

**Town Council Meeting of June 6, 2005—
EXECUTIVE SESSION
TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Thomas J. Lacey, President
Michael Smart, Vice-President
Paul J. Leary
Colin McPherson
Joseph Connolly
Kenneth DiFazio
Susan Kay
Michael Molisse
Arthur Mathews
Gregory Hargadon
Gregory Shanahan

Also Present: David Madden, Mayor
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

05 078 – Sale of Town Owned Property (discussion necessitates Executive Session)

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart that the Town Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the value of real property involved in the upcoming public auction of town owned property since such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town Council relating thereto and to reconvene in open session for the purpose of initiating a vote by the Council and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on a roll call was taken as follows:

Councilor McPherson – Yes
Councilor Hargadon – Yes
Councilor Shanahan – Yes

Councilor Kay - Yes
Councilor Mathews - Yes
Councilor DiFazio - Yes

Councilor Lacey – Yes
Councilor Smart – Yes
Councilor Molisse – Yes

Councilor Leary - Yes
Councilor Connolly - Yes

Councilor Lacey stated that any discussion in Executive Session is confidential.

Councilor DiFazio stated that this item was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on 05/02/05 and the Committee met on 05/24/05. He noted that Councilor McPherson was not present. The Committee voted 4-0 with one Councilor absent to recommend Favorable Action on this Item.

Councilor DiFazio stated that Mr. Wilson appeared before the Budget/Management Committee and presented minimum bids in accordance with materials submitted.

Councilor McPherson asked if abutter had been notified of the potential sale of buildable lots. Mr. Wilson stated that abutters had not been notified as of yet as the Council must act on these items first. According to Statute, the Town must place Legal Notices in local, regional, and wider circulation newspapers. Those papers would be the Weymouth News, the Patriot Ledger, and the Boston Globe. Abutters will be targeted with a specific mailing list. Also the auctioneer will also notify people on the South Shore who generally attend these auctions.

Councilor Smart asked for clarification on how Item #05 078 ties in with the other measures.

Mr. Wilson stated that Item # 05 077 allows the property to be sold. Item #05 078 puts conditions on the sale, such as minimum bids. Item #05 079 is the actual appropriation to do the legal advertisement as required by Statute. He also stated that the use of the funds raised from the sale of the properties is part of the operating budget of FY 06.

Mr. Wilson stated that minimum bids are set in a variety of ways. He noted that taxes owed and property values are considered.

Councilor Mathews stated that he is concerned about buildable lots in already tight neighborhoods. He acknowledged that selling town- owned property is a way to raise funds for the Town, but that there are other concerns about development and its impact on density.

Mr. Wilson stated that while in Open Session, the Council re-affirm that minimum bids have been set, but that those amounts not be disclosed.

Councilor DiFazio made a MOTION to APPROVE Item #05 078 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to RECONVENE in OPEN SESSION and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on an 11-0 roll call vote as follows:

Councilor McPherson – Yes
Councilor Hargadon – Yes
Councilor Shanahan – Yes
Councilor Lacey – Yes
Councilor Smart – Yes
Councilor Molisse – Yes

Councilor Kay - Yes
Councilor Mathews - Yes
Councilor DiFazio - Yes
Councilor Leary - Yes
Councilor Connolly - Yes

Councilor DiFazio stated that this item was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on 05/02/05 and a meeting was held on 05/24/05. He stated that the amounts of the minimum bids are as set forth in the documents presented discussed in Executive Session and are to be kept confidential.

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to APPROVE Item #05 078 and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.