

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2011 - Monday**

Present: Arthur Mathews, President  
Patrick O'Connor, Vice President  
Robert Conlon, Councilor  
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor  
Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor  
Brian McDonald, Councilor  
Michael Molisse, Councilor  
Victor Pap, III, Councilor  
Michael Smart, Councilor

Not Present Edmund Harrington, Councilor  
Kevin Whitaker, Councilor

Also Present: William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
George Lane, Town Solicitor  
Kathy Deree, Asst. Town Clerk  
Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk  
James Clarke, Director, Planning & Development  
Jeff Bina, Director DPW  
Michael Gallagher, Director, Administrative & Community Services

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:32 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Franklin Fryer called the roll with two members absent. Council President Mathews reported that Councilor Whitaker was absent due to a prior commitment and that Councilor Harrington was out of town.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Molisse announced the Weymouth Police Department will hold its annual Memorial on Sunday at Village Cemetery on October 23, 2011 at 9:00 AM to honor retired and deceased police officers.

Councilor Pap announced a Candidates Night for all council, at large council and school committee candidates at 7 PM at the Whipple Center, jointly sponsored by the North Weymouth, East Weymouth and Homestead/Landing Civic Associations.

## **MINUTES**

### **Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes from the Budget/Management meeting of September 26, 2011 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **11 120-Community Preservation Committee-Emery Estate Marketing Study**

Council President Mathews reported that due to a technicality, this public hearing was not published by the Patriot Ledger, as is legally required pursuant to section 2-9(c) of the Town Charter; therefore, this intended public hearing will not be held this evening, but will be rescheduled for a future Town Council meeting. This announcement was posted on the town website. Solicitor Lane concurred with delaying the public hearing as it was not legally advertised.

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

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Resident Dominic Galluzzo was in the audience and requested a point of order. Because a vote was not taken to accept a letter by the Environmental Committee at its meeting earlier in the evening, and the matter is on the Town Council agenda and was skipped, he asked if the meetings are run in keeping with Roberts Rules. President Mathews responded that agendas are posted prior to a meeting, as required by Open Meeting Law. The committee chair will report out on the matter when it comes up in the agenda. Solicitor Lane had no comment.

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

#### **11 116-General Government Supplemental Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriation**

Councilor DiFazio reported that this matter was referred to the committee on September 19, 2011. The committee met on September 26, 2011. A public hearing was held on October 3, 2011. The committee met again on October 11, 2011 and voted unanimously to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,546,494, which is \$1,273,421 greater than the amount of the annual appropriation of \$130,273,073 voted by the Council on June 20, 2011 in Measure 11-025, to provide for all the expenses of maintenance and operation of the town's several departments for Fiscal Year 2012 by re-appropriation of a total of \$1,273,421 and was seconded by Councilor Smart.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilor Lacey to divide the question under Rule 16 of the Town Council Rules, and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor DiFazio asked for the reasoning behind splitting the question. Councilor Lacey responded that he has concerns with the administration's request for non-school and reserve fund

appropriation. He noted that it should not be any surprise to the members who were in attendance at the Budget/Management Committee meeting at which time he raised concerns with Host Community Agreement money being expended on overtime and salaries. Understanding that \$400,000 of this appropriation is being requested for the reserve fund and the balance requested to be spent on operating expenses. He further reviewed the matter and had conversations with DOR. The Budget/Management Committee and Town Council continue to advocate how it will receive, track and ultimately spend HCA funds. The Mayor has made a commitment to replenish these funds, but Councilor Lacey does not think it is a good time to vote a supplemental budget which includes HCA funds. The town is less than a month away from certifying FY11 free cash, and he believes there will be sufficient time for the Administration to present another request for a supplemental budget. He noted at Budget/Management Committee that he would have rather seen the Town Council move the Chapter 70 funding for the schools and hold off on including the \$821,405 from the Host Community Agreement money to be part of a second supplemental budget. He addressed the council members who took part in the vote on the Southfield Redevelopment plan, part of which involved many hours of meetings and negotiations on a mitigation agreement. The mandate from LNR before was that mitigation funds were to be spent on capital improvements and this was documented in the side schedule of the mitigation agreement. This was under the prior administration. The Mayor has entered into a new agreement; likely a more favorable agreement for the town; to receive monies earlier than would have been the case in the original plan. The new agreement is beneficial to Weymouth, but he does not agree with the language that was removed from the successor agreement indicating how the town is required to spend the money (capital improvements). The Council and the Chair of the Budget/Management Committee has asked for a copy of the document the administration received from DOR outlining the town's ability to set up a special fund for these funds. There was recently a discussion in committee about there not being a letter limiting the usage of HCA funds, which prompted Councilor Lacey's desire to discuss with DOR. Only after conversation with DOR, the committee received from the administration that there are three options available to the Council to allocate, track and spend HCA funds. The town can set up a special supplemental fund for these types of dollars. He looks forward to that item coming to full Council from the Budget/Management Committee and the opportunity to debate and vote to recommend to the administration how the Council would like to proceed.

Councilor Lacey noted he cannot support the supplemental budget presented this evening, knowing there's a month before free cash is certified. He asked the Council to support dividing the question as stated under Rule 16 and to proceed with the school department request (MOTION A) and the non-school and reserve fund request (MOTION B).

Councilor Conlon asked for the projected amount of free cash and when it will be certified. Councilor DiFazio responded that the actual date and amount is not certain. CFO William McKinney responded that it should be certified before the end of November and will be at least \$2 million. Councilor Lacey asked what the discussion has to do with the substitute motion. Councilor DiFazio asked for the reason for the substitute

motion to determine if a substitute motion is valid. He requested the Council vote the substitute motion before beginning a discussion. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**11 116 A – Appropriation of \$518,246 to the School Department**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Lacey that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$518,246 to increase in Chapter 70 Funds from the Commonwealth to the school department, for their use in FY12, and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor DiFazio noted this measure was reviewed at length by the Budget/Management Committee. The school department provided general discussion on how the \$518,000 will be spent; however, the Town Council does not have the authority to dictate how the funds are spent. Councilor DiFazio reported that at the last school committee meeting, the Athletic Director and some of the School Committee members began discussion of increasing the student athletic fees. He is concerned that at the same time the town is appropriating additional funding to the schools it is considering increasing fees by as much as 50%. He cautioned the school committee against once again putting the burden on families. Councilor Pap voiced support of the measure and echoed Councilor DiFazio's comments; since these are Chapter 70 funds they are intended from the state for use by the schools. He also cautioned the school committee as the town appropriates more money to the schools, he strongly recommends they go specifically to satisfy net school spending requirements. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**11 116 B- Appropriation of \$755,175 to nine departments and the Reserve Fund**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Lacey that the Town of Weymouth NOT APPROVE the appropriation of \$755,175 for non-school departments and the reserve fund, and that the \$800,000 received from LNR under the Host Community Agreement be allowed to fall to free cash, motion was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

A discussion followed. Councilor Lacey noted that this is because of how it has been done; not that the funds will be supplemented back to the HCA. There has been discussion over several months and over two administrations about the inability to track the funds coming in from LNR and more importantly, a very difficult way to track how those funds are being spent. It is the responsibility of the Council to put the onus on the Administration to work with the Council and be clear on the receipt, the management and the expending of the funds. Allowing it to proceed complicates the work coming out of Budget/Management. He believes it is the right approach given the years of work by multiple Town Councils, as well as the current Council, as the project continues to proceed. A mechanism is needed to track and manage in partnership with the Administration. Councilor Lacey recommended the Council not support this supplemental budget. Councilor Molisse supported not approving the measure. While he supports the items in this supplemental budget, he does not support the funding source. He supports putting HCA money into capital improvements, not operating expenses of the town.

Councilor DiFazio provided background information; the Budget/Management Committee has been reviewing the use of mitigation money since December 20, 2010. It was officially referred to the committee on January 11, 2011 and the committee met

seven times to deliberate. The committee voted on October 11, 2011 to forward its recommendation. On September 23, 2011 the Mayor explained how she would utilize this money and guarantee back once free cash was certified, by creating a capital account of \$1.7million, which is the total the Administration has in mitigation money. The CFO is beginning to track the monies that have already been spent and provided spreadsheet support to the committee. It has been revised to a simpler spreadsheet that more easily shows the funds received. It has been indicated in writing that once free cash is certified, the Mayor will return these HCA funds. The Town Auditor put the request in writing to the administration. It was done in the September 23, 2011 letter to the Council and stated orally in a committee meeting. On October 11, 2011 the members deliberated and approved this supplemental budget, knowing it represented a loan of mitigation funds until free cash is certified. Not only did the committee need to track the funding by spreadsheet, but also where to put the funds. Two alternatives were discussed, and have not been voted because of Councilor Lacey's concern-- but expect to vote it shortly and with Councilor Lacey in attendance. This issue has been deliberated extensively. He asked the advantage of voting the supplemental at this time. Mr. McKinney responded that the town typically files a supplemental around September. It takes time to schedule the deliberation, public hearing and vote by Council. Until the budget is settled, the town cannot set a tax rate and send out tax bills. It can't wait until free cash is certified. The other advantage of moving the \$800,000 into this year's budget is that the cost of capital improvements continue to escalate. If it isn't voted tonight, it will be another year before the funds are certified to free cash to take care of the critical capital needs of the town.

Councilor DiFazio asked why it would be another year before the \$800,000 could be used. Mr. McKinney responded that because it is not raised and appropriated it is budgeted as revenue; it must wait until it falls to free cash the following year. Just as this year's free cash is revenue that came in last year. It either must be appropriated this year before free cash is certified or wait until it falls to free cash next year. Vice President O'Connor asked what is the deadline to spend the \$800,000- is it up to the end of this fiscal year? Mr. McKinney responded yes. Mr. McKinney noted if this measure is passed, \$1.7M would go into a special article or capital stabilization fund which does not have the time constraints of the fiscal year; it's essentially taken out of the budget.

Vice President O'Connor asked why the monies can be spent now. Mr. McKinney responded that because the funds have been raised and appropriated they are available for use. If the measure passes, \$1.7 million will go in; if not, it will be less the \$800,000 which is not available until free cash is certified next year. Basically, the town stands to lose out on spending those funds on the critical capital needs of the town until over a year from now.

President Mathews noted that the opportunity to put through a supplemental budget would be between now and the time the tax rate is set, because once the tax rate is set, a supplemental budget cannot be submitted. Mr. McKinney responded that the purpose of putting forth the supplemental budget was to take care of the critical capital needs of the town as quickly as possible. He reported to the committee that the town has received an AA3 rating, as reported by the town's financial advisor. There is a bond issue going out

Wednesday. The last rating was AA3 with a negative outlook. Negative outlook was removed due to the strong fiscal management of the town. Vice President O'Connor then questioned why the creation of a stabilization account hadn't already occurred, so the town would not be facing the current spending restraints? Having been told that the funding could not be segregated, and now hearing the DOR allows the establishment of funding to be able to use without the present restraints, then why hasn't the account already been established to meet the critical needs as necessary? The funds have been coming in for years. Mr. McKinney responded that the prior funds were already spent; funds that came in during the last fiscal year are not available until free cash is certified. Until it is, an account can't be established. The supplemental was to take care of applying these funds. If the measure is not voted favorably, money will have to come from free cash to take care of the needs of the town, including the reserve fund transfer for the seawall.

As the Mayor stated, \$1.7 million will go into a special fund as soon as free cash is certified; it will be the first measure before the Council. As payments are received from LNR, the Council will be notified. Councilor Lacey reiterated this is about the "how"; the matter has been in subcommittee deliberation since December, 2010. Councilor Lacey spent 45 minutes by phone with DOR and learned the town has three options to allow this money to hit free cash-- allow the town to set up a special purpose stabilization fund that would have been identified for capital improvement. He had this conversation with DOR the end of September. The committee has repeatedly asked for the action to set up the appropriate fund to be able to track it. It's mid-October and now discussing the three options, but funds earmarked for capital improvement have already been expended on salaries and overtime. These three options should have been brought forward during the first quarter of 2011.

Councilor Conlon asked the Town Auditor's opinion. President Mathews responded that the Auditor provided a draft letter which recommends the funds are deposited to a stabilization fund, and to put the request to the Mayor in writing recommending this action. Auditor Swanson commented that he agrees with Councilor Lacey-- that the funds should be placed in a stabilization fund. The problem is that the funds were placed in the general fund and can't be moved for a full year until it is certified. Ideally, it would have been preferable to book incoming funds directly to the stabilization fund which would be dedicated to capital projects. Mr. McKinney responded that free cash has not been certified yet. Money cannot be moved to a stabilization fund without the vote of Council.

Councilor Smart asked if the \$1.7 million will not be available for disbursement if the measure passes. Mr. McKinney responded it would not. Only the money that came in last year could be spent. Councilor Smart asked if there has been any consideration by the Administration as to which of the items presented in the supplemental would be chopped. Mr. McKinney responded that the \$900,000 would go into special article or stabilization fund for capital projects once a vehicle is put forward on recommendation to the Mayor.

Councilor McDonald asked if Councilor Lacey's recommendation should be referred to the Budget/Management committee for in-depth discussion. Councilor DiFazio noted that

it appears where the money is to be put is not an issue any longer. Councilor Lacey did due diligence and tells the Council the Mayor's 9/23 letter was a result of what he learned. The committee was in agreement at its last meeting that the funds should be placed in a stabilization fund but did not vote it as they wanted Councilor Lacey present at the meeting when it voted. The sole issue is whether the Administration should be allowed the use of funds that are promised back once free cash is certified. He is not sure there is anything for the committee to discuss on the issue.

Auditor Swanson noted that if the measure passes, the Administration could submit an additional supplemental budget at any time within the next seven weeks. The Mayor anticipates a free cash certification of \$2 million from which she could present a supplemental budget and this \$800,000 could be deferred and later placed into a stabilization fund for tracking purposes.

Councilor Lacey noted there have been several times that additional supplemental budgets were presented as new money comes in. He believes the Administration will come before the Council for appropriations, and tucking away \$900,000 in a stabilization fund is helpful for the community and the town's bond rating. Councilor Smart noted another supplemental could be presented before the town sets the tax rate. Mr. McKinney reminded the Council that every other community in the Commonwealth is under the same time constraints for getting tax rates set, and it creates timing issues with the town and DOR.

Councilor Smart asked what the final date is to vote a supplemental budget; Mr. McKinney responded that based on the Council's meeting schedule, it must be voted tonight. President Mathews noted that in prior years, a Special Town Council meeting was scheduled to set the tax rate and could be done again this year. Mr. McKinney responded that if the supplemental is not approved we lose the opportunity to take care of the critical capital needs of the town in this fiscal year.

President Mathews read from page 8 of the minutes of the June 16, 2011 Budget/Management meeting which the Mayor attended, "Councilor Mathews noted that the DOR should allow separate pots, Mayor Kay responded that the town should be in a position to certify free cash fairly early; mid-September." President Mathews asked why that hadn't happened sooner. Mr. McKinney responded that the town is ahead of schedule as related to last year. The town accountant turned numbers over to the DOR the beginning of November last year. He believes it was an optimistic date. There is no commitment from DOR on a date to certify free cash; it is usually a few weeks after the town submits its recommendation. The recommendation has not been filed yet, but he expects it to be submitted by the end of October.

Councilor Pap commended the committee for its fiscal stewardship, and recommended that because there is time to schedule an additional Special Town Council meeting that it does not need to be done right now but more importantly needs to be done right.

Vice President O'Connor agreed that the special account should have been set up in the first quarter of 2011 as Councilor Lacey said, and he asked how the transfer of Southfield money will be accomplished. Mr. McKinney responded that it will require a two-thirds vote of the Council to deposit money and expend it. Vice President O'Connor continued, that if the Council votes to place the fund in a special account, and that account is established before mid-November, then could the Town Council vote to move funds that came in this fiscal year prior to the tax rate being set into the supplemental account? Mr. McKinney responded no, because it is not part of the budget. Vice President O'Connor noted the drop-dead date is to use the \$800,000. He believes these will be funded once the free cash is certified, and is in his opinion, the better method of funding them. Mr. McKinney noted that everything is predicated on a tight schedule. The Mayor has publicly stated that the funds will be moved to the stabilization fund once free cash is certified. Vice President O'Connor asked for clarification on how future funds will be received and allowed to be moved to the stabilization fund. Mr. McKinney will review the information.

Councilor Lacey noted that money came in during July. A supplemental was presented mid-September. These accounts should have been set up previously. He reviewed again the options and benefit to each. The option recommended is to set up a stabilization fund that can be earmarked for capital expenditures. Auditor Swanson noted that nothing in the supplemental budget is of a critical nature, nor involves public safety. The Administration could bring measures forward after free cash is certified, funding these on an individual basis as needed through the free cash account or the reserve fund. Each department has been operating without these funds for the last three months and appear to be getting by.

Councilor Lacey called for a vote on the measure. Councilor Pap asked to speak to the Auditor's comments and Councilor Lacey withdrew his request for a vote. Councilor Pap noted that there are critical needs in areas such as the DPW. If it is critically necessary the Council can do it before the deadline. This discussion is not about the sum and substance of the individual items, but on the process. Mr. McKinney responded that the Auditor is correct in that the items are not critical at this time but that this was presented in this manner, as a result of the Council's position on taking care of capital projects needed in the town.

President Mathews asked Councilor Lacey to outline his conversation with the DOR. Councilor Lacey reported on this fact-finding discussion and the issues and restrictions to communities dealing with mitigation funding. Some of the restrictions have changed over the last few years and he proceeded to outline the three responsible options that the Council has been deliberating. It's unfortunate that it hasn't occurred sooner. He recommended that the Council manage and track the money closely; they haven't in the past. Mr. McKinney responded that no account could have been set up as there were no funds; they have not been certified yet. Councilor Lacey responded that he believes the accounts should have been set up as a mechanism at that time to manage the funds. An opportunity was missed.



President Mathews allowed the call for a vote to proceed. A ROLL VOTE was taken: Councilor Conlon- NO, Councilor DiFazio-NO, Councilor Harrington-YES, Councilor Lacey-YES, Councilor McDonald-YES, Councilor Molisse-YES, Councilor Pap-YES, Councilor Smart-NO, Vice President O'Connor- YES, President Mathews, YES. VOTE CARRIED 6/3.

President Mathews reported that the committee's report out on item 11-020- Emery Estate Marketing Study is postponed until after the public hearing has been held.

### **Environmental Committee-Chairman Brian McDonald**

#### *Committee update*

Councilor McDonald reported that the committee met this evening; on short notice due to a recent decision by the Navy to transfer the Alameda Point Naval Air Station at no cost instead of the original \$108 million. Councilor McDonald noted the situation is slightly different in Weymouth and that Alameda had to revert to its original reuse plan. In Weymouth's case that would be the Mills plan which was not supported. Plans can be changed and it was the case in California, so he brought it forward for discussion here. A motion was made in committee to send a letter. No vote was taken, but the sentiment of the committee was to recommend sending the letter. He revised the third paragraph; adding the language "we are asking that the \$25 million paid by LNR remain within the towns of Weymouth, Rockland and Abington." LNR should not be let off the hook, but that it be a no-cost transfer to the three communities, and that the funds that LNR would have paid go to the host communities for betterment projects.

He noted Congressman Keating has been helpful and recommended sending the letter to him in light of the transfer of land agreement deadline coming up shortly.

President Mathews asked what vote had been taken at the committee meeting as a point of order was indicated by an audience member. Councilor McDonald responded that the committee did not vote on the contents; there was a motion and second. The only item voted was to accept for the record an editorial comment in the Boston Globe dated October 11, 2011 dealing with the remediation and clean up of the base. The contents of the proposed letter was not voted. Council President Mathews asked if the letter was not voted, if Councilor McDonald is requesting the letter be considered by the Council as a letter from an individual Councilor. Solicitor Lane reported that although the matter wasn't technically voted by committee, and although the Councilor is reporting out as the chairman of the committee, he is uncomfortable with a waiver of the rules by a submission from a single Councilor. President Mathews reviewed; a draft letter was submitted to the Council and considered at subcommittee but not voted; the language of the draft letter was amended after the committee adjourned. Councilor Lacey suggested that Councilor McDonald close out his report and then the matter can be introduced in new business for same night action. Solicitor Lane concurred.

## **Ordinance Committee-Chairman Michael Smart**

### **11 121-Handicap Parking Zone in front of 27 Front Street (Elizabeth Catherine Rest Home)**

Councilor Smart reported that this matter was referred to the committee which met earlier this evening and reviewed a presentation by Jim Clarke. Mr. Clarke went through the presentation for the Council. The request is for two handicapped parking spaces in front of 27 Front Street as a result of a communication from the owner of the Elizabeth Catherine Rest Home. The residents of the home are elderly or handicapped and there are times when there isn't free space in the front of the building for drop offs or pickups. The rear of the property slopes so there isn't an adequate area there. The town engineer reviewed it with the owner and determined it is possible with 60 feet of curbing in front of the building that two spaces can be dedicated to handicapped parking. There is a hydrant, but they've allocated 15 ft. for a safe zone for access to the hydrant, and there is sufficient space between curb cuts to accommodate the request. As required under the ordinance, the Council was presented a request signed by the traffic engineer, George Bezkorovainy and Police Department, Sgt. Hayford.

Councilor Smart provided a photograph. He noted that this is the first time the Council has voted to recommend signage of this type. A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to APPROVE the designation of parking spaces in front of 27 Front Street as handicapped parking and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. Jim Clarke reported that the town will monitor that use of the space for the intended use only. Solicitor Lane confirmed that the measure does not require a public hearing. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A MOTION was made by Councilor McDonald to add a late agenda item and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor McDonald to consider a letter under 2-9 (b) same night action and was seconded by Vice President O'Connor. The letter was deliberated in committee and language was amended after the meeting. The contents of the letter, addressed to Congressman Keating and copied to Senators Brown and Kerry was read into the record:

*Dear Congressman Keating:*

*The Weymouth Town Council wishes to express to you its most sincere gratitude of your support of and effort on Weymouth's behalf to ensure that the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station is remediated by the entity that polluted it to the highest possible standard. We believe your attention to this matter has been of tremendous assistance, and the most recent deliberations that have taken place with the EPA and DEP. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to have a Navy representative appear before the council to answer questions from Weymouth elected officials. Recent media reports that a no-cost transfer of land of a similar project to Weymouth at the Alameda Naval Station in California*

*raises new questions that the council feels very strongly remain unanswered. Indeed, the response offered by the South Shore TriTown Development Corporation that the differences between the Alameda EDC and South Weymouth EDC that the Alameda Re-use plan is the original reuse plan and that we would need to revert to the original Mills Corporation Mall plan for a similar no-cost EDC to occur warrants further examination. Clearly, a no-cost EDC is being executed somewhere else in the country, that contains a significant housing component with a similar base closing timeline at a time in which construction jobs, housing or otherwise, are desperately needed. There should be no difference in the financial land transfer standard than required for the Weymouth, Abington Rockland taxpayers that we represent. There should be no difference in the standard utilized here. We are asking that the twenty five million dollars paid by LNR remain within the towns of Weymouth, Rockland and Abington. It seems that as more details are uncovered as the process proceeds and as information emerges, it calls into question the manner in which Weymouth, Abington and Rockland are being treated by the Navy.*

*The council is extremely concerned that additional critical information may still exist with respect to the environmental status of this property and the EDC in general. The council believes that an opportunity for the council to receive answers from the Navy and South Shore TriTown Development officials directly at a Town Council meeting is very important.*

*Again, we are truly appreciative of your continued efforts to assure that the project moves forward in the right way and we respectfully request your assistance once again in arranging for a dialog once again on these important issues.*

*Sincerely,*

*Weymouth Town Council*

There was a point of order from a resident in the audience, that the letter should omit reference to the towns of Abington and Rockland as Weymouth should not presume to speak for them. Councilor McDonald AMENDED his MOTION taking out references to towns other than Weymouth and was seconded by Councilor Pap. There was a brief discussion. Councilor Pap reported that although a vote wasn't taken, the general sentiment was agreement the letter go forward.

Council President Smart asked if the EDC for Alameda was reviewed. Councilor McDonald reported that he has not seen the EDC for Alameda; only the press releases. The main differences between the two EDC's is the cost and number of housing units. There is a need for a dialogue. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:30

PM, due to the Town Election. At 9:15PM, 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 Council President Arthur Mathews