

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
November 23, 2004

PRESENT: Kenneth DiFazio-Chairman, Sue Kay, Paul Leary, Colin McPherson, Michael Molisse

OTHERS: Richard Swanson

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to take item #04 192 out of order and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 192 Internal Department Audits

Sue Kay stated that based on information received this evening on the Internal Department Audits submitted by Richard Swanson, Town Auditor, in order for the information to be read and reviewed appropriately, that item #04 192 be moved to the agenda of a future meeting.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to MOVE item #04 192I Internal Department Audits to the agenda of the next Budget Management Committee meeting on November 29, 2004 and was seconded by Paul Leary and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 193 Appropriation Request \$669,907-Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement

Members of the School Department were present at the last meeting of the Budget Management Committee which was held on November 17, 2004 at which time a vote was not taken. The School Department was asked to provide more information on the longevity section of the contract. There was not representation by the School Department, therefore, Mr. Swanson was asked to contact the School Department to be sure they are invited to the next meeting on November 29, 2004, and item #04 193 will be placed on the agenda for that meeting.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to MOVE item #04 193 appropriation request \$669,907-teachers' collective bargaining agreement to the agenda of the next Budget Management Committee meeting on November 29, 2004 and was seconded by Paul Leary and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 200 Appropriation Request \$1,465-Law Enforcement Block Grant

Mr. Wilson was before the Committee to request the appropriation of \$1,465 for a Law Enforcement Block Grant. Mr. Wilson explained that this is an annual grant awarded by the federal government for equipment and capital items associated with law enforcement.

He further stated that the \$1,465 is required to be paid out in order for the grant money to be received. The total for the grant this year is \$13,187.

A MOTION was made by Paul Leary to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 200 appropriation request \$1,465-Law Enforcement Block Grant and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 203 Appropriation Request-\$163,878-Police Cruisers

Mr. Wilson was before the Committee to state that the Mayor requests funding for six cruisers at \$27,313 per cruiser. These are fully outfitted/equipped police cruisers. The Mayor historically has looked to replace five to six each year.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 203 appropriation request-\$163,878-police cruisers and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 204 Appropriation Request \$39,500-Deputy Chief Van

Mr. Wilson was before the Committee to state that the Mayor is seeking to replace the current deputy chief van with a new deputy chief van and requests an appropriation in the amount of \$39,500 for this purpose.

Mr. Wilson reviewed the figures as to how the amount of \$39,500 was arrived at. The low bid for the vehicle is \$29,914, the lighting package is \$6,181, the insert is \$3,475 which totals \$39,470 and has been rounded to \$39,500. The current vehicle is a 1997 Ford Expedition with approximately 110,000 miles on the vehicle. This new vehicle will replace the 1997 Ford Expedition and the Expedition will be used as a back up vehicle.

A MOTION was made by Paul Leary to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item 04 204 appropriation request \$39,500-Deputy Chief Van and was seconded by Michael Molisse

Mr. Swanson noted that legal notice of a public hearing is required on item #04 204.

04 209 Appropriation Request-\$30,000-Veterans' Memorial Wall

Mr. Wilson was before the Committee to request the appropriation of \$30,000 for the Veterans' Memorial Wall. He stated that Mr. Rod Fuqua of the Planning Department put together a cost analysis for the design and installation. There is already \$25,000 in gifts that have been donated for this purpose.

Sue Kay thanked Rod for all of his work in putting together a very good analysis on this project.

Paul Leary requested that the title of item #04 209 be changed from Veterans' Wall to Veterans' Memorial Wall and the record has been edited to reflect this change.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 209 appropriation request-\$30,000-Veterans' Memorial Wall and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to take item #04 206 out of order and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 206 Appropriation Request-\$16,900-Abigail Adams Phase III Fuel Tank

Mr. McCormack submitted the chronology on the fuel tank with regards to past repairs. The next report is a Phase III report with alternatives and will be reported by Rizzo Associates.

Sue Kay thanked Mr. McCormack on his report of the chronology.

A MOTION was made by Paul Leary to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 206 appropriation request-\$16,900-Abigail Adams Phase III Fuel Tank and was seconded by Sue Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 207 Appropriation Request-\$160,000-Wituwamat Drain Project

Mr. Wilson was before the Committee stating that the Mayor requests the appropriation of \$160,000 for the Wituwamat drain project. Of the \$341,693 - \$256,472 is the federally funded portion. The terms of the grant require a match of 25 percent grant which is \$85,424. All services are performed in-kind and will be credited to the \$85,424. The reason for the other funds is that the money must be expended first and then it is returned -which is the reason for the money to be in place. The cash flow analysis for the project has been looked at. If there is any money remaining it will be available for reappropriation.

A MOTION was made by Paul Leary to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 207 appropriation request-\$160,000-Wituwamat Drain Project and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 210 Appropriation Request-\$300,000-Ejector Stations

Mr. Wilson was before the Committee stating the Mayor requests to appropriate \$300,000 for the repair or replacement of ejector stations at \$75,000 per station. These stations were installed in the 1970s.

Councilor Leary asked that the street names listed be corrected where necessary.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 210 appropriation request-\$300,000-Ejector Stations and seconded by Paul Leary and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 208 Reappropriation Request-\$115,000-Libbey Well Improvements

Mr. Wilson was before the Committee requesting the reappropriation of \$115,000 for the repair or replacement of three pressure regulating valves as well as pressure lines in relation to the Libbey Well Improvements.

A MOTION was made by Michael Molisse to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 208 reappropriation request-\$115,000 Libbey Well Improvements and was seconded by Sue Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 205 Appropriation Request-\$80,000-Sidewalk Snow Plow

A model of the proposed new sidewalk snow plow was presented to the Committee. This new model is a rubber tire tractor which will help to preserve the grass to each side of the sidewalks when they are plowed due to snow.

A MOTION was made by Paul Leary to send favorable action to the full Town Council on item #04 205 appropriation request-\$80,000-sidewalk snow plow and was seconded by Sue Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

04 216 TIF Review and Analysis

Mr. Swanson provided the members of the Committee with an analysis of criteria required for the Libbey Park TIF Agreement. His spreadsheet indicates the actual numbers of employees and the TIF requirement for number of employees as well as the actual square footage leased for the properties and the TIF requirement for square footage.

Colin McPherson stated that it is the Committee's job to decide on what further action to take at this point based on Mr. Swanson's information.

Chairman DiFazio made a suggestion that the Committee take a vote to recommend to the Town Council that a recommendation be made to commence or investigate the process of commencing the decertification process.

Sue Kay stated that she is in agreement with Chairman DiFazio's suggestion.

A MOTION was made by Sue Kay that a letter be drafted by Mr. Richard Swanson with the assistance of Mr. James Wilson for review by the members of the Budget Management Committee on November 29, 2004. This draft would be sent to the Administration in order to notify the Administration of the issue of possible noncompliance with regards to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between

the Town of Weymouth and Libbey Park LLC and was seconded by Michael Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

At this time Chairman DiFazio raised an item for discussion that was not listed on the agenda. Karen Berry, Chair of the Budget Committee of the School Committee, had contacted Chairman DiFazio in order to suggest that the Budget Committee of the School Committee and the Budget Management Committee meet to communicate back and forth throughout the budget process in order that the final result is acceptable to the Town Council. Chairman DiFazio would like to invite Karen and whoever else she suggests from the School Committee to come to an upcoming Budget Management Committee meeting in order to keep an open dialogue throughout the school budget process. Chairman DiFazio encouraged the Committee to be prepared with suggestions ahead of time for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Kay motioned to adjourn. Councilor Leary seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Santacrocce Burt
Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____
Kenneth DiFazio
Chairman