

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 13, 2005**

PRESENT: Ken DiFazio-Chair, Sue Kay, Paul J. Leary, Greg Shanahan, Mike Molisse

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Hackett-Chief of Staff, Jim Wilson-Chief Financial Officer
George Lane-Town Solicitor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Diane T. Hachey

Sue Kay, as Vice Chair called the Budget/Management Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

05 165-Free Cash Appropriation-Dog Officer Van

Ms. Hackett explained that on August 15, 2005, the Assistant Dog Officer was involved in a motor vehicle accident-resulting in the totaling of the Dog Officer's Van. The replacement cost is \$19,399-\$9,500 of which will be derived from the insurance settlement.

Councilor Leary motioned for favorable action on measure number 05 165, seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor Kay asked for clarification concerning application of the insurance settlement. Jim Wilson explained that we will apply the insurance proceeds first with the remaining balance to come out of appropriations. Measure passes unanimously..

05 166-Appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee-Jonathan Tose

Councilor Leary stated that according to Mr. Tose's resume, he appears to be very qualified to fill this position-as he is currently holding the position of Deputy Fire Chief for the Town of Weymouth.

Ms. Hackett suggested that John Mulveyhill and Caroline LaCrioix be invited to a Council Meeting to update everyone on the outstanding program the town has in place.

Councilor Leary motioned for favorable action to the Council on measure number 05 166-seconded by Councilor Molisse-and voted unanimously.

05 167-Raise and Appropriate for an Opinion of Value

In summary, Mr. Wilson's intentions were: This measure comes before Council at the request of the Mayor to obtain an opinion of value for property located at 1389 Main Street, Weymouth. This property has been foreclosed by the Land Court in accord with the Town's Tax Title Committee's

recommendation. The Solicitor's Office has completed the process and the redemption period will expire in April, 2006. It is the intention of the Committee to recommend to the Mayor to sell this land at a public auction in May, 2006. Since the value of land is over \$25,000, the Committee is obligated under 30B to request that a minimum bid be set prior to the public auction. As an opinion of value is less expensive and there is no requirement that a certified appraisal be obtained, the Committee recommended and the Mayor adopted the view that an opinion of value from a real estate broker would be sufficient. Based upon past experience, the sum of \$2500 will be sufficient to obtain such an opinion of value. After an opinion of value is obtained, the Committee will recommend to the Mayor a minimum bid price and the Mayor will forward to Council his recommendation. Only the Council may set a minimum bid price for the sale of property sold by the Town at public auction.

Chairman DiFazio arrived.

Councilor Leary motioned for favorable action to the full Town Council, seconded by Councilor Molisse, and voted unanimously.

05 168-Raise and Appropriate for an Opinion of Value for Water Conservation Purpose

In summary, Mr. Wilson's intentions were: This measure comes before Council at the request of the Mayor to obtain a certified appraisal for a portion of a parcel of privately owned land. It is the intention of the Town to 'take' this land for purposes of protecting the watershed and the replication of wetlands required as a result of work done for the construction of the Libbey Well. A certified appraisal is required as it is the Solicitor's opinion that a legal challenge may ensue as a result of this taking. As a certified appraisal is required in a legal challenge, it was the Tax Title Committee's recommendation, which the Mayor adopted and presented to Council. At the Committee level it was discussed as to how much a certified appraisal might cost and it was the Committee's opinion that it should cost no more than \$15,000 given the fact that the taking will be for unimproved land with less than 40,000 square feet. A condition of the DEP permit for the construction of the Libbey Well was that certain wetlands in the well area be replicated near that site.

Ms. Hackett clarified that a public hearing is not necessary on this measure as is is a Reserve Fund Transfer.

Councilor Molisse motioned for favorable action, seconded by Councilor Leary and voted unanimously by the Committee.

At 6:40 PM, there being no further business to conduct, Councilor Shanahan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane T. Hachey
Recording Secretary

Approved By,

Chairman Ken DiFazio