

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Town Hall Council Chambers

February 21, 2017

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Brian McDonald
Jane Hackett

Absent: Rebecca Haugh

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Chief Keith Stark, Weymouth Fire Department
John MacLeod, Director of Asset Management

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

17 008-Fire Department Line Item Transfer for Projected Overtime Expenses

Chief Stark requests approval to transfer \$280,000 from the fire suppression salaries line item (13204110-510001) to the fire suppression overtime line item (13204210-513001). This funding request is being made for purposes of funding the Fire Department's projected overtime expenses.

Auditor Swanson notes that \$126,600 is being expended on a weekly basis for overtime, with 19 weeks remaining, this computes to \$2.4M. He is questioning the surplus of \$470,000, which the Chief is requesting. Chief Stark notes that he computed the forecasted need for overtime using June as the timeframe; there is a small buffer of approximately \$65,000, not \$470,000.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward measure 17 008 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 009-Free Cash for Town Hall Repairs

John MacLeod is requesting, on behalf of the Mayor, to transfer \$530,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with repairs needed to town hall. He explained that structural/water issues have been occurring for a while and departments effected are the Town Council office, Auditor's office, Mayor's reception area and

Human Resources Department. He noted that repairs were made to the cupola in 2003 and the gutters have been in place since the original building was constructed more than 90 years ago. The problem stems from the fascia board being wrapped in fiberglass and water has infiltrated behind it, causing water damage. The fascia board behind the aging gutters are not properly draining rainwater. Due to the age of the building and the fact that it is constructed of brick and mortar, it will require repointing in the future.

The town has conducted a comprehensive study of corrective needs and are requesting this funding from free cash in order to make the much needed repairs.

Chairman Molisse noted that a public hearing is scheduled for later this evening at Town Council.

A Motion was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward measure 17 009 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action (pending a favorable public hearing) and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

17 010-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Lois Desmond

Ms. Desmond was present and explained that she has been serving as the school's representative to the committee for many years and since there are two new members, with another due in June, she believes that stepping down as the school's representative and becoming a town appointment is in order, as she is looking to retire down the road. This will give her ample opportunity to train her successor. There are many items she still wishes to accomplish as she wants more visibility for the committee, in an effort to increase donations.

Councilor Molisse thanked Ms. Desmond for her many years of service and dedication.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward measure 17 010 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor O'Connor to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Councilor Michael Molisse as Chairman of the Budget/Management Committee

Unanimously voted on 20 March 2017