

*Special Town Council Meeting
August 6, 2012
Town Council Chambers*

Present: Arthur Mathews, President
Frank Burke
Robert Conlon
Kenneth DiFazio
Jane Hackett
Ed Harrington
Brian McDonald
Patrick O'Connor
Michael Smart

Not Present: Thomas J. Lacey
Michael Molisse

Also Present: George Lane, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Kathy Deree, Town Clerk
William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

President Mathews called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kathy Deree conducted roll call with Councilors Molisse and Lacey not present.

President Mathews noted that he had spoken with Councilors Molisse and Lacey who are on vacation.

Announcements:

Councilor O'Connor announced that Nick from WETC produced a show entitled "Narcotic Misconceptions" which pertains to drug use, he encouraged all to watch this worthwhile piece.

Councilor Burke announced that he will hold office hours the 2nd Thursday of the month at Town Hall from 12-3 and 6-8 at the McCulloch building.

Councilor Conlon announced his office hours, tomorrow from 10-11 and 3-4 at the Welcome Center at the Naval Air Station. He thanked Bill Ryan for accommodating him office space.

President Mathews delivered an update on Middle /Washington and Middle/Winter, announcing that paving was scheduled for August 10 but due to severe weather was cancelled. Paving and striping will occur on August 17-19.

Minutes:

Councilor O'Connor motioned to approve the **Special Town Council Meeting minutes of July 16, 2012**, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

Public Hearings:

7:05 PM 12 076 National Grid/Verizon Utility Petition-Bridge Street Route 3A

Councilor O'Connor motioned to open the public hearing, noting that the abutters were notified on July 22, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously. President Mathews announced that the public hearing is being opened for constituents who may be in attendance and stated that a National Grid engineer passed away and the services were this evening, therefore a National Grid representative was not able to attend. President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, there was no response.

The public hearing will be continued to Tuesday September 4th at 7:35 PM, and abutters will be notified accordingly.

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

Communications and Reports from the Mayor, Town Officers and Town Boards

12 103-Special Purpose Stabilization Fund-Thermal Imager for Fire Department

Mr. McKinney presented on behalf of the Mayor to raise and appropriate \$7,500 from the special purpose stabilization fund for capital projects for purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

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

12 104-Animal Control Ordinance

Mr. McKinney requests amendment of section 6-700-6-801 of the code of ordinances.

Councilor O'Connor motioned for referral to the Ordinance Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

Reports of Committees

Budget/Management Committee-Chair Kenneth DiFazio

12 101-Appropriation to overlay account

Chairman DiFazio stated that this measure was referred on July 16 and on behalf of the Budget/Management Committee motioned for favorable action to approve appropriation of \$77,279.46 of surplus funds from the fy2004 assessors overlay account to the fy2088 overlay account.

Councilor O'Connor seconded and motion voted unanimously.

12 102-Appointment to the Redevelopment Authority-Michael Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox was present and stated that he is a 12 year resident, has been in the banking industry for 24 years and is currently the business developer for South Shore Bank. He works closely with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce and also worked on the Weymouth Landing initiative.

Chairman DiFazio noted that this was referred on July 16, the committee met earlier and voted unanimous favorable action, he motioned for favorable action to approve the appointment of Mr. Wilcox of 418 union Street to the Redevelopment Authority, term to expire June 30, 2017, motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Councilor Hackett spoke in favor of the appointment and noted Mr. Wilcox's involvement with the Weymouth Landing project and his connection with the Chamber.

Councilor O'Connor noted that he has known Mr. Wilcox for a few years and that he is a great choice as he is dedicated and professional.

Councilor Burke has known Mr. Wilcox for several years and stated that he reached out to him when he was seated to acclimate him to the business community.

Voted unanimously.

Review of procedural options for revenue from Naval Air Station

Chairman DiFazio stated that this was referred on May 21 of which Councilor Hackett was the proponent.

This issue was raised by Councilor Hackett who explained that this relates to a procedure for accounting for revenue generated by services to the base. Councilor Hackett noted that there are no provisions for funding in the fiscal year 2013 to support educating Southfield students this September. She noted that the Mayor and CFO have been very accommodating, but she is concerned with booking revenue without implementation of service contracts. By the time

SSTTDC and the Town of Weymouth determine the tax rate, the supplemental budget will be effected.

Ms. Hackett's statement was read into the record as follows:

"Dear Mayor Kay,

The Town Council respectfully requests that projected payments for police, fire and school services be incorporated as revenue projections for the fiscal year 2013 budget when the supplemental budget is presented as part of the tax classification process. Thank you for your consideration."

Chairman DiFazio motioned for favorable action to forward the letter to the Mayor, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and voted unanimously.

Memorandum of agreement for water and sewer

Chairman DiFazio noted that this issue will be continued and that funds for water and sewer are updated quarterly by Auditor Swanson.

Service contracts for Naval Air Station

Chairman DiFazio reports that this issue will be continued until service contracts are in place.

Accounting for Southfield mitigation funds

Chairman DiFazio reports that updates are completed each quarter by Auditor Swanson and that Councilors will receive. He noted that any questions are to be referred to either he or Mr. Swanson.

With no further business to attend to, Councilor O'Connor motioned to adjourn at 7:35 PM, noting that the next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 4th due to the Labor Day holiday, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane T. Hachey

Approved by:

Council President Arthur Mathews