

Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Council Chambers

Weymouth Town Hall, 75 Middle Street, Weymouth MA

Present:

Patrick O'Connor, President

Michael Smart, Councilor

Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor

Ed Harrington, Councilor

Rebecca Haugh, Councilor

Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor

Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Brian McDonald, Councilor

Not Present:

Robert Conlon, Councilor

Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present:

Mayor Susan Kay

Carolyn Murray, Town Solicitor

Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk

Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Michael Gallagher, Director of Administrative Services

James Clarke-Director of Planning and Community Development

John Mac Leod-Construction Supervisor

Recording Secretary:

Diane T. Hachey

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kathy Deree called the roll, with Councilors Conlon and Hackett absent. Both contacted Council President Patrick O'Connor to explain that they had prior family commitments and were not able to be present this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian MacDonald announced Office Hours for the Registry of Deeds to be held on October 1, 2015 from 10-12 in Council Chambers. Staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns regarding registry of deeds matters.

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

15 102-Proposed Amendment to Southfield Zoning and Land Use By-Laws

Mayor Kay and Kyle Corkum approached the Council and the Mayor noted that she is happy to submit this amendment which includes a map and text changes. Her staff has worked in conjunction with LStar in putting this revised plan together and she looks forward to both the Planning Board and Council's review.

Mr. Korkum stated that he is optimistic regarding the review and undertaking of the proposed amendments and thanked the Council.

Council President O'Connor explained that so all Councilors have the opportunity to take part in the discussion of the proposed rezoning of Southfield, that this measure will remain at Town Council level for future meetings, under the heading of "Old Business".

Councilor Smart motioned for referral of measure number 15 102-Proposed Amendment to Southfield Zoning and Land Use By-Laws, to the Planning Board, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

15 103-Reserve Fund Transfer-Fiscal Year 2016 Election

Mr. Gallagher presented on behalf of the Mayor's office and requests that the sum of \$32k is transferred from line item 11325201-573100 to numerous line items for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the August 4th, 2015 Special Election.

Councilor Smart motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

15 104-Reserve Fund Transfer Request-Special Pension Payment for Military Service

Mr. Gallagher presented on behalf of the Mayor's office and requests to transfer the sum of \$900 from the reserve fund to line item 11945555-517101 for the purposes of funding the costs associated with a special pension payment for military service.

Councilor Smart motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

15 105-Appointment to the Conservation Commission –John Reilly

Mr. Gallagher presented on behalf of the Mayor’s Office in accordance with section 2-10 of the town charter, respectfully submits the name of John Reilly of 25 Cassandra Road for appointment to the Conservation Commission, term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Councilor Smart motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

15 106-Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance –Solar Photovoltaic Installations

Mr. Gallagher presented on behalf of the Mayor’s Office and request amendment of the Weymouth Zoning Ordinances by adding section 120-106.3 entitled “Solar Energy Facilities”.

Councilor Smart motioned for referral to the Planning Board and a joint referral to the Environmental and Ordinance Committees, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

15 107-Building Construction-Adoption of Massachusetts “Stretch Energy Code”

Mr. Gallagher presented on behalf of the Mayor’s Office and requests amendment of the Weymouth Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, Regulations Affecting Use of Private Property, Section 7-101 Building Construction by adding a section entitled “Stretch Energy Code”.

Councilor Smart motioned for referral to both the Ordinance and Environmental Committees, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

BUDGET/MANAGEMENT-CHAIRMAN MICHAEL MOLISSE

15 095-Reserve Fund Transfer Request-HVAC-Tuft’s Library

Chairman Molisse noted that this measure was referred on August 24th, the committee met this evening and voted favorable unanimous action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee he motions for transferring of the sum of \$28k from line item 11325201-573100 to line item 16993835-524104 for the purpose of funding the costs associated with providing temporary air conditioning to Tuft’s Library, The motion was seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

15 096-Reappointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Ronald Rizzo

Chairman Molisse noted that this was referred on August 24th, the committee met this evening and voted favorable unanimous action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee he motions in accordance with section 2-10 of the town charter, to reappoint Ronald Rizzo of 164 Pearl Street to the Fourth of July Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

15 097-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Annmarie Rush

Chairman Molisse noted that this measure was referred on August 24th, the committee met this evening and voted favorable unanimous action.

Ms. Rush was present and Chairman Molisse asked that she come forward. She noted that her son received a scholarship this year and she noticed how many scholarships were granted and was impressed by the career paths of many of the graduating students. She was informed that there was a vacancy on the committee. She has been in the field of education for 30 years and would like to serve as a member of the committee.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee he motions that in accordance with section 2-10 of the town charter, to appoint Annmarie Rush of 84 Mandalay Road to the Scholarship Fund Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

15 098-Appointment to the Historical Commission-Mark Schneider

Chairman Molisse noted that this measure was referred on August 24th, the committee met this evening and voted favorable unanimous action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee he motioned that in accordance with section 2-10 of the town charter that Mark Schneider of 57 Colonial Road is appointed to the Historical Commission, with a term to expire June 30 ,2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

15 100-Town Clerk-Call of the Town Preliminary Election-September 17, 2015

Action requested under 2-9b-same night action

President Patrick O'Connor

President O'Connor stated that in the name of the Commonwealth, the town of Weymouth is hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in the town preliminary election to vote on Thursday, September 17, 2015.

Councilor Smart motioned for action under 2-9b, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously

Councilor Smart motioned for favorable action on measure number 15 100, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

It was announced that the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will take place on Monday September 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

With no further business to attend to, a motion was made to adjourn by Councilor Smart at 7:47 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 5 October 2015