

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
December 17, 2012**

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

Also Present: Michael Gallagher, Director of Administrative & Community Services  
George Lane, Town Solicitor  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Kathy Deree, Town Clerk

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Town Council President Mathews called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kathy Deree called the roll with all members present, except Councilor Smart. Council President Mathews noted that Councilor Smart was running late this evening.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Harrington announced that the Weymouth High School band will hold a concert on Thursday, beginning at 7PM, in the high school auditorium. Admission is free to all. He further noted that on November 25<sup>th</sup> Katie Johanson passed away as a result of a heroin overdose. Councilor Harrington noted that he recently lost a friend as a result of a drinking and driving accident and stressed the importance of friends and family during the holiday season.

Councilor DiFazio announced that Davis Clapp LLC (Clapp Memorial Building) is appearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals for a special permit on Wednesday, 19 December at 7PM at the McCulloch Building.

Councilor Molisse extended his gratitude to the South Weymouth Neighborhood Associations' sponsoring of "Christmas in Columbian Square" last weekend. The annual event was a success and several businesses participated with activities and food served.

**MINUTES**

**Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2012**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes of the Public Works meeting of November 13, 2012 and was seconded by Councilor Burke. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2012**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes of the Budget/Management Committee meeting of November 13, 2012, and was seconded by Councilor Burke. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Town Council Meeting minutes of November 13, 2012**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 13, 2012 and was seconded by Councilor Burke. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes of November 13, 2012**

A MOTION was made by Vice President O'Connor to APPROVE the minutes of the Public Safety committee meeting of November 13, 2012 and was seconded by Councilor Burke. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Smart arrives here at 7:39 PM.

**RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Michael Morrissey/Norfolk County District Attorney  
-Legislation Regarding Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

Mr. Morrissey spoke of the "Hero Fund" which is in honor of John Elliott, who was killed by a drunk driver. This fund encourages drinking responsibly. He noted that 60 people were killed or maimed last year on roads as a result of drunk driving. He requests that the town and its establishments encourage free non alcoholic beverages to those who offer to be the designated driver. He noted that the Board of Licensing Commissioners and Police in the town have been instrumental in this effort. He encouraged the mantra "Observe don't overserve" campaign which is geared towards servers of alcohol.

Mr. Morrissey continued to state that there were 52 drug overdoses last year in Norfolk County, with Weymouth at the helm; this year we are currently at 43. Distribution of narcan has saved numerous lives, noting that Quincy alone has answered 100 calls with narcan.

He thanked the Mayor and Council for their attention.

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

**12 123-Reserve Fund Transfer for the Department of Municipal Licenses and Inspections**

Michael Gallagher presented on behalf of the Mayor's Office and requests the transfer of \$6,100 (he noted a correction as the measure inadvertently read \$6,400) from the reserve fund to the following line items for funding the costs associated with the Department of Municipal Licenses and Inspections:

Salary		\$2,200
Association/Dues	\$700	
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$3,200

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

**12 124-Free Cash for Replacement Vehicle for School Department**

Michael Gallagher presented on behalf of the Mayor's Office and requests that the town raise and appropriate \$20,616.07 from free cash to fund the purchase of a new maintenance vehicle for the school department.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Kenneth DiFazio**

**12 120-Appointment to the Conservation Commission/Thomas Tanner**

Councilor DiFazio stated that this measure was referred on 3 December 2012 and the Budget/Management Committee met earlier this evening and voted unanimous favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee he motioned for favorable action--in accord with section 2-10 of the town charter, for submittal of Thomas Tanner of 169 Park Avenue West for appointment to the Conservation Commission, with a term to expire on June 30, 2015. It was noted that this appointment is to replace Greg Shanahan. Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Mr. Tanner was present and stated that he is a long time Weymouth resident with strong ties to the community, serving 21 years as a town meeting member, Board of Public Works, BZA, and has been involved with the Rotary for 31 years. He worked on Mayor Kay's campaign and offered to help her in any way possible; she reached out to him to request that he serve on the Conservation Commission.

Councilor McDonald noted his acquaintance with Mr. Tanner for many years and believes he will be a great asset to the Commission.

Councilor Burke feels that Mr. Tanner's experience as a developer is instrumental and stated that he will support this measure.

Councilor Conlon is impressed with Mr. Tanner's community service and believes appearing before the Commission is the best experience one can have regarding serving as a member.

Motion voted unanimously.

### **12 121-Appointment to the Historical Commission/Nancy Pendergast Cameron**

Councilor DiFazio stated that this measure was referred on 3 December 2012 and the Budget/Management Committee met earlier this evening and voted unanimous favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee he motioned for favorable action--in accord with section 2-10 of the town charter, for submittal of Nancy Pendergast Cameron to the Historical Commission; with a term to expire on June 30, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Ms. Pendergast Cameron was present and noted her long time residency on Pilgrim Road and that she is a product of the Weymouth Schools. She additionally has an affiliation with First Church, where the original town meetings were held; this affiliation, in addition to working closely with the Abigail Adams House, has fostered her interest in serving on the Historical Commission.

Councilor Hackett noted Ms. Pendergast Cameron's involvement in town activities and is happy she has stepped forward to serve as her love for history will be an attribute to the Commission. Motion was voted unanimously.

### **Joint Public Parks and Recreation Committee and Recreation Commission Meeting -Chairman Michael Molisse**

#### **Turf-Grass Feasibility Study**

Councilor Molisse noted that on Monday 10 December 2012 at 7PM, the Public Parks and Recreation Committee held a joint meeting in conjunction with the Recreation Commission regarding a study which was funded by \$35,000 from the special purpose stabilization fund. In June of 2012 the town hired Stantec Sport Group to review 20 fields and they determined that 6 fields were viable for improvement with a goal of maximizing field use: Riley/Central, Bicknell, Ralph Talbot, Nash, Pingree and Legion Field. Councilor Molisse noted that Stantec's proposed use for Legion is no turf, 5 tennis courts, with a grassy field. Ongoing maintenance issues, lighting and bathroom facilities were discussed. He noted that the meeting was very informational, the town's sports groups and civic associations were invited, and this is one of many future meetings. The overall cost for installation of six turf fields is 23 million, and grass field improvements 16 million—the Council awaits the Mayor's submittal of a measure.

Councilor DiFazio requests that swift action is taken to renovate Legion Field, and he is disappointed that the study suggests not installing turf at Legion Field.

### **MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Carry-over of items to calendar year 2013-Vice President Patrick O'Connor**

Councilor O'Connor motioned for the following to be carried over to calendar year 2013:

**Clean up Southfield:** Environmental Committee met on 8/1/2011; **Memorandum of Agreement for Water/Wastewater Service for S. Weymouth Naval Air Station**-Budget/Management Committee- met 12/13/11, 12/19/11, and 8/6/2012; **Maintenance of Emery Estate:** Jointly, Budget/Management and Public Parks & Recreation Committees- met 12/19/11; **Service Contracts for South Weymouth Naval Air Station-**

Budget/Management Committee-met 12/13/11, 12/19/2011, and 8/6/2012; **Accounting for Southfield Mitigation Funds**- Budget/Management Committee-met on numerous occasions; **Review of procedural options for revenue from Naval Air Base**- Budget Management Committee met 8/6/2012; **South Shore Tri Town Development Corporation's Annual Budget Process**- Budget/Management Committee met on 3/22/12; **Overall Zoning Plans**- Ordinance Committee met 7/12/2012; **South Shore Hospital merger with Partners HealthCare**-Ordinance Committee met 5/7/2012; **Inter-Municipal Agreements**- Ordinance Committee met 6/18/2012 and 9/18/2012; **Resident Notification regarding DPW work**-Ordinance Committee met on 12/3/2012; **Environmental Partners water/sewer study for Southfield**- Public Works Committee met 9/24/2012 and 11/13/2012; **Pavement Management Systems**-analysis of existing pavement and sidewalk conditions-Public Works Committee met on 11/19/12; and **Calculation of Net School Spending**- Education Committee met 7/16/2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor O'Connor stated that the next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:30 PM. At 8:05 PM, there being no further business to attend to, a MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to ADJOURN the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Diane T. Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Town Council President Arthur E. Mathews