

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Economic Development Committee**  
**September 20, Tuesday**

Present: Ed Harrington, Chairman  
Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor  
Brian McDonald, Councilor  
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor  
Robert Conlon, Councilor

Also Present: Peter Foreman-Chamber of Commerce  
Irving Murstein-proponent of Resolution

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Issue-MBTA Bus Routes Resolution**

Chairman Harrington reported that this was referred by the Town Council by citizen request. Irving Murstein was invited to the table. He reported on the need to extend the existing MBTA bus service so residents can get to the shopping plazas, hospital and to Southfield. He reviewed the proposed extended routes. He also suggested the route schedule be simplified and consider placing a fare box in the lobby of South Shore Hospital. He noted that the MBTA's "The Ride" service costs more than the bus and service could be suspended.

Councilor Conlon supported the recommendation. Chairman Harrington reported that members of the administration from the town, MBTA, Union Point and South Shore Hospital were invited to this meeting. He read a note received from the President and CFO of South Shore Hospital. He noted Peter Foreman of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and he invited him to the table. Mr. Foreman noted this is the first he has heard of the proposal and would be glad to discuss how this fits into the Economic Development plan that was just released:

- Improve commute in and out of Boston to draw residents and more businesses- particularly with transit centers
- Leverage major transit developments; residential and commercial growth- how move people around the region (water/sewer / energy issues)
- Expand services-better serve the public and encourage development
- As Libbey gets built up, include a connection road to Derby Street with a possible route to the hospital, working with local and state advocates for development particularly to Union Point.

He reported that the Chamber would take their lead from the town so that as new proposals are brought forward they will be reviewed to see if they will fit into the regional model. Chairman Harrington asked if the Chamber is working with South Shore

Hospital or Union Point. Mr. Foreman responded not on this particular matter. They know they will need to think about transportation in regards to regional but have not developed it as of yet. Mr. Foreman provided copies of the Economic Development report to the committee members.

Chairman Harrington read a draft of the resolution:

*“WHEREAS: Weymouth needs to expand the MBTA bus routes in town, namely the East Weymouth Route, Bus 222 and the South Weymouth Route, Bus 225.*

*WHEREAS: There are two bus routes in Weymouth and neither of them provide service to the local shopping centers.*

*WHEREAS: Union Point is being developed and bus 225 needs to expand service to South Weymouth as Union Point now has over 600 families with proposed housing of over 2,500 housing units, Apartment buildings, Assisted living area, commercial area and a very large concert area.*

*WHEREAS: Bus Route 222 serves only part of East Weymouth and does not provide service to the main shopping areas in East Weymouth where the large chain food stores are located.*

*WHEREAS: If Route 222 is expanded further to include the shopping areas then commuters could pick up the Route 225 bus route into South Weymouth which includes South Shore Hospital.*

*WHEREAS: Both bus routes 222 and 225 should run at least every hour to provide more convenience to the commuter.*

*WHEREAS: There are many areas in Weymouth where there is public housing, veterans housing, senior citizen housing and apartments.*

*WHEREAS: Many of the residents from subsidized housing rely on public transportation but cannot get to their destinations easily within the town.*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Weymouth Town Council requests favorable action on this matter by the State Transportation Agency and the MBTA.*

*FINALLY BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to these agency heads.*

*Signed on this third day of October in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen*

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*Weymouth Town Council President Patrick O'Connor”*

A Motion was made by Councilor Haugh to forward the resolution to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Vice Chairman Lacey. Vice Chairman Lacey thanked Irving Murstein for initiating the request and for his persistence. He thanked Mr. Foreman for attending. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Issue-Steps Specific to Official Audit Report of South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation**

Chairman Harrington reported that the matter has been an open item for two years, and it should be closed out. The audit report is no longer relevant to the development.

A Motion was made by Vice Chairman Lacey to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation to take the matter off the open items list and was seconded by Councilor Conlon. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Adjournment**

At 7:21 PM, there being no further business, a Motion was made by Councilor Lacey to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Ed Harrington as Chair of the Economic Development Committee  
Voted unanimously on 17 October 2016