11am Vietnam Memorial Ceremony @ Bridge & Neck Streets

12pm Placing of Wreath on Water @ Weymouth Fore River (off Wessagussett beach)

12pm Taps & Rifle Salute @ Great Hill, North Weymouth

Monday, May 29, 2017:

8:30am Columbian Square Wreath Placement

9:15am Korean War Memorial Ceremony @ Jackson Square

10am Parade from Jackson Square to Town Hall from Broad St. to Middle St.

11am Weymouth's Memorial Day Program @ Civic Center next to Town Hall

Councilor Mathews announced that the Whitman's Pond Association will hold its Family Fishing Festival on 5/21/17 from 10am to 2pm. at the boat launch on Middle Street.

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Councilor Conlon announced that he will have office hours tomorrow 5/16/17. He also announced that he will not run for re-election.

Councilor Haugh announced that there will be an information meeting regarding the four-month lane closures on the Fore River Bridge on 5/23/17 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Abigail Adams Middle School. There will also be a meeting on the same subject on 5/18/17 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Fore River Club House at 16 Nevada Road in Quincy.

Councilor McDonald announced that there will be an informational meeting regarding the construction of a beach connection between Wessagussett Beach and Lane Beach on 5/31/17 at the Whipple Center on Green Street.

MINUTES

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2017

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2017 Town Council Meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

17 037-Appointment to the Board of Registrars-James Boddie

Nicholas Bulens, on behalf of the Mayor, submitted, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, the name of James Boddie of 215 Sheri Lane, Weymouth, MA 02190 for appointment to the Board of Registrars. This is a three-year term that will expire June 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 037 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

There was discussion regarding the referral of measures 17 038 through 17 057 which are reappointments in bulk and may be acted upon through 2-9 (b) same night action, as long as there is no objection from any Councilors.

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Town Solicitor Joseph Callanan stated that he had received this request for information from Council President O'Connor. He stated that this process is acceptable for reappointments only.

17 038-Reappointment to the Board of Assessors-Robert Brinkman

17 039-Reappointment to the Cemetery Commission-Liz Cicchese

17 040-Reappointment to the Community Events Committee-Peter Webb Sr.

17 041-Reappointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Peter Webb Sr.

17 042-Reappointment to the Community Events Committee-Steve Sweeney

17 043-Reappointment to the Conservation Commission-John Reilly

17 044-Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Richard Johnson

17 045-Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Lisa Jennings

17 046-Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Henry Goldman

17 047-Reappointment to the WETC Board of Directors-Christopher Potter

17 048-Reappointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Peter Webb Jr.

17 049-Reappointment to the Youth Coalition-Sally Scott

17 050-Reappointment to the Redevelopment Authority-Michael Wilcox

17 051-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Donna Shea

17 052-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Virginia Snell

17 053-Reappointment to the Recreation Commission-Barbara Nieters-Kearney

17 054-Reappointment to the Memorial Committee-Frank Burke

17 055-Reappointment to the Board of Health-Clare LaMorte

17 056-Reappointment to the Board of Elder Services-Jeannette Rose

17 057-Reappointment to the Historical Commission-Ed Walker

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A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to take measures 17 038 through 17 057 under 2-9 (b) same night action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

Councilor Hackett stated that this is a new process but she assured the public that Councilors have worked with the residents being reappointed and know them and their work. This action is being taken in an effort to expedite the process. If needed, an individual could be called before the Council.

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Matthews to approve measures 17 038 through 17 057 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 058-CPC Funding-Puritan Road Flood Mitigation

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth appropriate \$132,500 from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund (4906-321001) to fund expenses associated with the construction of the Puritan Road Culvert."

These funds will be used as a 25% match for a Coastal Zone Management grant that the Town is currently pursuing."

At the time of this submittal the balance in the Unreserved Fund is \$944,108.91.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 058 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 059-Legal Department Line Item Transfer/Supplemental Appropriation Request

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the Town of Weymouth make the following two budget transactions:

(a) Transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Town Solicitor – Judgment, Claims and Damages line item (11515416 576100) to the Town Solicitor – Litigation – Special Counsel line item (11514412 530107) to fund FY 17 legal bills associated almost exclusively with opposition to natural gas companies' expansion plans in Weymouth.

(b) Transfer the sum of \$141,642.29 from Free Cash to the Town Solicitor – Litigation – Special Counsel line item (11514412 530107) to Fund FY 17 legal bills associated almost exclusively with opposition to natural gas companies' expansion plans in Weymouth."

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

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A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 059 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 060-Free Cash for Commercial Street Bridge Replacement Project

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$500,000.00 from the Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with Commercial Street Bridge Replacement project."

This funding will serve as a match to the \$500,000.00 in grant funding received through the Mass DOT Municipal Small Bridge Program."

At the time of this submittal the balance in free cash is \$4,444,916.12.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 060 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 061-Free Cash for Council Chamber Upgrades

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with upgrades to the Council Chambers at Town Hall."

At the time of this submittal the balance in free cash is \$4,444,916.12.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 061 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 062-Free Cash for Fire Station 1

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of 200,000.00 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with repairs to Fire Station 1 with the purpose of improving work and living conditions."

At the time of this submittal the balance in free cash is \$4,444,916.12.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

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A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 062 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 063-Free Cash for Herring Passage and Smelt Habitat Restoration Project

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$600,000.00 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the Herring Passage and Smelt Habitat Restoration Project."

At the time of this submittal the balance in free cash is \$4,444,916.12.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 063 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 064-Free Cash for OPEB Trust Fund

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash to be transferred to the Town's OPEB Trust Fund."

At the time of this submittal the balance in free cash is \$4,444,916.12.

At the time of this submittal the balance in OPEB Trust Fund is \$2,959,798.84.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 064 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 065-Free Cash for Streetlight Audit

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with an engineering audit of the town's streetlights."

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 065 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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17 066-Free Cash for School IT

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$675,000.00 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of school IT needs as identified by the Independent Technology Review."

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 066 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 067-Free Cash for Police Body Armor and Security Upgrades

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$160,000 from free cash for the purpose of purchasing body armor and upgrading access and security at the Police Station."

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 067 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 068-Free Cash for Multi-Purpose Tractor with Mower and Snow Plow

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$150,000 from free cash for the purpose of purchasing a multipurpose tractor with flail mower with M-Trim and sidewalk tractor with snow plow."

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 068 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 069-Free Cash for Voting Machines and Booths

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$173,160.99 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with purchasing new voting machines and booths."

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 069 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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17 070-Free Cash for WHS Expansion Joints

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$325,000.00 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing failing HVAC expansion joints at the Weymouth High School."

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 070 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 071-Reserve Fund Transfer-Libraries

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$10,500 from the reserve fund 11325201-573100 to the following line items:

\$2,500.00 to the Library – Maintenance Overtime line item (16993635 513001) to fund increased expenses resulting from staff out on medical leave for the first four months of FY17 and another staff resigning.

\$8,000.00 to the Library – Elevator Maintenance line item (16993835 524102) to fund elevator repairs at the Tufts and Pratt branches that the new state elevator inspector required. The work has been completed and the invoice is awaiting payment."

At the time of this submittal the balance in the reserve fund is \$607,000.00.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 071 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 072-Reserve Fund Transfer-Salary Reserve

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$350,000 from the reserve fund 11325201-573100 for the purpose of funding the costs associated with any potential salary increases due to employee bargaining unit contract settlements."

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 072 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 073-Reserve Fund Transfer-Town Clerk

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, "That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$9,079 from the reserve fund 11325201 – 573100 to the following line items:

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\$3,531.00 to the Town Clerk Salaries line item (11614117 510001) to fund increased expenses resulting from the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU, Local 888.

\$3,267.00 to the Town Clerk – Elections and Registrars Salaries line item (11614118 510001) to fund increased expenses resulting from the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU, Local 888.

\$2,281.00 to the Town Clerk – Elections and Registrars Overtime line item (11614218 513001) to fund increased expenses resulting from the implementation of early voting.”

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 073 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 074-Reorganization of the Police Department Services Section to Transfer School Traffic Supervisors to the School Department

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, “That the town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to Charter Section 5-1 and the Ordinances, Section 4-106, amend the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 4-209(c)(1), by deleting same in its entirety.”

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 074 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 075-Reserve Fund Transfer-General Fund

Nicholas Bulens submits, on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, “That the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$62,340 from the general fund reserve (11325201-573100) to provide for principal and interest debt expenses noted below.

\$10,684 to water principal

\$48,660 to sewer principal

\$2,996 to sewer interest

And, that the Town increases the water enterprise indirect cost transfer to the town general fund (11450410-490062) by \$10,684 and increase the Sewer Enterprise indirect cost transfer to the Town General Fund (11450410-490061) by \$51,656 to reimburse the town general fund for water and sewer enterprise related debt expenses.

No public hearing or legal notice is required.”

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A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure 17 075 to Budget/Management and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget/Management Committee- Chair Michael Molisse

17 012-Authorization to Participate in the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Program (PCOT)

Councilor Molisse stated that this measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on 2/21/17. The committee met on 4/3/17 and kept the measure in committee to obtain additional information and met again on 5/8/17.

At the 5/8/17 meeting, the committee voted unanimously for favorable action on measure 17 012 to the full town council: That the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, with the approval of the Mayor, (the "Town") hereby approves participating in the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Program (PCOT). The motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews.

Councilor Hackett asked how much money the town will be putting into this. Mr. Connolly stated that the amount will be the \$2.9 million mentioned earlier plus \$200,000 for a total of \$3.1 million-- not including apportioned interest.

Councilor Hackett asked if the trust fund will still be on the general ledger. Mr. Connolly responded that it will be on a different line on the ledger. The balance saved for OPEB will be invested and managed by a third party and the town will have a vote on the board which oversees the fund.

Councilor Conlon left the Council Chambers prior to this vote being taken.

The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

Public Parks and Recreation Committee-Chair Jane Hackett

17 021-Dedication of Land for Park and Recreation Purposes for Improvements to the Town Landfill Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program

Councilor Hackett stated that this measure was submitted on 3/30. The committee met on May 10 and voted 5-0 to recommend favorable action. She read the measure into the record as it involved parcels of land. "That the Town of Weymouth, having filed and accepted a reimbursable grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for development of the Back River Trail through the Town of Weymouth Landfill, does hereby dedicate proposed Parcels B, C, and D as identified on the ANR

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Plan 7013-B3, "Proposed Park and Recreation Land Designation at Capped Landfill Site, Wharf Street" for park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3."

Councilor Mathews seconded the motion and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Difazio asked if a measure would be submitted soon for the demolition of the incinerator. Nick Bulens stated that the town is working with DEP regarding the permits, and action should be forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Mathews announced that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 22, 2017, at the Abigail Adams auditorium.

The next meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for June 5, 2017.

At 8:00PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Mathews to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Murray as Recording Secretary

Approved by Council President Patrick O'Connor

Approved unanimously on 5 June 2017

Re-voted as amended (changes to paragraph 5 of page 9) on 2 October 2017