

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
June 3, 2013, Monday**

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

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Kathy Deree, Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
James Clarke, Director, Planning & Community
Development

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll, with all members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Conlon announced he will hold office hours in the Kelly Room at Town Hall on Tuesday June 4, 2013 from 10-11 AM for constituent concerns.

Councilor Mathews announced an informational meeting June 10, 2013 at 7PM in Council Chambers at Town Hall for a review of the Whitman's Pond Vegetation Management Study. The consultant firm ESS Group will present the draft report and solicit public comment. The draft report is available on the town's website for viewing.

Citation Issuance to Stephen and Kaitlyn Shinney for Acts of Bravery During Boston Marathon Bombings-Mayor Susan M. Kay, Councilor Brian McDonald and Councilor Francis Burke

Mayor Susan Kay made thanked the brother and sister who were in Boston on Marathon Monday and assisted in triaging of patients who were injured in the bombings. A citation was presented by Councilor Burke and read by Fire Chief Duff from Hingham, where Kaitlyn is an Firefighter/EMT. Councilor Burke read the citation and presented it with

Councilor McDonald to Stephen Shinney who had emergency medical training in the past. The recipients were applauded as American local heroes.

A Motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to take item 13 104 through 13 107 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13 104- Reappointment to the Board of Registrars-Michele Cronin

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 20, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth reappoints Michele Cronin of 65 Hinston Road to the Board of Registrars and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Her term will expire on June 30, 2016. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 105- Appointment to the Board of Health-Dave Morgan

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 20, 2013. The committee met on May 20, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. Morgan was invited to the table and expressed his interest in serving the town. He is a pharmacist and longtime Weymouth resident, and eager to work particularly with the Substance Abuse Prevention program. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth appoints Dave Morgan of 40 Tommy Marks Way to the Board of Health and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. His term will expire on June 30, 2014 and fills the vacancy created by the resignation of William Rennie. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 106- Appointment to the Cultural Council-Liz Boston

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 20, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Councilor DiFazio reported that Ms. Boston was unable to be present, but her resume and back- up were provided. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth appoints Liz Boston of 16 Gannett Rd. to the Cultural Council and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Her term will expire on June 30, 2015. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 107- Appointment to the Cultural Council-Annemarie Gable

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 20, 2013. The committee met on June 3, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Ms. Gable was invited to the table and expressed her interest in serving on the council. She currently books cultural programs in the schools. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth appoints Annemarie Gable of 23 Edgeworth Street to the Cultural Council and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Her term will expire on June 30, 2015. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13 019-Street Acceptance-Tanner Terrace

13 020-Street Acceptance-Fredith Road

13 021-Street Acceptance-Echo Avenue

13 022-Street Acceptance-Duncan Circle

13 023-Street Acceptance –Okala Road

13 024-Street Acceptance-Paris Street

13 025-Street Acceptance-Joan Terrace

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to OPEN the public hearing on measures **13 019 through 13 025, Street Acceptances** and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Abutters were notified on May 23, 2013. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Jim McGrath, Asst. Town Engineer and Jim Clarke were invited to the table. Mr. Clarke reported that following the last public hearing, these were referred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board met on May 22, 2013 and reviewed the approvals and the list of waivers recommended by the DPW, and voted to recommend approval to the Council. Most of these have to do with compliance plans and profile laws and compliance with certifications. The streets in the list are a mix of older streets, newer developments or are a result of Redevelopment Authority projects. One street address will be changed as a result of this change.

Mr. McGrath reviewed resident's concern regarding retaining wall along newer construction. He noted there were no stress cracks noted and the walls are in good condition. Damage from snowplow damage will be fixed this week. Town worker will re-adhere the capstones.

Council President Mathews asked for comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Solicitor Lane briefly reported the process, and all is in order. He noted the town will be able to accomplish a significant cost savings by using existing plans of record.

Council President Mathews reported that after the close of this public hearing, the Ordinance Committee will meet to consider and make its recommendation back to the Town Council. Councilor Smart asked if a vote of acceptance will include a change of address and renaming of Ocala, where noted. Solicitor Lane responded that it will be included as part of the report from the Planning Board to accept their recommendations. Councilor Burke asked if the town contacted the person who raised issues at the public

hearing to provide a formal report of the condition. They had not, but will. Councilor Conlon asked if there is any cost for the road repairs. Mr. McGrath responded the cost is less than \$100.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to CLOSE the public hearing on item 13 019 through 13 025 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

13 108-Unexpended 02 Account Balances-FY 2014 School Budget

CFO William McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth re-appropriate the sum of \$337,409.15 from the unexpended balances of the accounts listed below and in the amounts listed below for the purpose of funding the costs associated with non-personnel school department spending needs for FY14. Furthermore, that any amount charged to this account must count towards Net School Spending.

Account	Measure	Amount
02121704	04-050	\$4,250.00
02121723	04-234	\$4,552.00
02121770	09-100	\$2,773.16
02121836	11-134	\$10,744.17
02133644	01-016	\$16,810.52
02133647	01-016	\$24,091.90
02133788	10-025	\$203,553.42
02310780	10-062	\$130.60
02410000	01-081	\$893.31
02410627	97-ATM-A36	\$1,506.22
02410628	97-STM-A23	\$14,110.94
02410719	04-207	\$2,859.67
02410796	11-018	\$41,074.00
02410835	11-133	\$5,413.14
02510761	08-132	\$1,019.39
02699002	06-123	\$2,650.00
02699711	04-127	\$976.71
Total:		\$337,409.15

A Motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer measure 13 108 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Council President Mathews publicly thanked the Mayor for looking at ways to gather the funds needed for the FY14 school budget; without it the Council would have been forced to make some difficult decisions. He thanked the School Department, the Administration and the School Committee for the joint effort. If the measure passes, the public hearing will be June 17, 2013.

Councilor Lacey echoed the comments and commended the work over the last two weeks to compile the list. He asked where the town stands in regard to the Net School Spending deficit with these funds. CFO McKinney responded that the FY14 estimated figures are based on estimates from the FY13 budget that hasn't closed as of yet; it should cover the shortfall for FY14 but will not cover the carryover. He has confirmed figures with the school's business manager. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 109-Line Item Transfer-Veterans Benefits

CFO McKinney requested on behalf of the Mayor that the town of Weymouth transfers the sum of \$5,000 from line item Veterans Salaries to line item Veterans Benefits for the purpose of funding the costs associated with providing benefits for our veterans.

A Motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer measure 13 109-Line Item Transfer-Veterans Benefits to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Kenneth DiFazio

Councilor DiFazio reported that the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 2nd, May 7th, May 8th, May 9th, held a public hearing on May 13th, met again May 14th, and delivered an interim report on May 20th, and met again May 21st, May 23rd, and May 30th. The committee voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013.

Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Measures:

13 068 A -Town Council

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 23, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$277,635 to fund item 13 068 A - Town Council and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 B-Mayor's Office

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 23, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,081,372 to fund item 13 068 B-Mayor's Office and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Voted

13 068 C-Reserve Fund

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 2, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to fund item 13 068 C-Reserve Fund and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 D-Municipal Finance

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 23, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,725,248 to fund item 13 068 D-Municipal Finance and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor Conlon recused himself from the vote. Vote PASSED 10/0 with one abstention.

13 068 E-Town Solicitor

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 14, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$317,905 to fund item 13 068 E-Town Solicitor and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 F-Information Services

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 14, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$753,433 to fund item 13 068 F-Information Services and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 G-Town Clerk

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 23, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$317,591 to fund item 13 068 G-Town Clerk and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 H-Planning and Development

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 9, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a

recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$511,469 to fund item 13 068 H-Planning and Development and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 I-Town Building Maintenance

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 14, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$458,869 to fund item 13 068 I-Town Building Maintenance and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 J-Administrative Services

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 14, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,644 to fund item 13 068 J-Administrative Services and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 K-Human Resources

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 14, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$212,408 to fund item 13 068 K-Human Resources and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 L-Police Department

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 8, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,100,747 to fund item 13 068 L-Police Department and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor.

Councilor Hackett pointed out that the budget request by the Chief was \$129,664 higher and was able to be achieved this year; she asked that it be taken into consideration in a budget. Councilor Molisse recused himself from the vote. Vote PASSED 10/0, with one abstention.

13 068 M-Fire Department

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 22, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,388,300 to fund item 13 068 M-Fire Department and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor Hackett asked if the funding includes the cost for the second half of the Safer Grant. CFO McKinney responded that it does; the grant is extended to December and will be paid by funds from unfilled vacancies. She also requested that the costs for additional manpower be considered in a supplemental budget. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 N-Licensing and Inspections

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 9, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$608,782 to fund item 13 068 N-Licensing and Inspections and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 O-Department of Public Works

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 7, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,595,645 to fund item 13 068 O-Department of Public Works and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor Hackett again noted the budget request was \$196,000 higher than what was achieved and that any supplemental appropriation process takes this department into consideration. She also noted that this budget did not include anticipated revenue produced by the meals tax because the budget was submitted prior to the meals tax being voted. She asked that the anticipated revenue be considered in this budget in any supplemental appropriation. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 P-Health

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 7, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$469,443 to fund item 13 068 P-Health was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Voted

13 068 Q-Library

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 23, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the

Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,242,269 to fund item 13 068 Q-Library and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Council President Mathews noted that this budget is \$92,000 short and it should be taken into consideration in any supplemental budget so that the Library's accreditation is not jeopardized. Councilor Hackett noted this budget includes the costs for the reopening and operating budget of the Fogg Library in FY14. Councilor Lacey noted getting the Fogg Library back online has been a long time coming. He also noted that it should not be too difficult to locate \$92,000 when the library's accreditation may be at risk, especially while investing in the infrastructure and rehabilitation of library buildings. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 R-Veterans' Services

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 21, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$565,318 to fund item 13 068 R-Veterans' Services and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 S-Parks and Recreation

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 21, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$296,280 to fund item 13 068 S-Parks and Recreation and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Council President Mathews reported that the budget discussion included a request to the Administration to review the process of permitting fields. It needs a structural overhaul and a long-term solution. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 T-Elder Services

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 21, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,897 to fund item 13 068 T-Elder Services and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 U-Civil Defense

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 14, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,334 to fund item 13 068 U-

Civil Defense and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 V-Commission on Disabilities

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 21, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$392 to fund item 13 068 V-Commission on Disabilities was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 W-Youth and Family Services

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 21, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,865 to fund the cost of item FY14 Youth and Family Services budget and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 X-Debt

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 2, 2103 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,124,979 to fund item 13 068 X-Debt and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 Y-Pensions and Benefits

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 2, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,050,300 to fund item 13 068 Y-Pensions and Benefits and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor Hackett pointed out that this one line item represents over twenty percent of the overall budget. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 Z-Schools

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 30, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,375,587 to fund 13 068 Z-Schools and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor.

Vice President O'Connor reported that a lot of work was done to ensure that Net School Spending will be met when FY14 begins. There was much discussion and the

Budget/Management Committee reviewed everything that impacts the requirement. The measures from free cash that were and are being considered for appropriation speaks volumes around the leadership shown to meet and exceed the goal and reduce the carryover. It is an accomplishment on behalf of the entire Council.

Councilor Burke thanked the Council. He noted that this budget season, in his mind, was a dark period in the town's history, and not deserving of further public comment. He commended his fellow Councilors, and the administration's willingness to work with the Council, but reminded them that the funds that were appropriated were one-time solutions that will not be there next year.

Councilor DiFazio noted that the Council achieved what it set out to do, but unfortunately it was accomplished by taking nonrecurring revenues to satisfy the school department needs and as Councilor Hackett noted, all other departments made sacrifices and continue to make them to meet the needs of the schools. He noted that in the last budget presentation book from the school committee, it includes potentially hiring 13 new positions. These will likely not only be recurring expenses, but recurring at higher cost with contractual obligations and it will be extremely difficult next year to craft a budget.

Councilor Hackett noted that although this is one time revenue use by the schools and includes SPED funding, it represents .008% of the overall budget, while free cash usually comes in at 3-5%. She is comfortable with using these funds to meet a statutory requirement and further noted that the school department has now completed two years of slow or no growth. General Government has had no increases. Even with these added positions, the school department still has forty fewer teachers than it did three years ago when the system was restructured. She thanked the Mayor for prioritizing education and thanked Superintendent Salim.

Councilor Conlon noted that while he is not opposed to providing proper funding to the schools, Net School Spending is a state mandate, but the public safety mandate is more important.

Councilor McDonald noted each Councilor advocates for what they feel is most important, but it was about maintaining a balance. He hopes going forward it can determine how to solve over the long term the issue of Net School Spending and making sure the Senate position on pension liabilities survives Conference. Every community in the state needs to be treated the same. Weymouth is at a disadvantage. The town needs to advocate their position.

Councilor Lacey thanked the Budget/Management Committee for their work in the shorter window this year for review of the budget, in light of the new charter recommendations. They also accelerated the reviews to meet the deadlines imposed by the Charter. He also commended the Education Committee members, and their partnership with the school committee. There were a lot of distractions that this Council had to bear. The public process was demonstrated clearly this year and through recent activism urged the town not to go backwards working to meet Net School Spending.

Council President Mathews thanked the Mayor for bringing forward a measure for additional funding. From the onset, the Council had to be creative and look outside the budget to meet the needs in light of what was being presented from the house, senate and governor's budgets-- and as a result, the schools and fire department will be better off come July 1st. He noted it was not the easiest budget season and thanked everyone for their efforts. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 AA-State and County Assessments

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 2, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,648,714 to fund item 13 068 AA-State and County Assessments and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 BB-Overlay for Abatements

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 2, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$700,000 to fund item 13 068 BB-Overlay for Abatements and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor DiFazio noted the committee also discussed 13 068 F-Informational Technology, 13 068 S-Parks and Recreation and 13 068 Z-Schools and voted unanimously to send a letter to the Administration and provide a draft to the Town Council. He read the proposed draft:

13 068 Fiscal Year14 Budget Proposal

"Dear Mayor Kay,

Most recently on May 30, 2013, the Weymouth Town Council Budget/Management Committee, after careful deliberation, voted unanimously to request that this Town Council request that this administration take affirmative action regarding the following:

- 1. Consolidation of the Town and School Department Information Technology Departments.*
- 2. Consolidation into a Central Maintenance Department the Town Parks and Recs Department, the School Department Field Maintenance Activities, including the administration of rental of all field activities.*

This request is a result of the Town Council Budget/Management Committee's comments on both of the above items during each of the last two yearly budget reviews. To date, the comments have not resulted in any significant progress; therefore the Town Council now formally requests that the administration commence a formal review of both matters with the school department. The Town Council is available to assist with the review of the matters upon your request. "

13 068-General Government Annual Appropriation \$139,610,403

(Segregated by department and coded alphabetically)

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action on May 30, 2013. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$139,610,403 to provide for all the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's several departments and activities for the fiscal year 2014. That the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the conditions specified. The sources of funding for said expenditures are as outlined in the Revenue Projections, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein. Furthermore, that the sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the Waterways Fund to meet some of the costs of the Harbormaster's Program. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor.

Councilor Smart asked if the draft letter Councilor DiFazio read is inclusive of measure 13 068. Councilor DiFazio responded that he would leave that up to the Council; he is agreeable if they wish to take it up separately.

Council President Mathews suggested it be addressed after the vote on the budget is taken. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 068 Fiscal Year14 Budget Proposal

The Budget/Management Committee met on May 30, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a unanimous recommendation to draft and send a letter to the Administration regarding consolidation of Information Technology Departments for the town and schools, the Parks and Recreation Department of the town and schools and the rental of all Field Activities. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to forward a draft letter to Mayor Kay to address the consolidation of the Information Technology Departments of the Town and Schools, Town and School Parks and Recreation Departments, and rental of all Field Activities and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor DiFazio commended Councilor Smart's relentless questioning over the last three years concerning both of these items. He was reminded each year that no progress had been made.

Councilor Smart noted many Councilors commented on these items over the last few years, but the response from the administration was that they had not heard anything on it. It seems they were not taking any of the review or comments over those years seriously; they were asked numerous times to identify areas of overlap, where both sides have similar department heads and employees that perform the same functions. Hearing this year that the school's IT director was moving on became the perfect opportunity to present this. This is the third time the committee has brought this matter up in budget review and he thanked Councilor DiFazio and the other committee members for the work preparing the letter and urged the Council to support sending it to the town and school administration and ask them to consider the items listed in the letter. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 069-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization

Councilor DiFazio reported that this was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 6, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts in accord with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53E ½ for Fiscal Year 2014 and Account 5209 for Parks and Recreation established by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53D.

Furthermore, that each of these revolving accounts is permitted to accept funds in the aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Limit to Accept</u>	<u>Limit to Expend</u>
5201	Conservation	25,000	30,000
5202	Law Enforcement	25,000	50,000
5216	Community Services	100,000	125,000
5210	Law Enforcement	100,000	100,000
5235	Harbormaster	75,000	75,000
5209	Parks & Recreation	555,000	555,000

The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 070-Gift Accounts Annual Authorization

Councilor DiFazio reported that this was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 6, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for Fiscal Year 2014 in accord with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53A.

Furthermore, that each of these Donation Accounts is permitted to accept gifts and/or donations to the limit in the aggregate set forth below and expend with the consent of the Mayor those funds to the limit in the aggregate herein expressed.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Acceptance</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
5401	Junior Police Academy	15,000	15,000
5406	Fourth of July	25,000	25,000
5408	Library	5,000	5,000
5409	Health	5,000	5,000
5410	Health-Clinics	10,000	15,000
5414	Fire Department	5,000	15,000
5423	Veteran's Donation Account	1,000	5,000
5431	Weymouth Day	20,000	60,000
5435	Canine Donations	5,000	7,000

8338	James Humphrey Bequest	none required 12,000
8339	Christine Sweetser	none required 17,000
8324	Franklin Pratt-A	none required 15,000

The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 071-Unpaid Bills

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 6, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,808.96 from Free Cash for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills:

<u>Unpaid bills</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dell Marketing	Information Services-Software	\$30,539.12
GDF Suez	School Department-Utility bill	\$1,269.84

The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 072-Free Cash-Fiscal Year 2013 Snow Removal Appropriation

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the town of Weymouthr and appropriate the sum of \$700,000 from free cash for the purpose of supplementing the FY13 snow removal budget. This amount is to be placed in Fund 0002 and any unexpended balances as of June 30, 2013 are to fall to Free Cash, as amended and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. President Mathews noted the amendment refers to correction of the word "unexpected" to "unexpended" in the language of the measure. Councilor Hackett asked if the total liability has been tallied. CFO McKinney responded that the total is at least \$650,000, but he estimated slightly higher to accommodate stone repairs. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 073-Free Cash-SPED Out-of District Tuition

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$900,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding the FY14 costs associated with Special Education out-of-district tuition for the School Department and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Council President Mathews reported that it the school committee made the need clear in a meeting last week. The state is not meeting Circuit Breaker and the town therefore must supplement it; it makes it more difficult for the community. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 074-Free Cash-Firefighter Raises (voted on 5/20/2013)

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 22, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Councilor DiFazio reported that this measure was voted at a previous Town Council meeting.

13 075-Free Cash-OPEB Valuation

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash to fund the costs associated with the biennial Actuarial Evaluation of the town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 076-Health Insurance Unexpended Balance

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth transfer, at the discretion of the CFO, any unexpended balances in the line item Health Insurance as of June 30, 2013 to the OPEB Trust Fund and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor Hackett asked for confirmation that the same action was taken last year and asked the CFO if the balance was approximately \$400,000 then. Mr. McKinney responded it was and he anticipates \$400-500,000 this year (25% of the liability). UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 077-Free Cash-OPEB Liability Trust Fund

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 from Free Cash, to be transferred to the OPEB Trust Fund and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor Hackett noted she supports this measure; with slow growth over the last few years, the town needs to take a balanced approach going forward. This is a good way to use one-time funding and the approach in part contributed to the town's outstanding recent audit and excellent bond rating. Vote PASSED 10/1; Councilor Lacey- NO.

13 078-Sewer Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,437,684 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for the salaries, operation and expenses during fiscal year 2014 for the Sewer

Department Enterprise Fund and that the Director of Public Works, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 079-Sewer Retained Earnings-Capital Equipment

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund-Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vehicles and associated equipment. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 080-Sewer Retained Earnings-Pump Station Improvements

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund-Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with Sewer Pump Station improvements. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 081-Sewer Retained Earnings-Sewer System I/I Rehabilitation

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund-Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Sewer System I/I Rehabilitation Contract S-1-13. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 082-Water Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,586,083 from the Water Enterprise Fund Receipts and appropriate from the salaries, operation and expenses during the fiscal year 2014 for the Water Department and that the Director of Public Works, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Councilor Burke recused himself from the vote. Vote PASSED 10/0, with one abstention.

13 083-Water Reserve Fund-AJB Fence Replacement

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund-Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the costs associated with a new fence at the Arthur J. Bilodeau Water Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 084-Water Retained Earnings-Capital Equipment

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$216,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund-Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vehicles and associated equipment. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 085-Water Retained Earnings-Water Main Improvements

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund-Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the water main improvements for the Town's water distribution system. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 086- Community Preservation Committee Annual Appropriation

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee deliberated and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2014 Community Preservation Budget in the amount of \$718,867, and all other necessary and proper expenses for the fiscal year 2014 as identified on the attached exhibit. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 087-Fire Department Vehicle

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 6, 2013. The committee met on May 9, 2013 and on May 22, 2013 voted to forward to the full Town

Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth re-appropriate the sum of \$613,00000 from the unexpended balances of following line items for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of a new engine for the Fire Department:

Acct. 02194787	\$500,000
Acct. 02133788	\$113,000

The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Council President Mathews thanked the Mayor for the creative solution, given the town's tough financial situation this year. The Council has all seen the condition of the truck that is being replaced; it certainly is needed and good for the community. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2014

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 22, 2013. The committee met on May 9, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth accept the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2014 and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 099-Appointment/Contract for Town Auditor

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 20, 2013. The committee met on June 3, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth under 2-8(a) of the Town Charter appoint Richard Swanson to Town Auditor and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. His term will expire on June 10, 2016. A copy of the renewed contract is attached to the measure. Council President Mathews noted that Auditor Swanson returned as interim auditor from retirement and thanked him for the thorough presentations at Budget/Management and Town Council. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor DiFazio concluded his report from Budget/Management Committee with his thanks to the Budget/Management Committee, and in particular Auditor Swanson, CFO McKinney and Assistant to the Council Diane Hachey.

13 101-Reserve Fund Transfer-Auto/Property/Liability Insurance—May 2013 Invoice

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on May 20, 2013. The committee met on June 3, 2013 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,000 from the Reserve Fund to line item Fire/Motor Vehicle Insurance for the purpose of funding the costs associated with an increase in insurance rates. The motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor.

Councilor Lacey reported that he was unable to attend the Budget/Management Committee meeting and asked what drove the rate increase. Michael Gallagher provided a brief presentation and indicated that there are multiple drivers. The town was hit with a significant increase after the town's carrier was purchased by another whose parent company sought to increase their profit margin. The number of carriers has decreased, and the town is looking at alternatives. Their broker is diligently seeking other options and the town is considering self-insuring. At Councilor Smart's request, Mr. Gallagher reviewed the types of claims that are in current litigation. The town has engaged to provide town employee driver training in July, and the administration is meeting quarterly with departments to mitigate liabilities.

A Substitute Motion was made by Councilor Lacey to TABLE the matter for further consideration and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

Council President Mathews noted that tabling the matter precludes any further discussion until taken off the table and suggested a referral back to committee.

A Motion was made by Councilor Lacey to withdraw the substitute motion and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

A Substitute Motion was made by Councilor Lacey to refer 13 101-Reserve Fund Transfer-Auto/Property/Liability Insurance-May 2013 Invoice-- back to the Budget/Management Committee for further consideration, and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor Lacey asked if there were any adverse consequences if action is delayed to the next Council meeting as long as there is action before the close of the fiscal year. Michael Gallagher asked for notice so he can have the town's broker present for the discussion. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on June 17, 2013. At 9:25PM, there being no further business, a Motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to adjourn, and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Council President Arthur Mathews