

*Special Town Council Meeting
August 4, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Town Council Chambers*

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President
Jane Hackett
Rebecca Haugh
Thomas J. Lacey
Arthur Mathews
Brian McDonald
Michael Smart

Absent: Robert Conlon
Kenneth DiFazio
Ed Harrington
Michael Molisse

Also Present: Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Kathy Deree, Town Clerk
George Lane, Town Solicitor
James Clarke, Director of Planning
Walter Flynn, Chair of Community Preservation Committee

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

President O'Connor called the Special Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kathy Deree conducted roll call with the following Councilors not present: Conlon, DiFazio, Harrington, and Molisse.

President O'Connor spoke with each Councilor not present, who had prior commitments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Lacey announced an event to be held on Thursday 14 August beginning at 10 AM, sponsored by Julie Hackett, whose donation is in honor of her parents, Jack and Pat. The Cameo Theatre will show a screening of the "Wizard of Oz", in celebration of the movies 75th anniversary. Following the screening, free pizza lunch and a bouncy house will be available at the Fogg Library.

MINUTES

BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2014

Councilor Smart motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2014

Councilor Smart motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2014

Councilor Smart motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE **BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

14 089-CDBG Authorization for 2014-2015

Councilor Smart noted that this measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 16th, the Budget/Management Committee met this evening and voted unanimous favorable action. He motioned on behalf of the Budget/Management Committee that the CDBG authorization for 2014-2015 HUD grants in the amount of \$670,311 for CDBG. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

14 090-Community Preservation Committee-First Church Meeting House

Councilor Smart noted that this measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 16, the committee met this evening and voted unanimous favorable action. Representatives from First Church, seated in the audience, were recognized.

Nancy Cameron, historian, and Thomas Wilburn, Board of Trustees at the First Church, noted upcoming events planned at the Church.

The following events will take place on the weekend of October 24, 25, 26:

-Friday, October 24, there will be a wedding re-enactment (John and Abigail Adams), which will be filmed by CSPAN-the festivities will start at the Abigail Adams House and will be followed by a reception

-Saturday, October 25, a symposium with four lectures, will be held followed by a coffee hour

-Sunday, October 27, a wreath laying will take place on the Reverend and Mrs. Smith's graves

It was noted that they will utilize services at the high school (ie: cosmetics, culinary).

Councilor Smart, on behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, motioned for favorable action on measure number 14 090-CPC-First Meeting Church that \$71,042 is raised and appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund (Historic Resources) to fund the costs to restore, preserve, replace and regild the First Church Meeting House. Motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews.

Councilor Hackett noted that the First Church can be compared to the Old North Street Church. Furthermore that a legal opinion was sought which confirms that the town is on solid ground in terms of approving this measure, as the funding is intended for a secular reason, namely preservation and

restoration of a historically significant building (church was built in 1833). She further clarified that this measure does not show bias, for or against, any specific faith.

Motion passes unanimously.

With no further business to attend to, Councilor Smart motioned to adjourn at 7:39 PM, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews, and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane T. Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Council President Patrick O'Connor

Voted unanimously on 2 September 2014