

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 15, 2008 - Wednesday

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson
Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairperson
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Also Present: James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
Maureen Duffy, Town Auditor
Michael Gallagher, Director IT/Administrative Svc.

Not Present: Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Kevin Whitaker, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Mary Briggs

Chairman Kenneth DiFazio called the Budget/Management Committee meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

08 118 – Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Ginger Rennie

Ms. Rennie was invited to introduce herself to the committee and briefly explain her interest in serving on the committee. She noted that she had previous experience in coordinating functions including the Mayor's inauguration.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 118 to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 119 – Appointment to the Redevelopment Authority-Arnold Goldie

Mr. Goldie was invited to introduce himself to the committee and briefly explain his interest in serving on the authority. He reported that he has been a resident of the town for 31 years, is an accountant by trade with development and siting experience, most recently in the health care field, and would like to bring his expertise to the authority.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 119 to the full town council, with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor Molisse noted his personal knowledge of Mr. Goldie and expressed his appreciation in stepping forward to serve. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 121 - Appointment to the WETC Board of Directors-Rosemary Nolan

Ms. Nolan was invited to introduce herself to the committee and briefly explain her interest in serving on the board. Ms. Nolan noted that she is a new resident to Weymouth,

has served the City of Quincy as a member of its Historical Society and would appreciate the opportunity to serve in her new community. She has previously lent her expertise to the drafting of the Tri-Town solid waste proposal drafted recently for Quincy, Braintree and Weymouth.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 121 to the full town council, with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 122 - Reappointment to the WETC Board of Directors-Glenn Heath

Mr. Heath was unable to attend the meeting.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 122 to the full town council, with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 123 – Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Arthur DelRosso

Mr. DelRosso was invited to introduce himself to the committee and briefly explain his interest in serving the commission. Mr. DelRosso reported that he is a lifelong resident of Weymouth, grew up on the fields in town, and has been active coaching soccer and serves as Cub Scout leader of Pack 19. He holds degrees in both engineering and Facilities Planning and would like to bring his expertise to the commission.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 123 to the full town council, with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 124 – Appointment to the Memorial Committee-Frank Burke

Mr. Burke was invited to introduce himself to the committee and briefly explain his interest in serving the committee. Mr. Burke reported that he is a longtime resident of Weymouth, currently holds the position of Veteran's Agent, and would like to continue the work done by late member Fran Tucci. Mr. Burke is active in American Legion Post 79 as Senior Vice Commander, and active on the Board of Directors for the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 124 to the full town council, with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 126 – Donation Accounts-Establishment of the Substance Abuse Prevention Donation Account

Mr. Wilson reported on the Mayor's request to establish a donation account whereby the town may accept an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and expends funds to a like amount for the purpose of funding programs which support Weymouth's Drug Abuse Prevention Policy. This is in accord with the annual authorizations normally done, but is a new account. The Substance Abuse Prevention Program in town has already generated interest

and donations, which cannot be accepted until the establishment of the account is approved by Council. Mr. Wilson also noted there are corporate sponsors in town who will be willing to donate to the account; thus the \$25,000 limit.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 126 to the full town council, with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor O'Connor expressed his support and noted this is a worthwhile endeavor and is needed in town. Mr. Wilson noted the Mayor agreed and made this a priority. Councilor Molisse echoed his remarks. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Supplemental Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Appropriation

Chairman DiFazio asked Mr. Wilson if anything had changed in this measure since the last meeting. Mr. Wilson noted it had not, but that should the looming ballot initiative, Question 1 be passed, the town most likely will be looking at further cuts.

He noted similar patterns as in fiscal year 2003/2004 in which the first round of cuts in state aide by the state was followed by additional reductions in January, and after the tax rate had been set. He did note the major difference in the town's position this year was that there is not the free cash balance to fall back on that was there in FY04.

He also noted in terms of good news; that health insurance costs are running 10-12% below what they were at this time last year and that revenues appear to be tracking similarly, and he will know better once second quarter projections are tallied.

08 103A- Town Council - \$283,184

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103A to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103B- Mayor's Office - \$1,030,142

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103B to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103C-Reserve Fund - \$555,322

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103C to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103D- Municipal Finance - \$1,756,181

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103D to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103E- Town Solicitor - \$321,883

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103E to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103F- Information Services - \$718,005

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103F to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103G- Town Clerk - \$331,050

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103G to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103H- Planning and Development - \$400,681

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103H to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103I- Town Hall Maintenance - \$433,822

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103I to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103J- Administrative Services - \$111,356

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103J to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103K- Human Resources - \$200,493

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103K to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

There was a brief discussion. Councilor Molisse noted his intent to recuse himself from the Police Department and Department of Public Works budget votes. It was determined that a quorum exists, and that a vote of 2 members of the committee will be adequate to vote both measures.

08 103L- Police Department – \$9,621,602

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103L to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Chairman DiFazio. Councilor Molisse recused himself from the vote. VOTE PASSED 2/0/1.

08 103M- Fire Department - \$7,699,854

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103M to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103N- Licensing and Inspections - \$511,926

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103N to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103O- Department of Public Works - \$8,875,015

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103O to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Chairman DiFazio. Councilor Molisse recused himself from the vote. VOTE PASSED 2/0.

08 103P- Health - \$440,580

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103P to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103Q- Library - \$1,062,910

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103Q to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103R- Veterans' Services - \$411,198

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103R to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103S- Parks and Recreation - \$383,738

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103S to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103T- Elder Services - \$186,615

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103T to the full Town

Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103U- Civil Defense - \$7,741

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103U to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103V- Commission on Disabilities - \$392

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103V to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103W- Youth and Family Services - \$44,071

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103W to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103X- Debt - \$8,587,161

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103X to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103Y- Pensions and Benefits - \$24,553,522

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103Y to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103X- Schools - \$52,782,283

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103X to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103AA- State and County Assessments - \$6,230,937

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103AA to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103BB- Overlay to Abatements - \$710,559

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103BB to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103CC- Health Insurance - \$437,686

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103CC to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103DD- Snow Removal – \$567,299

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 103DD to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

08 103- General Government Supplemental Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation

Chairman DiFazio read the measure into the record:

That the Town of Weymouth Raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,257,208, an increase of \$744,066 from the Annual Appropriation of \$128,513,202 voted by Council on June 16, 2008 in measure 08-026 to provide for all the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's several departments and activities for the fiscal year 2009 by reappropriating from the various departmental category line items and the manner on attached Exhibit A. The Town Accountant is authorized to adjust individual line items in accord with Exhibit A.

In addition said appropriation of \$129,257,208 is to include the appropriation of the following FY08 deficits:

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| <i>Snow Removal:</i> | <i>\$567,299</i> |
| <i>Health Insurance:</i> | <i>\$437,686</i> |

The source of funding for said expenditures is outlined on Revenue Projections attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.

Furthermore, that the sum of \$40,000 is appropriated from the Waterways Fund to meet some of the costs of the Harbormaster's Program, a restoration of Measure 08-028.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08 026 to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Mr. Wilson noted the last line of the item needs to be amended to correctly read "08 026." The MOTION to forward item 08 026, as amended was made by Councilor

O'Connor and seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chairman DiFazio noted his appreciation to all departments for their cooperation during the process of review.

At 7:30 PM, there being no further business, Councilor O'Connor made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Briggs, Recording Secretary