

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
April 19, 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: Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk

Also Present: Mayor Susan Kay  
William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer  
James Clarke, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Matt Ferron, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Sean Guilfoyle, Chair School Committee  
Rob MacLean, Director of Libraries  
Ted Clarke, Historical Commission  
Chief Grimes, Police Department  
Captain Comperchio, Police Department  
Kathy Deree, Assistant Town Clerk  
George Lane, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Council President Mathews called the April 19, 2011 Town Council meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Mr. Fryer called roll with all Councilors present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council President Mathews acknowledged the recent, tragic loss of Mary Jo Livingstone, Weymouth's Superintendent of Schools. She spent more than 25 years in the system, starting her career as a math teacher. President Mathews noted Mary Jo's unwavering dedication to the town and extended the Town Council's sympathy to both her family and colleagues. A moment of silence was held in Mary Jo's honor.

Sean Guilfoyle, Chair of the School Committee, in conjunction with Matt Ferron, approached the Council and Mr. Guilfoyle spoke of the loss of Mary Jo and that she was a fierce defender of education. Additionally, he announced that Matt Ferron has been officially named Interim Superintendent. On April 30, 2011 at 1:00 PM there will be a Celebration of Life for Mary Jo at the high school and all are invited to attend.

Mr. Ferron extended his appreciation to the town officials and the community for the outpouring of support, and with the strong school administrative team they will overcome this loss.

## **MINUTES**

Councilor O'Connor motioned to accept the minutes from the **Budget/Management Committee Meeting of March 14, 2011**, motion seconded by Councilor Smart, and voted unanimously.

Councilor O'Connor motioned to accept the minutes from the **Ordinance Committee Meeting of March 14, 2011**, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

Councilor O'Connor motioned to accept the minutes from the **Budget/Management Committee Meeting of March 21, 2011** motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

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## **RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT**

### **Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events**

**-James Clarke-Director of Planning and Community Development**

**-Ted Clarke-Weymouth Historical Commission**

**-Rob MacLean-Weymouth Public Libraries**

All of the aforementioned approached the Council and Jim Clarke announced that the Weymouth Historical Commission, in conjunction with the Abigail Adams Historical Society and the libraries are sponsoring a series of lectures in recognition of the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. This 6 part lecture series runs from May 1 through November 13 and will be held in the Town Council Chambers beginning at 3:00 PM on Sundays.

A portrait of General James Bates (painted by Aubrey Hunt) was on display in the chambers and unveiling occurred.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **7:35 PM-11 031 Free Cash for Police Cruisers**

Councilor O'Connor motioned to open the public hearing, which was published on April 8th, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously. Chief Grimes and Captain Comperchio approached the Council in request of \$245k from free cash to purchase seven police cruisers. It was noted that capital improvement requests have gone unfunded in recent years and noted that the police car fleet is aging. Some cars have been replaced through grants, but the remainder need replacement in order to ensure the safety of our police officers. This will have no impact on the fiscal year 2012 budget as it is being requested from free cash. The Chief noted that Crown Victoria models are being phased out and they are looking at purchasing the Dodge Charger.

Council President Mathews announced that this is public hearing and requested if anyone from the audience would like to comment-to which there was no response.

Councilor O'Connor motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**  
**BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE-CHAIRMAN DIFAZIO**

**11 031-Free Cash-Police Cruisers**

Chairman DiFazio noted that this measure was referred to the Budget/Management committee on April 4, the committee met on April 13 and voted unanimous favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, he requests \$245,000 from free cash in order to fund the purchase of seven police cruisers. Councilor O'Connor seconds the motion and notes his support as the past few years it has been hard to obtain funding for routine and necessary upgrades. Councilor Lacey commends Chief Grimes with the detail and history he supplied to the Council. Motion passes unanimously.

**11 040-Reserve Fund Transfer-Collective Bargaining Agreement-Weymouth Library Staff**

Chairman DiFazio noted that this measure was referred to the Budget/Management committee on April 4th, the committee met on April 13th and voted unanimous favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee , he requests a transfer from the reserve fund to fund the impact of a collective bargaining agreement between the town and the town library staff association.

It was noted that this effects 19 employees with a 0% increase for fiscal year 2008, a 2% increase for fiscal year 2009, a 3% increase for fiscal year 2010, and a 1% increase for fiscal year 2011 (of which a provision has been made in the fiscal year 2012 budget). Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor and voted unanimously.

**11 041-Reserve Fund Transfer-Collective Bargaining Agreement-Town Clerk**

Chairman DiFazio noted that this measure was referred to the Budget/Management committee on April 4th, the committee met on April 13th and voted unanimous favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee , he requests a transfer in the amount of \$14,700 from the reserve fund to fund the fiscal year 2011 impact of a collective bargaining agreement between the town and the clerical and custodial employees. It was noted that this measure entails 10 clerical and 2 custodial employees, with a 3% increase for fiscal year 2008, 0% for fiscal year 2009, 0% for fiscal year 2010, and 3% for fiscal year 2011. Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor, and voted 10-1-1 (Councilor Conlon recused himself).

**Adjournment**

At 8:19 PM, there being no further business to attend to, Councilor O'Connor motioned to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously. It was noted that the next Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved by:

Diane T. Hachey

Arthur Mathews  
President of Weymouth Town Council