# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES Town Hall Council Chambers September 6, 2011 - Monday

Present: Arthur Mathews, President

Patrick O'Connor, Vice President

Robert Conlon, Councilor Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor Edmund Harrington, Councilor Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor Brian McDonald, Councilor Michael Molisse, Councilor Victor Pap, III, Councilor Michael Smart, Councilor

Not Present Kevin Whitaker, Councilor

Also Present: Susan M. Kay, Mayor

William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer

Richard Swanson, Town Auditor George Lane, Town Solicitor Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk

Kathy Deree, Assistant Town Clerk Jeffrey Richards, Director of Building

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:48 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Franklin Fryer called the roll with one member absent. Council President Mathews reported that Councilor Whitaker is unable to be present due to a prior commitment.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor McDonald announced Troop 2 of the Boy Scouts of America will hold a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 4-8 PM, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 10:30 AM-6 PM September 11<sup>th</sup>. Alumni and the public are invited.

Councilor Conlon announced that Sunday, September 11, 2011 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. Observation services will be held at 12:30 PM on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater. Councilor Conlon also announced the arrival of his first grandchild, Ava.

Councilor Pap announced the town will hold a hazardous waste drop off on October 1, 2011 from 9 AM – 1 PM at the DPW on Winter Street. More information is available at the website <a href="www.SSRcoop.info">www.SSRcoop.info</a> (South Shore Recycling Cooperative).

Councilor Lacey announced the American Legion on Hollis Street is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 8 AM – 11 AM. All proceeds will go to support local veterans.

President Mathews announced that the next meeting of the Town Council is rescheduled to September 19, 2011. The schedule is changed because there is no preliminary town election scheduled and under Town Council Rule 24, the Council cannot meet the eve of an election. The meeting will therefore revert back to its original schedule and be held on September 19.

#### MINUTES

#### **Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Budget/Management meeting of May 11, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2011

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Ordinance meeting of May 11, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Annual Town Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting of May 16, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## Budget/Management Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2011

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Budget/Management meeting of May 24, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### Budget/Management Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2011

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Budget/Management meeting of May 25, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# **Budget/Management Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Budget/Management meeting of August 1, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Environmental Committee meeting of August 1, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# **Special Town Council Meeting of August 1, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Special Town Council Meeting of August 1, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## 11 102-Bond Authorization for Various Projects

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to OPEN the PUBLIC HEARING on item 11 102 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. This item was published on August 27, 2011. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mayor Susan Kay, Chief Financial Officer, William McKinney, and Building Director, Jeff Richards were invited to the table. Mayor Kay requested \$2,200,000 be appropriated for the costs of various projects:

Teen Center	\$250,000	Roof and Masonry Repair
Wessagusset School	\$600,000	Roof Repair
Police Station	\$950,000	Roof Repair
Pratt Library	\$100,000	<b>HVAC/Heating System Replacement</b>
Fire & DPW	\$300,000	Vehicles Replacement

Teen Center Building- Jeff Richards reported on the condition of the Teen Center building. During the building review in 2009 it was noted that the windows and roof flashing indicated extreme wear and damage. The CSC made remedial repairs. During the winter of 2009 and 2010, the roof leaks became more prevalent. In January 2010, a request was made to replace the windows. The windows have been acquired. Snow load damaged the roof further in the winter of 2009/2010, which caused the masonry parapet walls to lean in and caused rust to form on the load joists. The gym area was closed off at that time, and tires were placed on the roof to take the load off the joists. The Teen Center was closed and the windows boarded last month because they were a safety hazard. The second floor and gym area are now closed. The first floor administrative offices remain open.

Mayor Kay also reported that the building is assessed at \$1,060,000 and the land at \$196,800. Insurance value is \$939,845 for the building and \$18,571 for contents. She believes the town has a strong vested interest in the building. This project was on the Capital Improvement Plan for \$55,000 in 2007, which may have been estimated low, but she believes much of the added cost is due to inclement weather. Without singling out this particular building, it represents what the town can expect to see as a general trend. It's imperative that the town take care of the items put forward in need of immediate attention.

Wessagusset School Roof- Jeff Richards reviewed the status of the Wessagusset School Roof. 40-50 repairs were made on the roof in 2009, when it was placed in Priority One status in the Capital Improvement Plan. A study by McKinnell, McKinnell & Taylor indicates the repairs need to be done to protect the integrity of the building. Initial repairs

are slated to begin in the fall, with the major work completed in the spring.

Police Station Roof- Mayor Kay reported on the Police Station roof. There have been problems with this from the time the building was erected. Unfortunately, the company that did the initial roof is no longer in business. Jeff reported on the conditions of the roof. During 2009, sheets of the roof were coming off and had to be re-secured. Also during 2010, as a result of this, there was a fire alarm system failure. The most damaged section has been replaced with a shingled roof and an ice and water shield has been installed over one flat section.

The Pratt Library heating system-Jeff reported that the basement of the building is leased to WETC. Last year, the air conditioning system broke down and the town opted not to repair it. WETC repaired a portion of it to protect its equipment. A review of the building indicates the boiler system is now damaged and needs to be replaced. WETC will assist with a portion of the cost of the repair. The town is seeking \$100,000 of the \$140,000 cost. Mayor Kay noted that in conjunction with the Library Director, they are studying the system.

Fire & DPW vehicles-Jeff reported on the need for replacement of these vehicles, which includes the Chief's vehicle, an 11 year old vehicle with excessive rot, the C-4 vehicle, a 1999 with over 150,000 and substantial rot; on the DPW side they are looking to replace a 1997 F250 truck with 150,000 miles used to sand school parking lots, a 1997 F250 plow with 208,000 miles used to plow school and town lots, a 1998 Jeep DPW maintenance vehicle and a 1984 spreader/sander/plow with pressure treated wood holding the frame together.

Mayor Kay noted that the overall message of this request is that the town has put off many of these items and the departments have worked with due diligence in making repairs to provide a band-aid approach. She believes the town is at the point where that is no longer feasible, and care must be given to the town's assets.

Mr. McKinney reviewed the terms of the ten-year bond for these items. He noted that the town is already going to bond counsel with the purchase of the Emery Estate and anticipating a bond refinance that in combination will reduce the cost to the taxpayers. For a ten year bond of \$2.2M, and assuming a conservative rate of 3.5% the costs will be:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest
2012	-	\$38,500
2013	\$20,000	\$73,150

decreasing gradually each year until:

2022 \$223,850

Total cost is estimated to be \$2,623,500.

Vice President O'Connor noted that during the Budget/Management Committee's deliberation, extended warranties for roof repairs were discussed. He asked if the town will choose extended warranties. Mr. Richards responded that the town will opt for the 30-year rubber roof warranty; it is a total system coverage which would default only if the company goes out of business. Mr. Richards will be investigating reputable suppliers.

Councilor Pap asked what the break point is on the bonding. Mr. McKinney responded that the fixed costs with going out to bond and variable costs by the project -- these are broken out. The town will save on the fixed costs by combining.

Councilor Molisse asked about the timeline for repairs of the Teen Center and Wessagusset School. Mr. Richards responded that the Mayor has authorized advertising the bids pending approval. The goal is to possibly reopen in January 2012, with work slated to begin within thirty days on the Wessagusset School. The police station will undergo remedial repairs with the bulk of the work being done on that and the Pratt Library in the spring.

Councilor Harrington asked if re-design was considered to avoid future snow load damage on the Teen Center building. Mr. Richards responded that the problem was a result of the joists becoming wet and rotting. This will not be an issue once the building is repaired.

Councilor Lacey asked Mr. McKinney how this measure affects the town's bond cap. Mr. McKinney responded that there is plenty of room remaining. The town may borrow up to 5% of its equalized value. He will provide the Council with the actual figures.

Councilor Smart asked if mold is an issue at the Teen Center Building. Mr. Richards responded that there is no mold presently in the building. Councilor Smart asked that it be monitored again prior to the building reopening.

Councilor Conlon asked about the partial closure of the Teen Center building and his concern with how soon the kids will be able to utilize the building. He also recommended painting and rug removal.

Council President Mathews noted the report from McKinnell, McKinnell & Taylor references asbestos in the roof. He asked if there is asbestos located anywhere else in the building. Mr. Richards responded that there may be some in the boiler room; it has not been studied, but nothing that needs to be addressed at this time. The second floor of the building will be de-leaded as part of the project.

Mr. McKinney responded to Councilor Lacey's question regarding the debt cap. The debt limit for the town as of January 1, 2008 was \$369,000; and we are probably about \$350,000 now. The town is currently carrying approximately \$78,000,000 in debt.

The following constituents and employees spoke at the public hearing in favor of the Teen Center Building project funding and the Teen Center program:

Cathy Collins, Supervisor, Weymouth Youth & Family Services

John Moore, 429 Green Street

Don Trudeau, 15 Curtis Circle

Robert Mattson, 6 Tara Drive, Unit 7

Barry Wood, 25 Lakeside Avenue

Lauren Tansey, 87 Lorraine Street

Maureen Walsh, 67 Spring Street

David Chandler, 47 Andrew Road

Chris Kearns, Jr., 599 Broad Street

Robert Barry, WPD, Safety Officer

Mary Roy, 31 Brae Road

Mike Doyle, Director, Parks & Recreation

Alice Arena, 6 Blueberry Street (and read letter from Janelle Quinn, 29 Tamarack Trail)

Cheryl Picariello, 328 Front Street (and read letter from Rev. Terry Martinson, Pastor,

Old South Union Church)

Christina Gray, 41 Riley Avenue

Laura LaBaron, 20 Richards Road

John Manoli, 19 Winona Way

Lyn Frano, 31 Eisenhower (Coordinator, Substance Abuse Prevention Commission)

Kathleen Brennan, 40 Riley Avenue

Michael Gallagher, 32 Tamarack Trail (Director, Administrative Services)

Kara Rennie Hackney, 81 Putnam Street

Nico Andrade, mentor, with South Bay Mental Health

Jacob Moran, 33 Congress Street

Alex Berrigan, 15 Skelly Avenue

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to CLOSE the PUBLIC HEARING and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 11 103-Debt Refinancing

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to OPEN the PUBLIC HEARING on item 11 103 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. This item was published on August 27, 2011. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. McKinney reported that the measure would allow the town to refund \$4.4M issued ten years ago and drop it to a lower prevailing interest rate; possibly saving \$250,000 over the course of the bond. Mayor Kay noted that this is something the town has chosen to do regularly in an effort to save the town money.

Vice President O'Connor asked how soon the process will begin. Mr. McKinney responded that the interest rates are very low and should be stable through the next year. Once all of the paperwork and certifications are completed, the town will go out to bond in late September, early October, 2011. No extension is sought to the term of the bond.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to CLOSE the PUBLIC HEARING

and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

# 11 106-Charter Amendments for the General Town Election on November 8, 2011-George Lane, Town Solicitor

Solicitor Lane reported that in May, 2011, the town approved three budget amendments as revisions to the Charter. As part of the process, once the measures were voted they went to the Attorney General for approval. That has taken place. To continue the process, the measures must be affirmed, and with the amendments attached, the Town Clerk is instructed to place them on the ballot for the November 8, 2011 General Election. He requested the matter be handled under 2-9 (b), same night action, the affirmation requiring a 2/3 vote of the Council.

Councilor Pap commented that he wished an online reference could have been included in the amendments for those constituents who do not have a subscription to a local newspaper. He requested that the School Committee and the Council publish future budgets online as well as the local newspapers.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to CONSIDER item 11 106 under 2-9 (b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE item 11 106, as amended, and that the Town of Weymouth through the Town Council direct the Town Clerk to place the attached Amendments to the Charter of the Town of Weymouth on the November 8, 2011 General Election ballot. Motion was seconded by Councilor Smart.

Councilor Smart noted the committee worked on this project for eighteen months. Many of the comments are on file and can be considered at a future time. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

## 11-107-Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals-Jonathan Moriarty

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Jonathan Moriarty of 38 Hilldale Road be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. His term will expire on June 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 107 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 11-108-Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an Alternate Member-Robert Stevens

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Robert Stevens of 35 West Lake Drive be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. His term will expire on June 30, 2013. This is to fill the vacancy of Robert Galewski.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 108 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## 11 109-Appointment to the Historical Commission-Rodney Lundin

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Rodney Lundin of 32 Linden Place be appointed to the Historical Commission. His term will expire on June 30, 2013. This is to fill the vacancy of Phillip Smith.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 109 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 11 110-Appointment to the Board of Assessors-Robert Brinkmann

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Robert Brinkmann of 53 Ford Road be appointed to the Board of Assessors. His term will expire on June 30, 2014. This is to fill the vacancy of Jill Reddish.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 110 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 11 111-Appointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Patricia O'Leary

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Patricia O'Leary of 999 Commercial Street be appointed to the Board of Library Trustees. Her term will expire on June 30, 2013. This is to fill the vacancy of Robert McLean.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 111 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 11 112-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Sarah Rogers

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Sarah Rogers of 19 Pasteur Street be appointed to the Cultural Council. Her term will expire on June 30, 2013.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 112 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# 11 113-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Lauren Hultin

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Lauren Hultin of 104 Mt. Vernon Road West be appointed to the Community Events Committee. Her term will expire on June 30, 2014. This is to fill the vacancy of Charles McMurray.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 113 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### 11 114-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Stephen Sweeney

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Stephen Sweeney of 26 Common Street be appointed to the Community Events Committee. His term will expire on June 30, 2014. This is to fill the vacancy of Paula Henderson.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 114 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### 11 115-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Kerry Dunn

On behalf of the Mayor, Michael Gallagher requested that Kerry Dunn of 11 Lakehurst Street be appointed to the Community Events Committee. Her term will expire on June 30, 2013. This is to fill the vacancy of Ginger Rennie.

A motion was made by Vice President O'Connor to refer item 11 115 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

## **Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Ken DiFazio**

#### 11 102-Bond Authorizations for Various Projects

Councilor DiFazio reported that this matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on July 18, 2011. The committee met on August 1, 2011 and voted 4/1 to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$2,200,000 for the costs of the following projects:

Teen Center	\$250,000	Roof and Masonry Repair
Wessagusset School	\$600,000	Roof Repair
Police Station	\$950,000	Roof Repair
Pratt Library	\$100,000	<b>HVAC/Heating System Replacement</b>
Fire & DPW	\$300,000	Vehicles Replacement

and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Ch. 44, S. 7 of the General

Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefore. Vice President O'Connor seconded the motion. Vice President O'Connor thanked all of the constituents who voiced their concerns regarding the Teen Center this evening. He also noted that the roofing repairs are very necessary, as are replacing vehicles. The town has been unable to fund capital items for too long, and he urged his fellow Councilors to support this measure.

Councilors Molisse, and Smart echoed these comments. Councilor Smart looks forward to the Teen Center reopening to continue the great service provided to the youth of the town. Councilor Lacey thanked the Mayor for bringing this forward after so many years of not investing in infrastructure. He has been a volunteer at Weymouth Youth & Family Services and is aware of its history and its impact on the lives of youth in the town. He was surprised at the attention this measure garnered, as it was never the intent to consider closing the program or facility. He looks forward to future requests and more investment in town infrastructure.

Councilor Conlon had a tour with Cathy Collins and thanked her for persuading him as to the need for the program. Councilor Pap noted he is also in favor of this measure. He pointed out that the location is ideal with the extension of the MBTA's bus 222 line along Pleasant Street.

Councilor McDonald commended all of the supporters of the Teen Center. All of the capital improvements are important, but the youth of the town are our biggest investment and encouraged the support. Councilor Harrington also noted that the youth of the town are its biggest asset and must be protected.

Councilor DiFazio noted he is in favor of all but the first item of the measure. The building could be utilized for another use, or the Teen Center program could be relocated to another location. The other four items did not have alternative solutions available. He steadfastly supports the operation of the Teen Center, Park & Recreation, the Substance Abuse Program and the outreach programs which operate out of the building. He did not like the manner in which the measure was presented to the Council. The town is reacting instead of proactively planning the future of a building that may have alternative uses. \$300,000 is to be spent on a building that might bring in \$500,000 in today's market. He believes a study should have been conducted to ascertain if there were other viable locations for the program. The costs for the repairs of this building jumped from \$55,000 to \$350,000 in a matter of months. He has some ideas for other locations that might have been more suitable, but were not evaluated before choosing a band-aid solution. The Mayor has said once the repairs are completed, the town will conduct a building study; Councilor DiFazio noted this is putting the cart before the horse. He is in support of the program. Perhaps the administration might consider alternative locations for it while the building is closed down for repairs.

President Mathews shares some of Councilor DiFazio's concerns, mainly the huge increase in the cost of the repairs over a short time. The town cannot afford to delay repairs to the point they become structural or hazardous in nature. He asked that going

forward, the Capital Improvement Plan accurately reflect the financial estimates and that the administration is proactive about repairing our infrastructure in order to save the taxpayers' money in the long run.

Councilor Lacey noted that after three years of economic disaster, the foresight to evaluate plays a part; Weymouth did not have \$2.2M last year to invest in capital improvement, but to consider not investing in repairs of a building appraised at over \$1M is not responsible. Councilor Harrington agreed; deferring maintenance due to a lack of funding will increase the costs over time, and it will continue to happen. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## 11 103-Debt Refinancing

Councilor DiFazio reported that this matter was referred to the Budget/Management committee on July 18, 2011. The committee met on August 1, 2011 and unanimously voted to forward the item to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth ordered in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to issue refunding bonds pursuant to MGL Ch. 21 (a), to refund all or a portion of the remaining amounts of the town's Municipal Purpose loan of 2001, bonds dated October 15, 2001, that the refunding bonds shall be issued in an amount not to exceed \$4,400,000, in order to pay the principal, redemption premium and any interest on the bonds to be refunded and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds, and that the Treasurer is authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable to carry out this transaction including a refunding trust or escrow agreement with a bank or trust company. This motion was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Smart reported that the Environmental Committee met earlier in the evening and voted to draft a letter to the congressional delegation. A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart that the Council CONSIDER a late agenda item and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor McDonald, Chair of the Environmental Committee, noted that time is of the essence with the purchase & sale agreement between the town and the Navy to be executed on November 15, 2011. The Navy appears to be changing the standard it will be utilizing in similar sites across the country on other bases. The Navy seems to see itself as its own regulating authority and able to set its own timeframes. The committee voted to request the Town Council draft a letter to Senators Keating, Kerry and Brown urging that the Navy adhere to the clean- up standards to unrestricted use that were agreed to by the towns. The Navy needs to be held to a standard and a specific timeline.

A MOTION was made by Councilor McDonald to CONSIDER this item under 2-9 (b), same night action and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor McDonald to draft a letter from the Town Council to their congressional delegation, Senators Kerry and Brown and Congressman Keating, to put pressure on the Navy, EPA and MA DEP to make the Navy adhere to the cleanup standards as set forth in the Re-Use Plan; that they will clean the base to unrestricted use and that environmental standards and timelines need to be put in place and incorporated into the purchase & sale agreement. Councilor McDonald and Smart will work together to draft the letter. This motion was seconded by Councilor Pap.

Councilor Lacey asked that the letter content include the role of the EPA in driving the Navy. Councilor Smart reported that he has had some discussion with the Mayor and he urged the administration join the Town Council to apply pressure to the Navy through the DEP and EPA to make sure they will do what they have agreed to for the last ten years. The Navy's plan to long-term monitoring of the affected areas is not acceptable to the Council or to the residents. Once a P&S is signed, Tri-Town loses its leverage. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:30 PM. At 9:50 PM, there being no further business, Councilor O'Connor made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews, Council President