

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Weymouth Town Hall
Council Chambers
31 October 2016 at 6:00 PM

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President
Michael Smart, Vice President
Robert Conlon, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Not Present: Jane Hackett, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor
Edmund Harrington, Councilor

Also Present: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll, with five members absent. President O'Connor reported that this Special Town Council Meeting was requested by Administration, such that measures could be referred. Due to the Halloween holiday, many Councilors were unable to attend as they are spending time with their families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President O'Connor asked if there were any announcements from the Councilors, to which there was no response.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS

Nick Bulens presented the following measures on behalf of the Mayor's Office:

16 140-Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Classification

Mr. Bulens requested that the Town of Weymouth, through the Weymouth Town Council, approve a Classification Tax Rate Shift of 1.45 for commercial, industrial, and personal property taxes with no residential exemption for fiscal year 2017.

Councilor Smart motioned for referral of measure number 16 140 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Lacey and voted unanimously.

16 141A-Borrowing Authorization for Field and Park Improvements

Mr. Bulens requested that the Town of Weymouth, through the Weymouth Town Council, appropriate the sum of \$10,000,00.00 to pay costs associated with the renovation of several town parks, playgrounds and recreation fields, including the construction of artificial turf fields, installation and repair of irrigation systems, installation of field and security lighting systems, construction and renovation of playground areas, construction of walking paths, rehabilitation of natural grass recreation areas, renovation of infields, renovation and construction of basketball courts, construction and improvements to parking areas, landscaping, fencing, installation and renovation of bleachers and grandstands, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (6) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid, or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

This measure is being submitted in conjunction with measure 16 141B, which requests the transfer of \$1,408,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects (fund 8352) for the same purpose, making the total authorization for field and park improvements --\$11,408,000.00.

Councilor Smart requested that town auditor Swanson verify the balance in the park and recreation portion of the mitigation funds set-side. Auditor Swanson confirmed that he would investigate.

Councilor Smart motioned for referral of measure number 16 141A to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Lacey and voted unanimously.

16 141B-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer for Field and Park Improvements

Mr. Bulens requested that the town of Weymouth, through the Weymouth Town Council, transfer the sum of \$1,408,000.00 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Capital Projects (fund 8352) for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the construction of artificial turf fields, installation and repair of irrigation systems, installation of field and security lighting systems, construction and renovation of playground areas, construction of walking paths, rehabilitation of natural grass recreation areas, renovation of infields, renovation and construction of basketball courts, construction and improvements to parking areas, landscaping, fencing, installation and renovation of bleachers and grandstands, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto.

At the time of submittal the balance in fund 8352 is \$430,730. This does not include the \$1,160,969.98 being transferred into fund 8352 (from line item 11210430-432011) through measure 16 136, which will make the total available from fund 8352--\$1,591,426.98.

This measure is being submitted in conjunction with measure 16 141A, which requests the authorization to appropriate and borrow \$10,000,000.00 for the same purpose, making the total authorization for field and park improvements --\$11,408,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016, due to the election. At 6:14 PM; there being no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Vice President Smart to adjourn the meeting and motion was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Council President Patrick O'Connor
Voted unanimously on 14 November 2016