

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 15, 2008**

Present: Kenneth J. DiFazio, Chairperson
Arthur Mathews
Michael Molisse
Kevin Whitaker
Patrick O'Connor

Also Present: James Clarke, Director of Planning & Community Development
Robert M. Conlon, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Maureen Duffy, Town Auditor
Michael Gallagher, Director of Administrative Services
James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairperson DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Review/discussion on Community Preservation Committee budget in conjunction with the Community Preservation Committee

08 038-Community Preservation Committee Annual Appropriation

Mr. Clarke, and Walter Flynn, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee appeared before the Committee.

Mr. Flynn stated that there are currently two vacancies on the Community Preservation Committee; Mr. Brian O'Halloran and Mr. Larry Lambrose are no longer members of the Committee.

The following was discussed.

- Elmwood & Reed Cemetery – Weymouth Cemetery Commission
Needs assessment is underway.
- Fogg Library Exterior Building Repairs – Mayor's Office
Needs assessment has been completed.
- Back River Trail – Phase II B Herring Run Pool
The awarding of design consultant is pending.
- Wessagusset Field Improvement Project – Recreation Commission
Project completed pending punch list.
- O'Sullivan Park Pavilion – Recreation Commission

- They want to go with a steel skeleton with a canvas covering. By making this change they were able to move the pavilion off of the hard surface. A savings should be realized because of this change.
Councilor O'Connor asked about the rehabilitation of a field. Mr. Flynn stated that normal maintenance is not allowed but rehabilitation is. In the case of this field, it has not been used.
- Abigail Adams Historical Society, Inc.
A consultant has been chosen and the contract is being prepared.
- Bike Racks
This installation has been completed. Funding is to be reimbursed through a state grant.
- Woodbine Road
Acquisition of this land is completed.
- 43 Bicknell Road – Historical Commission
- The archeologist has been selected and the contract is being prepared.
- Whitman's Pond Weed Harvesting – Whitman's Pond Association/Tom Daru, Treasurer
The town is preparing an inter-municipal agreement with Pembroke and Duxbury.
- Weymouth Safe House – NHS, Normand Grenier
This project is awaiting action by the Mayor and will then be brought before the Council. This property will remain on the tax roll. It will not have veteran preference however, it is likely that the majority of the residents will be from Weymouth.
- Dug Out Canoe – Weymouth Historical Commission
Application is currently before the CPC but will likely be withdrawn as the work may be able to be completed in-house.
- Restoration of Pratt Iron Gate – Pratt North Cemetery – North Weymouth Cemetery Association
Application is currently before the CPC
- Acquisition of various parcels for open space – Discussions occurred in Executive session for review and negotiation.

Councilor DiFazio asked if the Zero Pond Street Project was on the list. Mr. Clarke stated that this project is not currently being considered.

Councilor Whitaker asked for a copy of the Fogg Library needs assessment report.

There was discussion regarding the number of applications which have been brought before the Committee.

Review/discussion of the Library budget with Department Head and deliberate the following measures:

08 039-Abigail Adams Birthplace Supplemental Request

Mr. Clarke stated that after the original application was received, proposals were sent out; however no replies were received. It was learned that more funding would be required and an adjustment of scope was made to tighten up the proposal and to clarify what was being requested.

This request has been approved by CPC and the Mayor. The total for the project is \$25,000. \$12,000 has already been appropriated, This supplemental request will add \$12,999. A contract is in the preparation phase.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action on item number 08 039 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 026Q-Library

Ms. Joanne Lamothe appeared before the Committee to present her fiscal 2009 proposed budget. Ms. Lamothe stated that there will be no loss of staff nor any positions left unfilled.

Ms. Lamothe stated that salary increases are due to step and longevity increases.

Ms. Lamothe stated that the \$39,000 decrease in materials will result in the cancellation of several electronic databases. She pointed out that Weymouth's requirements for meeting state certification in 2009 will not be met because of this decrease. The town will need to apply for a waiver. Ms. Lamothe expressed confidence that the waiver will be granted. She stated that this occurred in 2002. She said that the library commissioners will look to see that the town is not cutting the library budget disproportionately when compared to other town budgets.

Councilor Whitaker stated the importance of the Weymouth public library not losing state certification and that appropriate funding needed to be maintained to meet the minimum standards.

Councilor Harrington asked if reading would be considered recreation and thus qualify for CPC funding.

Ms. Lamothe stated that she envisions the library as providing more than just recreation; it provides educational and cultural needs, as well as providing information on foreclosures, job searches, and other critical needs of the community.

Councilor O'Connor asked if there is overtime. Ms. Lamothe stated that the library now uses the school patrol through central maintenance if there is an off- hours problem such as an alarm going off. If someone calls in sick, the library makes do without that employee.

Ms. Lamothee announced a book signing was recently held at the library. "Reunion" is a book written by David Daniels who graduated from Weymouth High School's class of 1963.

Vote the following measures:

08 050- Reserve Fund Transfer for Administrative Services-Maintenance of Town Building Custodial Overtime

Mr. Wilson stated that one of the town hall's custodians is out with a long term illness. The amount requested is based on the custodian being out 3-4 weeks. This request is to cover the required overtime to cover this position.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 050 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 051- Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Peter Webb

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 051 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 052- Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Paula Henderson

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 052 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 053- Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Christopher Hannan

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 053 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Flynn strongly recommended approval of this appointment

08 054- Appointment to the Conservation Commission-Gerald Murphy

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 054 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 055- Appointment to the Conservation Commission-Scott Coven

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 055 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 056- Appointment to the Contributory Retirement Board-Gregory Hargadon

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 056 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 057- Appointment to the Cultural Council-Debbie Courteau

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 057 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 058- Appointment to the Cultural Council-Michelle DeSaulnier

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 058 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 059- Appointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Beverly DeMorat

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 059 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 060- Appointment to the Board of Elder Services-Jeannette Rose

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 060 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 061- Appointment to the Board of Elder Services-Terrance Winter

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 061 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 062- Appointment to the Board of Health-Clare LaMorte

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 062 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 063- Appointment to the Board of Health-Bill Rennie

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 063 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 064- Appointment to the Historical Commission-Edward Walker

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 064 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 065- Appointment to the Historical Commission-Mary Dorey

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 065 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 066- Appointment to the Library Trustees-Joan Anderson

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 066 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 067- Appointment to the Library Trustees-William Westland

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 067 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 068- Appointment to the Memorial Committee-Steve McCloskey

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 068 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 069- Appointment to the Memorial Committee-Fran Tucci

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 069 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 070- Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Stephen Ford

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 070 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Flynn strongly recommended approval of this appointment

08 071- Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Nancy Brennan

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 071 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 072-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Ginny Snell

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 072 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 073- Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Carol Karlberg

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 073 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 074- Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Richard McLeod

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 074 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 075- Appointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Barbara Farrell

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 075 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 076- Appointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Peter Webb, Sr.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 076 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 077- Appointment to the Board of Registrars-Sandy Carle

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to recommend FAVORABLE action to the full Town Council on item number 08 077 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor DiFazio discussed the upcoming meeting schedule.

The Committee discussed, at length, whether to vote the budget out of committee now knowing that there is a larger deficit than expected.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Mayor plans to submit two supplemental budgets.

Mr. Wilson stated that if the budget is not voted, he is still required to implement it as is dictated by the Charter.

At 8:30 pm, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Kenneth J. DiFazio, Chairperson