

## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Town Hall Council Chambers**

**January 3, 2006**

Present: Thomas J. Lacey, President  
Michael Smart, Vice-President  
Kenneth DiFazio  
Susan Kay  
Paul J. Leary  
Michael Molisse  
Arthur Mathews  
Gregory Shanahan  
Kevin Whitaker  
Patrick O'Connor  
Jack Carey

Not Present: Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Also Present: Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk  
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff  
George Lane, Town Solicitor  
James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

President Lacey called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30pm.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Smart read a Citation from the full Town Council in recognition of out-going Council President Thomas Lacey. A plaque was presented to Councilor Lacey.

Councilor DiFazio announced that the East Weymouth Neighborhood Association will hold their next meeting on 1/19/06 at 7pm at the Sons of Italy Hall in East Weymouth. Mayor Madden will give his State of the Town Speech.

Councilor Whitaker reminded residents that the price of stamps will increase to .39 beginning 1/8/06.

Councilor Whitaker noted that the comment period for the MEPA review of the South Weymouth Naval Air Station redevelopment has been extended to 1/31/06. He stated that this extension was a result of Councilor Lacey's initiative.

Councilor Molisse stated that the Frozen Wildcats raised \$15,000 for the strength/conditioning room at the High School. 128 participants jumped into 28 degree air temperature and 40 degree water temperature at the Wessagussett Yacht Club.

Councilor Leary noted that Councilor Shanahan participated in this swim.

Councilor Lacey stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 25<sup>th</sup> Marines are bound for a training facility in California and will then deploy to Iraq in the near future. He noted that at least two members of this Battalion are residents of Weymouth. He stated that as a Community we salute the men and women serving our Country and pray for their safe return to Weymouth and their families.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor DiFazio made a MOTION to TAKE OUT OF ORDER New Business and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Election of Officers**

Councilor Whitaker made a MOTION to NOMINATE Councilor Molisse for President and was seconded by Councilor Carey.

The following discussion ensued. Councilor Molisse respectfully declined the nomination stating that he had not been successful in obtaining the needed votes.

Councilor Mathews made a MOTION To NOMINATE Councilor Smart for President and was seconded by Councilor Kay.

The following discussion ensued. Councilor Carey stated that he had not been contacted by Councilor Smart regarding his campaign for President and would therefore not vote for him.

Councilor Leary made a MOTION to CLOSE the nomination and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The MOTION to NOMINATE Councilor Smart for President PASSED on a 10-1 vote as follows:

Councilor Carey - No	Councilor Mathews- Yes
Councilor DiFazio - Yes	Councilor Molisse - Yes
Councilor O'Connor – Yes	Councilor Shanahan - Yes
Councilor Kay – Yes	Councilor Smart - Yes
Councilor Leary – Yes	Councilor Lacey - Yes
Councilor Whitaker – Yes	

Councilor Smart made a brief statement regarding his vision for the Council in the next two years. He also stated that he recommends that the Council send one letter with comments regarding the Notice of Project Change for the air base redevelopment. These comments should be forwarded to the Council office for the Notice of Project Change. He noted that Councilors are welcome to make separate comments.

Councilor Kay made a MOTION to NOMINATE Councilor Leary for Vice-President and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS, AND BOARDS**

**06 002-Appointment to Health Study Advisory Committee - Judith McTiernan**

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 002 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 003-Appointment to Health Study Advisory Committee - Karen Acerra**

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 003 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 005-Appointment to Health Study Advisory Committee - Patricia Henley**

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 005 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 006-Appointment to Health Study Advisory Committee - Patricia Goodwin**

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 006 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 007-Appointment to Health Study Advisory Committee - Kathleen Lavery**

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 007 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 008-Appointment to Health Study Advisory Committee - Janet Brooks**

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 008 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 009-Tax Title Request-Reserve Fund Transfer**

Ms. Hackett stated that on behalf of Mayor Madden she submits the following measure to Town Council:

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the reserve fund for the purpose of paying the legal and related expenses for tax foreclosures and tax title takings.

The balance in the reserve fund as of 12/28/05 is \$468,154.69.

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 009 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 010-Fiscal Year 2005 Unpaid Bills-Clerk's Office**

Ms. Hackett stated that on behalf of Mayor Madden she submits the following measure to Town Council:

That the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$302.00 from the reserve fund for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills

Town Clerk's Office

- Savin Corporation in the amount of \$151 for an invoice dated 3/26/05
- Savin Corporation in the amount of \$151 for an invoice dated 5/26/05

These bills were for a maintenance agreement for a copier located in the Clerk's Office.

Furthermore, the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to expend said funds.

The balance of the reserve fund as of 12/28/05 is \$468,154.69.

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 010 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**06 011-Free Cash Appropriation-Fire Department Match for Grant**

Ms. Hackett stated that on behalf of Mayor Madden she submits the following measure to Town Council:

That the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from free cash for the following purposes: \$55,057 is to fund the Town's share of a fire department grant for the purchase of self contained breathing apparatus, and \$44,943 to fund the replacement of additional equipment not covered by the grant.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

Free Cash at the time of submittal is \$1,009,077.

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER Item #06 011 to Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 there being no further business, Councilor Leary MOTIONED to adjourn and Councilor Kay seconded and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Smart, President