

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
April 4, 2005**

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson  
Susan Kay  
Michael Molisse  
Colin McPherson  
Paul Leary

Also Present: James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer  
Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk  
Richard Swanson, Town Treasurer  
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairman DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:45pm.

**05 016-Appointment-Board of Zoning Appeals - Charles Golden**

Councilor DiFazio stated that this item was referred to the Committee on 2/22/05. It was discussed and tabled at the 3/8/05 meeting because Councilor Mathews, who is not a member of the Committee, had a question as to whether the person appointed needed to be an engineer.

Administration responded that the position did not need to be filled with an engineer.

However, pursuant to the Charter Section 2-10, 30 days has passed since the matter was referred, and no action was taken, therefore, the appointment is deemed to be allowed.

Councilor Leary questioned why tabling the matter is not taking action on it. Jane Hackett stated that Section 2-10 states that upon the Mayor's submittal, the full Town Council must take action in no less than seven (7) days and no more than twenty-one (21) days. She stated that tabling the item is not taking action.

Councilor Kay stated that she had spoken with an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Robert Galewski. He informed her that he had expressed interest in this open position. Ms. Hackett was unaware of an application being submitted.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

**05 025-Appointment-Commission on Disabilities - Beverly DeMorat**

This item was referred to the Committee on 2/22/05. It was discussed at the 3/8/05 meeting. This appointment will fill the position left vacant by Barbara Wight. Also, this appointment will bring the Commission to its full membership of nine (9) members.

A MOTION was made by Councilor McPherson to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on Item #05 025 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Review of Town Auditor Employment Contract**

It was noted that this contract will be forwarded for all to review.

Both Councilors Leary and Kay stated that they believe that the part-time arrangement is working well.

It was noted that the agreement was approved by the Town Council President and the Mayor. However, it was stated that the Council appoints the Town Auditor. This contract changes services provided. The question was asked how long this contract is for.

Councilor McPherson asked for clarification on how the process of changing from a Town employee to a contract employee should have worked. In Section 2.8.a of the Charter, it states that the Auditor position is for a three (3) year period. Mr. Swanson stated that he was re-appointed in December of 2003 for a three (3) year term. The term of this appointment would have run until December 2006.

Councilor Leary stated that the Mayor's name does not need to be included in this contract.

Councilor DiFazio recommended that the item be tabled.

Ms. Hackett stated that contractual employees require the Mayor's signature according to the Municipal Code. The selection of the Auditor is left to the discretion of the Council.

Councilor Kay clarified that the contract is not between the Mayor, the Town Council, and the employee. Ms. Hackett conceded that this is true.

Councilor Kay questioned the length of the contract.

Councilor DiFazio stated that the contract would be approved as is, that Mr. Swanson is part-time and the length is per the Charter.

Councilor McPherson questioned who entered into the contract and what is the length of the appointment. Mr. Swanson was asked to clarify these two concerns.

A MOTION was made by Councilor McPherson to TABLE this item while clarification is obtained regarding who entered into the contract and what is the length of the contract/appointment, and that President Lacey be requested to attend the next meeting of the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kaye and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

Councilor DiFazio stated that he would like to add an agenda item regarding the scheduling of meetings to review the 2006 Budget.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to ADD this agenda item and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor DiFazio proposed a schedule for the review. This schedule would have fewer, but longer meetings. He stated that there would need to be a separate meeting for the Capital Budget.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the meeting schedules.

The 4/11/05 meeting was cancelled and the agenda will be added to the 4/14/05 agenda. The meeting time is 6:30pm.

Councilor McPherson stated that Thursday nights are not good for him.

Councilor DiFazio stated that the meetings will be held on Thursday nights with the 4/11/05 agenda added to the 4/14/05 agenda.

### **South Weymouth Naval Air Station**

Councilor DiFazio stated that there are no plans currently in this Committee. There is nothing, as a Committee that needs to be done.

Councilor McPherson questioned if Lennar has rerun the revenue evaluation as the numbers vary widely from \$3.8 million to 11.1 million.

### **Minutes**

Councilor McPherson stated that he believed that the Budget/Management Committee minutes should be approved by the Committee rather than the full Council.

Councilor DiFazio stated that Diane Hachey will be asked to put the minutes on the Budget/Management agenda rather than the Town Council agenda.

At 7:20 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson

