

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**June 2, 2014, 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

Not Present: Brian McDonald, Councilor  
Michael Molisse, Councilor  
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor

Also Present: Susan M. Kay, Mayor  
Kathy Deree Town Clerk  
George Lane, Town Solicitor  
Walter Flynn, Chair, Planning Board & CPC  
James Clarke, Director, Planning & Comm. Development  
Abigail McCabe, Principal Planner  
David Chandler, Planning Board  
Mary Akoury, Planning Board  
Paul Hurley, Planning Board

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll, with Councilors DiFazio, McDonald and Molisse absent. President O'Connor reported that he spoke with them; they all had previous commitments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Conlon announced constituent office hours on June 3, 2014 from 10-11AM and then at 4-5PM at Fogg Library. He extended a special invitation to high school students who are interested in discussing the schools.

**MINUTES**

**Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2014**

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to APPROVE the minutes from the Budget/Management Committee meeting of April 7, 2014, as amended, and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2014**

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to APPROVE the minutes from the Town Council meeting of April 7, 2014 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Special Town Council Minutes of April 28, 2014**

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to APPROVE the minutes from the Special Town Council meeting of April 28, 2014 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2014**

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to APPROVE the minutes from the Ordinance Committee meeting of April 29, 2014 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to take REPORTS OF COMMITTEES out of order and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Budget/Management Committee/ Chairman Michael Molisse**

**14 080-Bonding for Field Improvements-Legion Field, Weymouth High School**

This matter was referred to the committee on May 5, 2014. The committee met on May 19, 2014, a public hearing was held on May 28, 2014 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; therefore, on behalf of the Committee a MOTION was made by Vice President Smart that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$6,000,000.00 to pay costs of (i) renovating the Legion Field athletic area, including the development of new parking facilities, construction of tennis courts, development of a children's play area, construction of an artificial turf field, development of running and walking trails, landscaping in and around the facilities and the installation of related field and security lighting, (ii) replacing the artificial turf on the High School football field, and (iii) all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(25) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Mathews reported that a lot of discussion was held and it's important to note that the improvements includes the replacement of the turf field at WHS. Much of the discussion in committee included a request to the school department to allow the Weymouth Youth sports organizations more

playing time at this field. It will also allow the town to take more grass fields out of circulation to renovate. Vice President Smart agreed with the WHS part also. He noted they have had debate over the course of the last several budget seasons to come up with an equitable fee structure which includes the use of the fields and their future renovations. They need the cooperation of the town and school personnel and he looks forward to a proposed plan to the Town Council. He also looks forward to the ground breaking at Legion Field.

Councilor Hackett noted that four concerns were raised in the review of the measure; permitting, the current 3-tier permit structure at WHS, meals tax as sole source of bond payment in FY16 and a set-aside for future improvements. She noted her dismay in the bond payment plan for FY16; meals tax revenue should not be the sole source in 2016 and those funds should be for other field improvements, but she noted that Mayor Kay is open to seeking other fund sources in 2016. She noted that this will double the field capacity, but it still does not meet the needs of the town. The need is there to keep moving forward to continue to meet the capacity; she came away from the discussion with a sense of partnership between the town and schools to work together for a cost effective field maintenance program. She urged support of the measure.

Councilor Haugh noted that a lot of concerns were raised during the budget process and this is not a one-shot fix. The fields are in deplorable condition and the town needs to invest in its field and its children. Council President O'Connor agreed this has been something that was needed for a long time although economically unfeasible over the last several years. The Councilors have worked long and campaigned on these issues.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **14 081-Reappointment to the Board of Registrars –Sandra Carle**

This matter was referred to the Committee on May 5, 2014. The committee met on May 19, 2014 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; therefore, on behalf of the Committee a MOTION was made by Vice President Smart that the Town of Weymouth REAPPOINT Sandra Carle of 12 Carolyn Road to the Board of Registrars. Her term will expire on June 30, 2017. This was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **14 082-Reappointment to the Conservation Commission-Scott Dowd**

This matter was referred to the Committee on May 5, 2014. The committee met on May 21, 2014 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; therefore, on behalf of the Committee a MOTION was made by Vice President Smart that the Town of Weymouth REAPPOINT Scott Dowd of 66 Hollis Street to the Conservation Commission. His term will expire on June 30, 2017. This was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **14 083-Reserve Fund Transfer-School Department Vans**

This matter was referred to the Committee on May 19, 2014. The committee met on May 28, 2014 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Councilor Mathews reported that the committee also passed a request

on a motion by Councilor Hackett that the Mayor present an additional request to the Town Council for the purchase of additional vans. On behalf of the Committee a MOTION was made by Vice President Smart; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vans and associated equipment to be used for the transportation of students. This was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **14 084-Unpaid Bills-Fire Department**

This matter was referred to the Committee on May 19, 2014. The committee met on May 28, 2014 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action; therefore, on behalf of the Committee a MOTION was made by Vice President Smart; that the Town of Weymouth ALLOW for the payment of FY13 unpaid bills from the Fire Department with funds appropriated for FY14. The invoice is from Quincy Medical Center in the amount of \$3,728.00 and that the Town Accountant is authorized to pay such bills and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **Ordinance Committee /Chairman Kenneth DiFazio**

#### **14 043-Rezone Request Bridle Path-submitted by Daniel Jancateri -Map 34, Block 444, Lot 6 from POP (Planned Office Park) to I-1( Limited Industrial)**

This matter was referred to the Committee on April 7, 2014. A joint public hearing with the Planning Department was held on May 5, 2014. The Planning Board voted on May 8, 2014 to recommend favorable action. The committee met on April 29, 2014 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 27, 2014; therefore, on behalf of the Ordinance Committee a MOTION was made by Vice President Smart that the Town of Weymouth APPROVE the zoning change of address known as Lot 6, Map 34, Block 444 Bridal Path, from Planned Office Park (POP) to Industrial 1 (I1) and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Mathews acknowledged his support of the measure to retain a town business. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to RECONSIDER the vote on 14 084-Unpaid Bills-Fire Department at a later date because it requires a four fifths vote of the full Town Council and three members are absent and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Starwood's Proposed Revisions to the Enabling Legislation**

#### **Continued Discussions with Council-Matthew Barry/Starwood Vice President / Robin Daniels/Starwood Director of Development**

Council President O'Connor reported that he spoke with Mr. Barry and the Mayor earlier in the day; negotiations are ongoing. The deadline for action is July 31, 2014. Councilor Smart thanked him for the update. He noted that some would like to consider the issue

before the end of the legislative session and requested whatever information is available be brought forward to the Council. Council President O'Connor noted that the Council is anxious to see what progress has been made. He intends to call a Special Town Council meeting on June 9, 2014 specifically to receive an update from Burns & Levinson and Starwood.

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

### **14 086-Police Department Line Item Transfer-Part 2**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$85,000 from line item Uniform Patrol Salaries to the following items:

Miscellaneous	\$8,000
Ammunition	\$17,000
Equipment	\$60,000
Total	\$80,000

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to refer measure 14 086-Police Department Line Item Transfer-Part 2, to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **14 087-Fire Department Line Item Transfer**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$55,000 from line item Fire Suppression Overtime to the following line items:

Training	\$5,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$55,000

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to REFER measure 14 087-Fire Department Line Item Transfer to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **14 088-Free Cash-Traffic Supervisors**

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the costs associated with wages due the Traffic Supervisors for FY11-FY14, as part of a settlement between the Town of Weymouth and AFSCME Council 93 as ordered by the Massachusetts Department of Labor Relations on July 12, 2013.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to REFER measure 14 088-Free Cash-Traffic Supervisors to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Resolution for Reinstating Weymouth Day-Council President Patrick O'Connor and Councilor at Large Michael Molisse**

Council President O'Connor noted that the account line for the former Weymouth Day festivities has sustained an increasing balance each year and is seed money for the Mayor's Pumpkin Festival. Because it is generating revenue, he believes it is time, with an improving economy, to bring back the celebration to show civic pride and community spirit and increase small business relations. He read the following RESOLUTION:

*"Whereas; Weymouth Day was a celebration of our Town, its people and our achievements, and*

*Whereas; Weymouth Day combines Civic, Athletic Youth Public Safety Military and Fraternal Organizations to display Weymouth Pride, and*

*Whereas; Weymouth Day can follow in the footsteps of the Pumpkin Festival in being revenue-neutral; and*

*Whereas; there is currently over \$90,000 in the account currently for Weymouth Day; now*

*Therefore; the Weymouth Town Council respectfully requests the Mayor to fund Weymouth Day in 2015 with the Community Events Committee and help of Corporate Sponsorship."*

A MOTION was made by Vice President Smart to REFER consideration of the drafting of a resolution to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## ADJOURNMENT

A Special Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014. The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2014. At 8:07 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