

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**May 7, 2007**

Present: Michael Smart, President  
Paul J. Leary, Vice-President  
Jack Carey  
Kenneth DiFazio  
T. J. Lacey  
Arthur Mathews  
Michael Molisse  
Patrick O'Connor  
Gregory Shanahan  
Kevin Whitaker

Not Present: Sue Kay  
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff

Also Present: Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk  
George Lane, Town Solicitor  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Molisse stated that on 6/3/07 the Weymouth Recreation Department will hold a Spring Fling at O'Sullivan Playground at the Wessagussett School.

Councilor O'Connor announced that on 6/16 from 10-12 there will be a Korean War Veteran breakfast hosted by Post #79. For more information contact Fran Tucci at 781-335-9264.

Councilor Lacey announced that former Councilor Greg Hargadon became engaged over the weekend.

Councilor Mathews stated that the CAC will meet this Wednesday, 5/9/07, at the Conference Center on Shea Memorial Boulevard starting at 7pm. The discussion will be about traffic.

Councilor Mathews stated that curbside yard waste pick up is underway. More information is available from the DPW.

**Citation Issuance-Sarah Hill/Figure Skater -Councilor Susan Kay**

Council President Smart read a citation to recognize Sarah Hill. Ms. Hill gratefully accepted the citation.

## **MINUTES**

### **Budget/Management Committee-3/27/07**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 03/27/07 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Budget/Management Committee-4/12/07**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 04/12/07 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Town Council Meeting-4/17/07**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 04/17/07 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Ordinance Committee Meeting-4/17/07**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 04/17/07 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Economic Development Committee-4/17/07**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 04/17/07 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Budget/Management Committee-4/23/07**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 04/23/07 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **CITIZEN'S CONCERN/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **07 015-Street Acceptance-Alma Circle**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 015 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was no public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

Councilor Mathews noted that these street acceptances have previously been before the Public Works Committee.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 015 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 016-Street Acceptance-Lester Lane**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 016 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was no public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 016 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 017-Street Acceptance-Bayberry Lane**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 017 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was no public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 017 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 018-Street Acceptance-Beverly Court**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 018 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was no public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 018 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 019-Street Acceptance-Blueberry Place**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 019 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was no public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 019 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 020-Street Acceptance-Blueberry Street**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 020 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was no public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 020 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 021-Street Acceptance-Caldwell Street**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 021 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was the following public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

Anne Hilbert, North Weymouth, asked why it has taken so long for streets to be accepted.

Mr. Clarke stated that generally it is because the acceptance of private ways is initiated by the abutters. He also stated that it is the intention of the Planning Board to seek street acceptance at the time of sub division completion.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 021 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 022-Street Acceptance-Cavern Knoll Way**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 07 022 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The abutters were notified on 3/9/07. There was no public comment.

This item was previously approved for the street layout. The Planning Board has recommended acceptance of the layout. This hearing is for street acceptance and street taking.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 07 022 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

**07 063-Reserve Fund Transfer-Various Line Items**

Mr. Wilson stated that this request is for \$285,294.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 063 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 064-Sale of Town Owned Land**

The Mayor proposes selling four parcels of town owned property-- three of which are from tax title. He also requests executive session when it comes time to set the bid on these parcels.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 064 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 065-Unpaid Bills**

This is a request for \$698.40 for Veteran's Benefits.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 065 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 066-Fiscal Year 2008 Supplemental Appropriation**

This is a request for supplemental appropriations due to changes in the Cherry Sheet amounts. The FY 08 amount is \$442,309 which is a decrease.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 066 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 067-Water Department-Rehabilitation of Intake Pipes at Great Pond**

This is a request for \$200,000 for rehabilitation of water pipes at the Great Pond Water Treatment Plant.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 067 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Item numbers 07 068 through 07 093 are re-appointments or appointments. All terms will expire on June 30, 2010.

**07 068-Appointment to the Board of Assessors-Kevin Spellman**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 068 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 069-Appointment to the Board of Assessors-John Sheehan/Alternate Member**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 069 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 070-Appointment to the Cemetery Commission-Donald Mathewson**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 070 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 071-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Barbara Farrell**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 071 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 072-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Ron Rizzo**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 072 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 073-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Sharon Morgan**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 073 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 074-Appointment to the Board of Elder Services-Lawrence Cassese**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 074 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 075-Appointment to the Board of Elder Services-William Begley**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 075 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 076-Appointment to the Board of Elder Services-Laureen Pizzi**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 076 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 077-Appointment to the Board of Health-Maureen DelPrete**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 077 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 078-Appointment to the Historical Commission-Thomas Curtis**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 078 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 079-Appointment to the Historical Commission-Richard Pattison**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 079 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 080-Appointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Charles Hickey**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 080 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 081-Appointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Robert MacLean**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 081 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 082-Appointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Eileen Dumont**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 082 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 083-Appointment to the Memorial Committee-Joan Anderson**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 083 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 084-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Elaine DeCosta**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 084 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 085-Appointment to the Youth Coalition-Sharon McManus**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 085 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 086-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Mary McElroy**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 086 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.



**07 087-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Edward Foley**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 087 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 088-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Charles Golden**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 088 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 089-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Robert Galewski/Alternate Member**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 089 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 090-Appointment to the Fourth of July Committee-William Robinson**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 090 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 091-Appointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Louise Sansone**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 091 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 092-Appointment to the Veteran's Council-Robert Haley**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 092 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 093-Appointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Gerry Begonis**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 093 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Auditor Selection Committee-Chairman Paul J. Leary**

Councilor Leary announced that Maureen Duffy has been selected to assume the position of Town Auditor. Salary negotiations are underway and Ms. Duffy is expected to begin on June 4, 2007.

Councilor Leary thanked the members of the Auditor Selection Committee and noted that the Committee is now disbanded.

### **Public Works Committee-Chairman Mathews**

Councilor Mathews reported that five utility applications were reviewed this evening during the committee meeting. He stated that the items were referred to the Committee at the public hearing which was held on 4/17/07. He noted that each Councilor has received a map which is easier to read.

Councilor Leary asked about a pole on Front Street. He stated that on the map the drawing looked like the pole was located on Front Street when it is actually located on West Street. Councilor Mathews referenced the updated map provided by Mr. Breton of National Grid.

### **07 035-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Middle Street**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 035 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **07 036-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Park Avenue West**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 035 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and PASSED 9-0-1 with Councilor Whitaker abstaining.

### **07 037-National Grid/Verizon Petition-West Street**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 035 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **07 038-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Park Avenue**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 035 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 039-National Grid/Verizon Petition-Columbian Street**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 035 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**07 060-Fiscal 2006 Audited Financial Statements - O'Connor and Drew - Council President Michael Smart**

Mr. Swanson stated that an unqualified clean audit was received by the town from O'Connor and Drew. There were zero audit issues. Mr. Swanson introduced Mr. David DiIulis of O'Connor and Drew.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to take item number 07 090 UNDER 2-9B ACTION, same night action, and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT item number 07 090 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**07 062-Rezoning Measures and Public Notice -Councilor Ken DiFazio**

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to REFER item number 07 090 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Union Street and Union Circle/Drainage and Flooding Issues -President Michael Smart**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Smart to REFER item number 07 090 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:20 there being no further business, Councilor Leary MOTIONED to adjourn and Councilor O'Connor seconded and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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