

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 3, 2011**

Present: Arthur Mathews, President  
Robert Conlon  
Kenneth DiFazio  
Ed Harrington  
Thomas Lacey  
Michael Molisse  
Brian McDonald  
Victor Pap III  
Michael Smart  
Kevin Whitaker

Not Present: Patrick O'Connor  
Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk

Also Present: Kathy Deree, Assistant Town Clerk

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Council President Mathews called the January 3, 2011 Town Council meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. Kathy Deree conducted a roll call with Councilors O'Connor and Lacey not present. Council President Mathews noted that Councilor O'Connor is out of town and Councilor Lacey is delayed in traffic.

Announcements were as follows: Councilor Pap announced that Fort Point Road and several other North Weymouth streets experienced flooding during the recent storm but there were no significant injuries. As information is made available to him by the administration and FEMA, he will communicate to the public.

Councilor Pap further noted that on Thursday January 13 at 6:30 PM the Department of Transportation is hosting a public meeting on the Fore River Bridge Replacement Project. The meeting will be held at the Fore River Club House, located on 16 Nevada Road in Quincy, and all are encouraged to attend.

**MINUTES**

Councilor Smart motioned to accept the minutes from the Budget/Management Committee Meeting of December 6, 2010, motion seconded by Councilor Whitaker, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Smart motioned to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting of December 6, 2010, motion seconded by Councilor Whitaker, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Smart motioned to accept the minutes from the Environmental Committee Meeting of December 13, 2010, motion seconded by Councilor Whitaker, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Smart motioned to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting of December 13, 2010, motion seconded by Councilor Whitaker, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Smart motioned to accept the minutes from the Ordinance Committee of December 20, 2010, motion seconded by Councilor Whitaker, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Smart motioned to accept the minutes from the Budget/Management Committee of December 20, 2010, motion seconded by Councilor Whitaker, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Smart motioned to accept the minutes from the Town Council Meeting of December 20, 2010, motion seconded by Councilor Whitaker, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Lacey arrives here at 7:40 PM.

#### **RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT**

#### **“ADVOCATES FOR WEYMOUTH, ABINGTON, ROCKLAND AND HINGHAM”-UPDATE BY DOMINIC GALLUZZO OF 86 CANDIA STREET**

Mr. Galluzzo noted that a package was previously distributed to each Councilor detailing his presentation, inclusive of supporting documentation. His reason for appearing this evening is to disclose the purpose and work of the ARAWH (Advocates for Rockland, Abington, Weymouth and Hingham). The non-profit group has received a grant (TASC grant) in order to support their efforts.

He cited two reports (TASC E2 Water and Sewerage Report and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2009) which indicate discrepancies in the amount of drinking water supplied by both Whitman’s and Great Pond. One report indicates that they provide 80% of our drinking water and the other 90%. If the 10% difference between these two is applied to the daily water usage, the totals, as related to water and subsequent dollar amounts, are exorbitant.

Mr. Galluzzo further cites the disadvantages inherent in draining Whitman’s Pond and its negative impact on the food chain and change in composition of the pond’s ecosystem.

The Cambridge Environmental Incorporated Contamination Report was cited which supports the lack of clean-up efforts by the Navy in addition to poor disclosure to potential home owners. The ARAWH requests the Council’s support of state legislation in an effort to fully disclose land contamination issues within a four mile radius to prospective land purchasers.

He encouraged all residents to attend a meeting on February 3, 2011 from 7-8:45 PM in the Jones Room, located at the Tuft's Library, in order to review additional documentation on the proposed plan.

Mr. Galluzzo noted that a list of questions have been read into the record and for ease of reading, have been listed on a single page, he further requested that if the Council takes these issues under advisement, that he be included on that agenda.

Councilor DiFazio noted that SSTTDC appeared before Council in September and would like them to appear again. He cited their claim to not ask for an additional water supply and that the remaining land would be transferred from the Navy by the beginning of the year--he would like an update as to these two issues.

President Mathews agrees that SSTTDC is due to come before Council for an update and he will schedule for sometime in the very near future. President Mathews further requested both Mr. Galluzzo's questions and his testimony for the record.

Councilor Conlon extended his gratitude to Mr. Galluzzo for his presentation and further noted that water is a precious resource which has to be closely monitored in order to protect future generations of Weymouth residents. He feels that we do not have ample water to meet the needs of Southfield--they are refusing to hook up to the MWRA system.

Councilor Lacey asked if Mr. Galluzzo has had a conversation with the Mayor on this subject. Mr. Galluzzo stated that he hadn't, he is appearing before the Council as they are the legislative branch of our government.

Councilor DiFazio motioned to refer Mr. Galluzzo's questions to the Public Works Committee, with involvement from administration, motion seconded by Councilor Pap and voted 9-1 (Councilor Whitaker voting nay).

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

### **11 001-CREATION OF "HEALTHY WEY" COMMITTEE**

President Mathews read a memo into the record from the Mayor's Office, dated January 3, 2011 indicating that administration has withdrawn this measure.

At 8:01 PM, there being no further business to attend to, Councilor Pap motioned to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane T. Hachey

Approved by:

Arthur Mathews  
President of Weymouth Town Council