

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEYMOUTH TOWN HALL  
JANUARY 3, 2017 AT 6:15 PM**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman  
Jane Hackett, Councilor  
Brian McDonald, Councilor  
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor

Absent: Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Rob MacLean, Director of Libraries  
Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

**16 153-Free Cash for Stabilization Fund**

Brian Connolly presented and noted that free cash was certified in the amount of \$7,399,043.00.

The sources he cited are as follows:

-unappropriated fiscal year 2016 free cash	\$427,323.00
-revenue over budget	<u>\$3,856,814.46</u>
-tax collection (mostly comprised of MV -\$1.3)	\$1,851,193.59
-bond premiums	\$733,674.84
-building department permit revenue	\$629,775.50
-reimbursement from Medicaid	\$281,973.56
-revenue from Town Clerk's Office	\$90,370.75
-expenses under budget	<u>\$2,871,209.94</u>
-health insurance	\$852,614.97
-salaries	\$545,376.82
-debt	\$300,000.00
-debt interest	\$265,963.74
-gas	\$147,753.21
-unemployment	\$137,286.13
-reserve fund	\$137,056.92
-insurance	\$35,194.64

Mr. Connolly clarified that the tax collection revenue from motor vehicle excise is representative of several years.

Auditor Swanson verified that Munis reflects the same amount of free cash and balance in the stabilization fund as is being reported this evening.

Councilor Hackett states that (not resultant from current administration) her dismay at the amount of money in free cash. She noted that the Council specifically asked about health insurance, excise and several other line items and were told a totally different story by prior administration. They projected 1-2 million and 6 weeks later free cash is certified at 7 million. She is distraught that the town asked constituents for a proposition 2 ½ override, when we had funding to expend. The town was dishonestly represented by prior administration and the town suffered resultant from this. She is pleased with the budget submittal and the tightening up.

Councilor Molisse noted that a public hearing has been scheduled on this matter for 17 January.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 16 153, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, pending a favorable public hearing, and was seconded by Councilor Haugh UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **16 154-Special Legislation-Veteran Buyback for Credible Service**

Mr. Connolly presented and was asked to be prepared to discuss the financial impact to the town, for the measure. He does not have those figures at this time, and spoke with Joanne Anti (Retirement) and was informed that approximately 21 people are interested in this option, the names of the individuals will be gathered, and submitted to the actuaries for computation of financial impact.

It was suggested that the matter be tabled, pending further information.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to table measure number 16 154 (pending further information) motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

#### **16 155-Acceptance of a New Public Library Schematic Design for Submission to the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program**

Mr. MacLean gave a background of the process as an introduction to the power point presentation. The project proposal has been progressing for the last 10 months. In February he met with the Mayor regarding capital needs of the library and it was disclosed that renovations were monumental and they sought a grant to aid in the design and building of a new Tufts Library. He met with the Library Board of Commissioners to see if they could meet the deadlines imposed by the MPLC (Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program) and subsequently formed a Library Building Committee, comprised of Rob MacLean, John MacLeod, Nick Bulens, Dennis Corcoran, Bob Luongo and Cathy Torrey.

In March they hired a library consultant, held numerous library committee meetings, community outreach meetings, spoke with Trustees, and collected necessary data. In June of this year, they filed the application. The application was subsequently approved and they hired the architect and submitted a letter of intent. He noted that 33 libraries have applied for the grant funding and have been working for 3 years on their project. Mr. MacLean cited the outstanding efforts of the committee in working all aspects of the process in only a short period of time. Next step was site selection, and the current site was determined to be the most feasible.

Stuart Roberts of Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc. (architect hired for the project) delivered a power point presentation to the Budget/Management Committee (attached).

He noted that the goal is to provide something for everyone at the new Tufts Library. With much input from the committee and community this concept was adopted. Once the grant is awarded, more detail will be forthcoming. A new building on the existing site was determined the most feasible, due to the close proximity of the ball field and playground. The building will have 150 parking spots with 48 located out front. They are capitalizing on the high and low landscaping feature of the location. They want to promote outdoor activities so are suggesting an amphitheater approach, with raised pedestrian walkways to ease traffic calming and to also provide a path from parking to the entrance of the building.

Several differing sized community meeting rooms will be added: one multi-purpose room with 200 capacity, another with 85 capacity, a few with 35 capacity, and a few with 25 capacity. Separate access (during times when the library is closed) and bathrooms will be retrofitted to the meeting room areas. The current basement configuration will not be for patrons and the proposed two story facility will house a children's area, pre-teen area and adult reference areas, audio visual capabilities, group study rooms, digital media lab to produce electronic content, solar collectors, rooms equipped with wifi, smart TV's, computers, movable furniture, lounging areas, and a small café. The building will have windows which open out to a view of the playground area.

Councilor Hackett noted the challenges of including handicap parking and expressed an opinion of constituents to shut off Broad Street to traffic. He heard of that suggestion but final plans haven't been made as of yet, although they are allowing for ample handicapped parking spaces.

Councilor Molisse thanked everyone for their efforts and the presentation.

Councilor Hackett motioned for favorable action to the Town Council, motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:05 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Haugh and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse-Chair of the Budget/Management Committee

Attachment (PPP entitled "New Preliminary Schematic Design" by Johnson Roberts Associates, dated January 3, 2017)

Voted unanimously on 17 January 2017