

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Weymouth Town Hall
Council Chambers
September 19, 2016, 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
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Absent: Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Lee Hultin, Asst. Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Chip Fontaine, Town Engineer
Rob McLean, Library Director
John McLeod, Construction Supervisor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Asst. Town Clerk Lee Hultin called the roll, with one member absent. President O'Connor reported that Councilor DiFazio had a prior commitment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Harrington announced an Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on September 20, 2016 to deliberate MBTA bus routes.

Councilor Molisse announced the Senior Walk for fitness to be held October 12, 2016 at Pond Meadow Park.

President O'Connor recognized members of Troop 92 in attendance to observe the meeting for civic badge requirements and he welcomed them.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

16 130-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for the Purchase and Installation of Solar Lights at the Municipal Parking Lot in Columbian Square

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Open the public hearing on measure 16 130 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on September 9, 2016. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

John McLeod presented the request for solar lights-- Columbian Square Phase 1. This went out to bid in June. Two bids were received but one was deemed unresponsive. The second bid was awarded. \$115,900 and includes supplies only. Footings, pole bases, and installation will be accomplished with in-house labor. Vice President Smart asked about lighting to be installed in the lot.

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

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Close the Public Hearing on measure 16 130 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

16 131-CPA Funding-Weymouth Public Library Historical Collections

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Open the public hearing on measure 16 131 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on September 9, 2016. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Rob McLean presented the request with the Head of References, Kristin Lockhart. The request is to preserve and digitize several library items in time for the town's 400 year celebration. A federal grant was received and the archivist noted and recommended sixteen items for conservation which were prioritized. Councilor Molisse noted that the public hearing items were all discussed in depth at the earlier Budget/Management meeting. Councilor Conlon asked about a specific item on the list.

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

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Close the Public Hearing on measure 16 131 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

16 132-CPA Funding-Puritan Road Flood Mitigation

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Open the public hearing on measure 16 132 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. This was published on September 9, 2016. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chip Fontaine presented the request to repair the failing culvert which runs from Puritan Road to Great Esker Park. This portion is to complete year two permitting and prepare documents. The entire project was segmented into phases which allowed them to meet

the work deadline dates outlined in the Coastal Management grant. \$8500 will be allocated from CPC and in-kind labor from DPW will complete this year's phase. Final phase will be construction next year.

Councilor Haugh extended her thanks on behalf of District 1 that this is moving forward.

President O'Connor asked for public comment, to which there was no response.

A Motion was made by Vice President Smart to Close the Public Hearing on measure 16 132 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Councilor Molisse reported that the committee met on September 19, 2016 to consider the following items:

16 130-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for the Purchase and Installation of Solar Lights at the Municipal Parking Lot in Columbian Square

This matter was referred to the committee on September 6, 2016. The committee deliberated this on September 19, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on September 19, 2016.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 16 130; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase and installation of solar powered street lights for the municipal parking lot in Columbian Square. The motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. Vice President Smart remarked that this exactly what this money was earmarked for when it was included on the list in 2005. Administration could have, but didn't settle for lesser quality. The town can be proud of this. He appreciated it and will support the measure. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

16 131-CPA Funding-Weymouth Public Library Historical Collections

This matter was referred to the committee on September 6, 2016. The committee deliberated it on September 19, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on September 19, 2016.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, A Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 16 131; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$28,422 from the Community Preservation Fund- Historic Preservation fund balance for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the conservation and preservation of sixteen objects from the archives of the Weymouth Public Library. The motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

16 132-CPA Funding-Puritan Road Flood Mitigation

This matter was referred to the committee on September 6, 2016. The committee deliberated it on September 19, 2016 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on September 19, 2016.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, A Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 16 132; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$8,496 from the Community Preservation Fund–Open Space Reserve Fund Balance for the purpose of funding the costs associated with design and permitting of a tidal culvert on Puritan Road. The motion was seconded by Vice President Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

16 101-Special Legal Counsel Representation for Town Council

This matter was referred to the committee on June 6, 2016. The committee tabled the matter to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is Monday, October 3, 2016. At 7:48 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 Patrick O'Connor, Town Council President
Voted unanimously on 17 October 2016