

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Weymouth Town Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**June 6, 2016, Monday**

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President  
Michael Smart, Vice President  
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: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Robert Luongo, Director of Planning  
Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator

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. (Councilor Hackett arrived at 7:45 PM.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President O'Connor reported on the passing of George Lane, Jr. On June 5, 2016. A moment of silence was observed.

**MINUTES**

**Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2016**

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Approve the minutes from the Special Town Council meeting of April 14, 2016 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **16 094-National Grid Pole Installation-Revere Road**

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Open the Public Hearing on 16 094 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Abutters were notified on May 21, 2016.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Simon Young of National Grid, representing the engineers presented the request for permission 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:

Revere Road, Pole 4-84

National Grid requests the installation of Pole 4-84 in order to remove tree guy from tree that customer wants to remove.

Massachusetts Electric Company Plan No. 21571905 Dated 4/26/16

Mr. Young presented the plan.

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

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Close the Public Hearing on 16 094 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Consider item 16 094 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 16 094; that the Town of Weymouth grant permission 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:

Revere Road, Pole 4-84

and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **16 092-Reorganization of Ordinances**

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Open the Public Hearing on 16 092 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was advertised on May 27, 2016.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ted Langill presented the measure and provided information requested by subcommittee of organization chart and he summarized the changes:

1. Revise division of departments – combining Administrative and Community Services Divisions
2. Separate Human Resources as a stand-alone department
3. Separate Solicitor and Information Technology as stand alone, separate departments
4. Change title of Director of Information Technology to Chief Information Officer
5. Amend language; the positions of Director, Division Head and Officer to report to Mayor, *or his designee*
6. Amend Dept. of Licenses and Inspections; no longer under Planning Department, to reflect current practice
7. Keep Director of Administrative Services; report to Mayor (current position is vacant)

Councilor Molisse asked if the Traffic Supervisor positions remains where it is in the organizational chart. Mr. Langill responded, as it is written, they are still included in the Police organizational chart. That is currently under discussion.

President O'Connor reported that this measure is still under deliberation in committee and action hasn't been taken yet.

Councilor Lacey asked whether the Director of Community Services position will be filled. Mr. Langill said it is not expected in the budget as presented.

The following are the comments from the public:

**Robert Montgomery Thomas, 848 Washington Street**, reported that he is confused whether this is a reorganization of ordinances or a courtesy communication of a reorganization--no ordinances are affected. The Charter prohibits Council interference in day-to-day operations of the Mayor's orderly administration of the town. He suggested it is overkill and unnecessary.

Mr. Langill reviewed the process. Section 4-202 and 203 "Administrative and Community Services" changes and changing wording in specific ordinances. It is also a change to divisions and management in keeping with current practices. Changes in several other sections are deletions/revisions in language.

During this discussion, 7:45 PM, Councilor Hackett arrived.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Close the Public Hearing on 16 092 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 095-Changes to the Town's Ordinances as Proposed by the Ordinance Review Committee**

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Open the Public Hearing on 16 095 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was advertised on May 27, 2016. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Solicitor Callanan presented the measure on behalf of the Ordinance Review Committee. He reviewed the make up of the committee. The town is required by Charter to review the ordinances every ten years. The committee met on March 10, 2016, April 7, 2016 and April 26, 2016. All changes are non-substantive and he reviewed the five categories. Three changes by amendment were recommended with the motion by the Ordinance Committee. The categories of changes that are recommended:

1. Remove antiquated language to clarify the intent of the language in the ordinance
2. Proper or current statutory citations
3. Proper capitalization and change to name of state agencies
4. Consistent use of gendered pronouns

Thirty three changes are proposed in total.

Amendments also recommended:

1. Section 26- strike- committee does not have the authority to suggest this change
2. Typos corrected in two instances

President O'Connor reported that the measure is still in committee. He thanked the members of the committee for serving and the assistance that was provided by the Administration, Council's and Mayor's staff.

The following are the comments from the public:

**Robert Montgomery Thomas, 848 Washington Street**, provided a handout of suggestions and reviewed them for the committee.

President O'Connor reiterated that the measure is still in committee. Mr. Thomas asked to be allowed to speak at the subcommittee meeting. President O'Connor deferred it to the Chair of the subcommittee.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Close the Public Hearing on 16 095 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Mathews asked the Solicitor to review Section 8-5 of the Charter to make sure they are in compliance; the next Town Council meeting is scheduled for after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Should this measure not be voted by June 15<sup>th</sup>, then it has to be the first item on the agenda, and no other business can be conducted. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 100-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund-Peer Review of 2008 Columbian Square Conceptual Plans and Design**

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Open the Public Hearing on 16 100 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was advertised on May 27, 2016. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Robert Luongo presented the request of \$20,000 for peer review of Columbian Square. The alternative chosen was for signalization of Columbian Square. This is to hire an engineer to perform a peer review. A determination needs to be made that signalization will solve the problems before going ahead with design and specifications for the design of Columbian Square.

Councilor Harrington asked if they have the money to do the actual construction? Construction will come from FEIR and is part of the MEPA certificate. Councilor Harrington responded that the town has already spent the money on a study and it sat on a shelf. Councilor Mathews responded that the phasing did not get eliminated in the legislative change. They still have to mitigate Columbian Square for Phase II.

The following are the comments from the public:

**Robert Montgomery Thomas of 848 Washington Street** suggested reviewing the Cecil Group Plan. They are spending from the Stabilization fund for a peer review- didn't they already get it?

Mr. Luongo responded that the original plan was conducted in in 2008; there have been traffic changes and redevelopment in the area since then. Before going to 100% design, they should look at proposed recommendations, get updated traffic counts, and see if the proposal is sufficient. Prior to spending on a project that could cost \$1M, they want to make sure the recommendation will work.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Close the Public Hearing on 16 100 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

### **16 102-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for Equipment at Pond Meadow Park**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$30,000 from the to the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects, for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of needed equipment at Pond Meadow Park.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer item 16 102 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **16 103-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for Two Replacement Air Conditioning Compressors for Tufts Library**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfers the sum of \$60,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects for

the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of two replacement compressors in the air conditioning unit at Tufts Library.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 103 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 104-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for Installing Air Conditioning for the Whipple Senior Center**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfers the sum of \$125,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the installation of air conditioning at the John F. McCulloch Building for the Whipple Senior Center.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 104 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 105-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for Repairing or Replacing Town Sidewalks**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfers the sum of \$250,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects for the purpose of funding the costs associated with repairing or replacing town sidewalks.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 105 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 106-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for a New Dump Truck with Plow for Public Works**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfers the sum of \$70,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of a one-ton dump truck with plow for Department of Public Works.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 106 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 107-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for Elder Services Van**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfers the sum of \$35,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects for the costs associated with the purchase of a van for Elder Services Division.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 107 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 108-Free Cash for School Information Technology Needs**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of school IT needs as identified by the Independent Technology Review.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 108 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 109-Free Cash for Two School Maintenance Vehicles**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of two school maintenance vehicles.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 109 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 110-Free Cash for Curriculum Needs**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of curriculum needs.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 110 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 111-Free Cash for New Police Cruisers and Motorcycles**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$400,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of seven new police cruisers and four new motorcycles for the Weymouth Police Department.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 111 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 112-Free Cash for a New Fire Engine**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of a new fire engine for the Weymouth Fire Department.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 112 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 113-Reserve Fund Transfer to Hire a Library Building Architectural Firm**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the General Fund Reserve for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the hiring of an architectural firm to design plans for a new public library as required in the Massachusetts Public Library construction Program.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 113 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 114-Line Item Transfer from Employee Benefits Health Insurance to Employee Benefits -Worker's Compensation**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Employee Benefits Health Insurance to Employee Benefits-Worker's Compensation Account for the purpose of funding the costs associated with projected workers compensation claims for Fiscal Year 2016.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 114 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Hackett asked for the current balance. Mr. Bulens responded it is \$2.7M.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 115-Free Cash for Stabilization Fund**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash to be transferred into the Stabilization Fund.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 115 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 116-Free Cash for OPEB Trust Fund**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash to be transferred to the OPEB Trust Fund.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 116 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.



**16 117-Borrowing Authorization for Road and Sidewalk Repairs and Reconstruction**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 to pay costs associated with repairing and reconstructing town roads and sidewalks and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(6) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid, or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 117 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor Mathews requested that the administration provide the council with a schedule of payments. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 118-Appointment of the Chief Financial Officer-Brian Connolly**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Brian Connolly to the position of Chief Financial Officer.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 118 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 119-Special Police Officer Appointment-Animal Control Officer**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint a special Police officer-Animal Control Officer.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 119 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 120-Appointment to the Planning Board-Paul Rotondo**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Paul Rotondo of 150 Park Avenue to the Planning Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 120 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 121-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Angela Mitchell**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Angela Mitchell of 31 Academy Avenue to the Community Events Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 121 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 122-Reappointment to the Board of Registrars-Michele Cronin**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Michele Cronin of 65 Hinston Road to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 122 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 123-Reappointment to the Fourth of July Committee-William Robinson**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint William Robinson of 360 Summer Street to the Fourth of July Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 123 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 124-Reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Christopher Hannan**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoints Christopher Hannan of 411 North Street to the Community Preservation Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 124 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 125-Reappointment to the Board of Assessors-John Sheehan**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoints John Sheehan of 521 Union Street to the Board of Assessors for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 125 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 126-Reappointment to the Weymouth Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District Robert McConnell**

Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Robert McConnell of 354 Summer Street to the Weymouth Braintree Regional Recreational Conservation District.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Refer measure 16 126 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President O'Connor asked the Solicitor Callanan the legality of holding some of the public hearings together, grouped as to funding sources. Sixteen measures were just referred that require public hearings. The solicitor will advise him by the end of the week. Councilor Mathews noted the bond item would require a separate public hearing.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on June 6, 2016 to deliberate the following measures:

**16 085-General Fund Reserve Appropriation for Legal Expense Throughout Remainder of FY 2016**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 16, 2016. The committee met on June 6, 2016 but this has not been moved out of committee.

**16 086-Town Solicitor's Office Line Item Transfers**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 16, 2016. The committee met on June 6, 2016 but this has not been moved out of committee.

**16 096-Reappointment to the Veteran's Council-Robert Haley**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 16, 2016. The committee met on June 6, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve 16 096; that the Town of Weymouth Reappoints Robert Haley of 16 Leslie Avenue to the Veteran's Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2019. The Motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 097-Reappointment to the Board of Assessors-Kevin Spellman**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 16, 2016. The committee met on June 6, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve 16 097; that the Town of Weymouth Appoint Kevin Spellman of 450 Pond Street to the Board of Assessors, for a term to expire on June 30, 2019. The Motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 098-Historic Commission Line Item Transfer for Repairs to Civil War Monument**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 16, 2016. The committee met on June 6, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A Public Hearing was held on June 6, 2016.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve 16 098; that the Town of Weymouth transfer \$800 from Recording Secretary to Historic Commission Other Professional Services for the purpose of funding the cost of repairing the steps of the Soldiers and Civil War Veterans Monument at North Cemetery. This is matched by a grant from The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 099-Fire Department Line Item Transfer for Engine 5 Repairs**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 16, 2016. The committee met on June 6, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A Public Hearing was held on June 6, 2016.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve 16 099; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$35,000 from Fire Suppression Salaries to DPW Vehicle Maintenance Mechanical Parts-Fire Account for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the repairs to Fire Engine #5. The Motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 100-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund-Peer Review of 2008 Columbian Square Conceptual Plans and Design**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 16, 2016. The committee met on June 6, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A Public Hearing was held on June 6, 2016.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve 16 100; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects to Fund 0002 for the purpose of funding costs associated with a peer review of the 2008 Columbian Square Village Center Conceptual Plans and Design report. The Motion was seconded by Vice President Smart.

Vice President Smart acknowledged the administration's proper use of this account. He urged this move forward. It is needed to improve traffic flow and public safety. It is part of the MEPA certificate-additionally noting that \$2M is for streetscape and was part of the mitigation agreement. He urged support. President O'Connor reminded the Council

that affirmative action requires a two-thirds vote of Council. Councilor DiFazio suggested that any studies going forward should reflect the ultimate size of the project. Councilor Mathews suggested they would not want to use an 8-year old study for the current design so the intersection can be done correctly. It's important to get proper traffic numbers so it can be correctly mitigated. Councilor Harrington suggested that traffic counts and times change, but if construction is not done in the next 2-3 years it will likely change again. He knows work has to be done; that's it's long overdue, but if it's not going to be done in one year, they should put it off.

VOTED 10/1 (Councilor Harrington- no).

#### **16 016-Contract for Independent Audit-FY16 through FY18**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 21, 2016. The committee met and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

Auditor Swanson reported on the (4) four bid proposals received for independent audit services and his recommendation.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve 16 016; that the Town of Weymouth award the contract to Melanson & Heath for independent audit for FY2016-2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Molisse also addressed the timeline on items referred for consideration. It will need to be taken care of sooner. Solicitor Callanan will respond by Wednesday. During this discussion, at 8:53 PM, Councilor Hackett left.

#### **Joint Ordinance and Environmental Committees Chairs Kenneth DiFazio and Brian McDonald**

Chairman Kenneth DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met in joint session with the Environmental Committee on May 31, 2016 to deliberate the following item:

#### **16 031-Proposed Amendment to Southfield Zoning and Land Use By-Laws/Solar**

This matter was referred to the Ordinance and Environmental Committees and the Planning Board on April 19, 2016. The applicant proposes a large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation on the 6-acre site of the former West Gate Landfill. The request is to rezone from VCD to OS-W with existing mixed-use development overlay and town center districts removed. The proposed district closely matches recent zoning change. Additionally they confirmed that they will amend the land use map to reflect the district.

The committee met on and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A Public Hearing was opened on May 16, 2016; on May 18 the Planning Board issued its approval and the Ordinance and Environmental Committees voted May 30, 2016 to approve it.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to Approve 16 031; that the Town of Weymouth Amend the Southfield Land Use By-laws. The Motion was seconded by Vice President Smart.

Councilor McDonald reported that the Environmental Committee met to discuss green technology with Kyle Corkum and this is a great first step. He urged favorable action and notes that this measure requires 2/3 third. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 10/0 (Councilor Hackett had stepped away from the meeting).

**16 015-Proposed Amendment to Southfield Zoning and Land Use /White Street**

This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee on March 16, 2016. The committee met on May 2, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board was held on May 2, 2016 and continued to May 16, 2016. The Planning Board made its favorable recommendation on May 18, 2016. The proposed amendment involves two parcels to be rezoned to R-1 district and rezone approximately 5 acres from OS-W to R-1 lots. It only rezones; it does not request a subdivision.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, a Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Approve 16 015; that the Town of Weymouth Adopt the Southfield Land-Use By-Laws and was seconded by Councilor Matthews. Vice President Smart urged support. The neighborhood will have a level of comfort knowing the open road to the air base will remain closed to vehicular traffic. Southfield representatives indicated they would land swap about 5 acres elsewhere so the town will not lose open space. Councilor Harrington noted the neighbors had concerns with width of the road. Vice President Smart responded that the plan review must be through the BZA process and the Planning Department but they have indicated that path width will be less than 20' and impassable to vehicles. This is only for the actual zoning change. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, 10/0.

Councilor Hackett returned.

**16 090-Acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 101-Supplemental Annual Allowance to Widows of Disabled Public Employees**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 2, 2016. The committee met on May 31, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. The Weymouth Retirement Board voted to accept this MGL.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to Approve 16 090; that the Town of Weymouth Accept a local option on Retirement as presented by the Weymouth Retirement Board. The motion was seconded by Vice President Smart UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**16 091-Acceptance of M.G.L Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(D)-Increase Member Survivor Allowance**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 2, 2016. The committee met on May 31, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to Approve 16 091; that the Town of Weymouth accept a local option on retirement as presented by the Weymouth Retirement Board. The motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**16 101-Legal Counsel Representation for Town Council -Councilor at Large Brian McDonald**

Councilor McDonald noted that in the last few years, there has been some conflict with administration and the Town Solicitor. He requested this referral for discussion and research.

A Motion was made by Councilor McDonald to refer measure 16 101 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Discussion on Current and Future Southfield Water/Sewer Agreement -District Four Councilor Arthur Mathews**

Councilor Mathews reported in a memo dated June 2, 2016, that the current water/sewer agreement with Southfield is due to expire, and payment is due. Total payment of \$1.6 million is outstanding. Sewer connection fees were also outstanding when he wrote his memo; (\$469,000 currently owed and he is unsure whether payment has been received). He would like to refer this issue and invite Southfield representatives to discuss status of payments and future agreements.

A Motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer the discussion to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday June 20, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

At 9:09 PM, there being no further business, a Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Council President Patrick O'Connor (approved on 15 August 2016)