

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
August 21, 2006**

Present: Sue Kay, Vice-Chairman
Paul J. Leary
Michael Molisse
Patrick O'Connor

Not Present: Kenneth J. DiFazio, Chairman

Also Present: Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk
Arthur Mathews
Gregory Shanahan
Michael Smart
Kevin Whitaker
James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Vice-Chairman Kay called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**06 130-Reserve Fund Transfer-Water Department Fiscal Year 2006 Unpaid Bills-MWRA
Charge for Residual Disposal**

Mr. Wilson stated that the Mayor requests a reserve fund transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$67,731. The bill itself states FY 06, but is in fact the FY 04 residual charge. In FY 03, the Council authorized the Town at the Great Pond Water Treatment Plant, to hook-up for certain types of residual disposals. There have been no charges since the hook-up in 2004.

Mr. Wilson stated that it is anticipated that the FY 05 and FY 06 charges will be received in the next 60 days. The MWRA has notified the Town that as of 9/1/06 the amount due will begin accruing interest at 16% per year if it is not paid in full.

Mr. Wilson stated that the amount due has been certified as accurate. He noted that there is about \$536,000 in the Reserve Fund.

This residual disposal is only as needed. If the lagoons are looking as if they are going to overflow, there is a means to dispose of the residuals through the MWRA. This is the charge for that disposal.

Councilor Whitaker asked if the new water treatment plant would have any impact on this charge. Mr. Wilson noted that there could be more need for this disposal as the new plant will remove more particles from the raw water. The plan is to try to have one lagoon off line to be cleaned while the other two handle the discharge. This is not possible at this time as all three lagoons are needed.

Councilor Molisse made a MOTION to forward this measure to the Town Council with a favorable report and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 134-Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Christopher Hannan

Councilor Kay stated that item number 06 134 was published on 8/10/06.

Mr. Hannan appeared before the Committee. He gave an overview of his background. He noted that he is a full-time tenured professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He stated that he is new to Weymouth as of 2002. However, he noted that his wife is a Weymouth native.

Councilor Leary noted that Mr. Hannan moved recently to Weymouth. He questioned if Mr. Hannan was a registered voter in Weymouth. Mr. Hannan stated that he is registered and did vote in recent elections.

Councilor Molisse noted that this committee will require a significant time commitment. Mr. Hannan stated that he has a flexible schedule.

Councilor Mathews reiterated Councilor Molisse's comment regarding the time commitment. He noted that the Committee will have a heavier time commitment in the beginning.

Councilor Whitaker asked Mr. Hannan for his vision for his participation on this committee.

Mr. Hannan stated that he would like to see the Committee solicit much public input and then have the committee make the best decision. He stated that he was not certain of how this would proceed.

Councilor Whitaker asked Mr. Hannan about his interest in making senior housing a priority. Mr. Hannan stated that it is his understanding that affordable housing is a priority. He stated that he is prepared to consider any and all possibilities.

Councilor O'Connor asked what Mr. Hannan would like to see this money used for. Mr. Hannan stated that his priorities would be historical preservation and open space.

Councilor Leary made a MOTION to forward item number 06 134 to the Town Council with a favorable report and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 135-Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Brian O'Halloran

Councilor Kay stated that item number 06 135 was published on 8/10/06.

Mr. O'Halloran appeared before the Committee. He stated that he and his wife are both Weymouth natives and moved back to town in 2003. He spoke of his pride in being from Weymouth.

Councilor Molisse noted that this committee will require a significant time commitment. Mr.

O'Halloran stated that he agreed that the time commitment will be a challenge to meet, but he is prepared to meet this challenge.

Councilor Leary asked Mr. O'Halloran if he had voted in the previous election. Mr. O'Halloran stated that he did not, but has voted in the past, in absentia.

Councilor Mathews asked Mr. O'Halloran if he had read any of the governing documents. Mr. O'Halloran stated that he has read the Town's Master Plan and the Open Space Plan. He noted that he would be willing to read the various documents available.

Councilor Whitaker asked if Mr. O'Halloran would support a public comment portion of the meeting. Mr. O'Halloran stated that he thought this could be a possibility. Mr. O'Halloran stated that he is not prepared to commit to any priorities until he has gathered more information.

Councilor Whitaker noted that the Community Preservation Committee will be in place for at least five (5) years. He questioned Mr. O'Halloran regarding the Committee's input in the possibility of lowering or cancelling the surcharge. Mr. O'Halloran stated that he is not familiar enough with the process to answer at this time.

Councilor Kay questioned Ms. Hackett relative to why the terms are different. Ms. Hackett noted that it was because the Mayor wanted to stagger the initial appointments.

Mr. O'Halloran stated that he was aware that his term will only be for one year, after which he would need to be reappointed to the committee.

Councilor Molisse made a MOTION to forward item number 06 135 to the Town Council with a favorable report and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 136-Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Lawrence Lambros

Councilor Kay stated that item number 06 136 was published on 8/10/06.

Mr. Lambros spoke of his previous work in the Town. He noted that in 1959 he served with several other members to study the lands that needed to be preserved. He also noted that he never saw the results of this study.

Mr. Lambros appeared before the Committee. Mr. Lambros stated that he is retired and would be able to make the time commitment.

Councilor Leary asked Mr. Lambros if he voted in the recent elections. Mr. Lambros stated that he was not certain if he did or not.

Councilor Whitaker noted that according to public records, Mr. Lambros did in fact vote.

Councilor Whitaker asked about how Mr. Lambros would look at allowing for public comment such as from the active civic associations in Town. Mr. Lambros stated that he would like to see

much public input. He noted that he has an opinion on whether the Chairman of the Committee should speak for the Committee.

Councilor Whitaker asked Mr. Lambros if he believed that at least the annual meeting should be televised. Mr. Lambros stated that this was a good idea. He noted that the Committee should also receive other media attention, specifically from the local news outlets.

Councilor Whitaker encouraged the potential appointees to be assertive in their roles on the Committee.

Councilor Leary made a MOTION to forward item number 06 136 to the Town Council with a favorable report and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

At 7:15pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Sue Kay, Vice-Chairperson