TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Town Hall Council Chambers September 15, 2014, Monday

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman

Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman

Jane Hackett, Councilor Rebecca Haugh, Councilor Brian McDonald, Councilor

Also Present: Susan M. Kay, Mayor

William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer

Michael Gallagher, Community & Administrative Services James Clarke, Planning and Community Development

George Lane, Town Solicitor Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Kathy Deree, Town Clerk

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

14 095-Human Resources Department Transfer Request

Michael Gallagher reviewed the measure. The funds are to cover costs associated with a contract for interim director Carolyn Murray. He expects a new director will be in place by October 1, 2014, and he reviewed the status of the search process at Chairman Molisse' request. A pool of candidates was vetted and narrowed to three, who were further evaluated and one name has been recommended for approval by the Mayor.

Auditor Swanson reported he has reviewed the MUNIS reports and there are adequate funds in the account to support the request.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to refer measure 14 095 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

14 097-CPC-Brad Hawes Park

James Clarke, Director of Planning and Community Development, reviewed the measure in a power point presentation. The request for \$60,000 from Community Preservation funds (Open Space Reserve) to serve as local commitment from \$200,000 in state funds to renovate Brad Hawes Park. The town applied for and received the grant funding from the state in the "Our Common Backyards" program. The funding was received in June, following adoption of a resolution by the Council and they are now moving forward with

the work. A design firm was hired and demolition is already underway with much assistance from DPW. A neighborhood meeting held at the park on August 27, 2014 was well-attended. Mr. Clarke reviewed the proposed plans, noting that the play equipment was removed and two new age-appropriate play areas will be installed. The swings will be moved closer to the play areas and replaced with infant, children and handicapped accessible swings. A dip in the center of the ball field will be filled and the fence replaced. A walkway will be installed around the play area with benches, and plantings installed by the walkway and along the street, but will still be open for sight and security. Lighting will be installed. The basketball court will be resized to regulation, paved and striped. The tennis courts will be changed to accommodate a skate area for hockey and new fencing installed around it. A walkway will be installed around the play areas to the entranceway and there will be benches and picnic tables. The tree by the Memorial bench will be replaced and several other trees and plantings installed, and the memorial marker that notes the donation of the land by Bradford Hawes will be relocated to a more prominent area. Lighting will be installed and a decorative sign located at the corner of Perry and Lakehurst. The town is under some pressure to complete the work before the Governor's term ends, but some work that may have to wait until spring and some not in the scope of the \$200,000 could be accomplished with CDBG funds.

During this discussion, at 6:51 PM, Councilor McDonald arrived. Auditor Swanson reported that he reviewed MUNIS, and funds are adequate to support the request. Councilor Hackett reported she was in attendance at the community meeting. She noted the DPW and other town departments have coordinated well without disrupting sports programs at the park.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to refer measure 14 097 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and pending a favorable public hearing at the Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to take measure 14 098 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

14 098-Appointment to the Planning Board-B. D. Nayak

Chairman Molisse invited B. D. Nayak to the table to review his interest and qualifications. He reported that he is an India native, an MIT graduate who has been working in his field as an architect for more than thirty years, and actively participated in several national and international competitions. He and his family are citizens of the US and have resided in South Weymouth for many years. He noted his daughters received a good education by the town and he expressed interest in giving back to the town. He reviewed the areas that he would focus on as a member of the Planning Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to refer measure 14 098 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

14 100-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Paul Quintiliani

Paul Quintiliani was invited to the table to review his interest and qualifications. He reported on his association with many town groups.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to refer measure 14 100 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

14 096-Appointment to the Youth Coalition-Rev. Dion Maeda

Rev. Maeda was not present.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to table measure 14 096 and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 PM; there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Haugh to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Chairman Voted unanimously on 20 October 2014