

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Weymouth Town Hall
Council Chambers
February 21, 2017

Present: Patrick O'Connor, President
Michael Smart, Vice President
Kenneth DiFazio
Jane Hackett
Ed Harrington
Thomas J. Lacey
Arthur Mathews
Brian McDonald
Michael Molisse

Absent: Rebecca Haugh
Robert Conlon

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

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kathleen Deree called the roll, with two members absent, Councilors Haugh and Conlon, who are unable to attend this evening's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President O'Connor asked that everyone pause for a moment of silence, acknowledging the passing of David Chandler on February 8, 2017. Dave was a Planning Board member, former Conservation Commission member, Advisory Committee member of the SSTTDC and a past selectman for the town. His devotion to the town is to be commended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17 009-FREE CASH FOR TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Councilor Smart motioned to open the public hearing on measure 17 009, noting that it was published on February 10,, 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously. Mr. MacLeod was attending another meeting and was unavailable to present. Councilor Smart motioned to continue the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

Vice President Smart motioned to take agenda number 8 (Communications and Reports from the Mayor, Town Officers and Town Boards) out of order, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS, AND TOWN BOARDS

17 012-AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY OPEB TRUST PROGRAM (PCOT)

Brian Connolly requests the following for consideration by the Town Council:

That the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, (the “Town”) hereby approves participating in the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Program (PCOT);

The Town hereby adopts the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust (the “Trust”), including the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan, effective the twenty-second day after the Mayor approves this measure;

The Town hereby appoints the Treasurer, or his designee, as the Town’s Plan Administrator for the Trust. The Plan Administrator shall act on behalf of the Town in all matters relating to the Town’s participation in the Trust, including, but not limited to, authorizing the investment of assets in PCOT’s investment pool, providing directions to the Trustee and the Trust

Administrator, and authorizing contributions and disbursements from the Town's trust assets;

The Town hereby appoints the PCOT Investment Committee for the oversight of investments; and

The Town hereby authorizes its Plan Administrator to execute the legal and administrative documents on behalf of the Town and to take whatever additional actions are necessary to maintain the Town's participation in the Trust and to maintain compliance of any relevant regulations issued or as may be issued.

Motion made by Councilor Smart to refer measure 17 012 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

17 014-PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE MEMBERS OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Brian Connolly requests the code of ordinances, section 3-123(a) is amended by adding at the end, the following sentence:

"The Mayor may also appoint no more than six alternative members of the Commission, pursuant to MGL chapter 40 section 8D."

17 015-TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BOND FUNDS

Brian Connolly requests, on behalf of the Mayor, that unexpended bond proceeds totaling \$97,868.65 from the general obligation municipal purpose loan of 2008 bonds dated September 15, 2008, originally borrowed for lagoon projects under loan order number 07 054 of the Town Council, approved by the Mayor on October 19, 2007, which project is complete and for which no liability remains, are hereby re-appropriated for the purpose of providing additional funds for school building chillers originally authorized under loan order 06 043-school remodeling of the Town Council approved by the Mayor on June 21, 2006.

Motion made by Councilor Smart to refer measure 17 015 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

Councilor Smart motions to revert back to the continued public hearing on measure number 17 009-Free Cash for Town Hall Repairs, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted 8-1 (Councilor Harrington voting against).

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 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. He explained that structural/water issues have been occurring for quite sometime and departments effected are the Town Council office, Auditor's Office, Mayor's reception area and Human Resources Department. The problem stems from the fascia board being wrapped in fiberglass and water infiltrating 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.

Councilor Smart requested that the same engineer, who performed repairs back in the early 2000's, is not contracted for these repairs.

President O'Connor asked for comments from the public to which there was no response.

Councilor Smart motioned to close the public hearing on measure 17 009, motion seconded by Councilor McDonald and voted unanimously.

BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE-CHAIR MICHAEL MOLISSE

17 008-FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM TRANSFER FOR PROJECTED OVERTIME EXPENSES

Councilor Molisse reported that this was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 6, 2017, the committee met on February 21, 2017 and voted unanimous favorable action. He motioned on behalf of the Budget/Management Committee for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

17 009-FREE CASH FOR TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Councilor Molisse reported that this was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 6, 2017, the committee met on February 21, 2017 and held a public hearing this evening as well, and voted unanimous favorable action. He motioned on behalf of the Budget/Management Committee for favorable action on measure 17 009, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

17 010-APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE-LOIS DESMOND

Councilor Molisse recognized Ms. Desmond who was present. She explained that she has been serving as the school's representative to the committee for many years and feels it is time for someone else to have this opportunity. There are many things she still wishes to accomplish as she wants more visibility for the committee, in an effort to increase donations. Many Councilors noted Ms. Desmond's years of service to the town.

Chairman Molisse reported that this was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 6, 2017, the committee met on February 21, 2017 and voted unanimous favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee he motions for favorable action on measure 17 010-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Lois Desmond, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting has been called for Monday, March 6, 2017.

At 7:57 PM, there being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Vice President Smart to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Patrick O'Connor as President
Voted unanimously on 20 March 2017