

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Hall Council Chambers
August 21, 2006

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

Not Present: Kenneth J. DiFazio
Richard E. Swanson, Town Auditor
George Lane, Town Solicitor

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

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

President Smart called the Special Town Council Meeting to order at 7:20pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Molisse stated that the Mayor's Office has announced a major park improvement project. Webb Park and Weston Park are undergoing major clearing of brush. He also noted that upgrades of baseball fields at Seach, Academy Ave, Murphy, and Hamilton are planned. He stated that he has called a Recreation Committee Meeting at 6:30pm on 9/5/06.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS, AND TOWN BOARDS

06 137-Accidental Death Benefit for Surviving Children

Ms. Hackett stated that this is a Retirement Board issue that requires the approval of the Mayor and action by the Council.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 137 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 138-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Deborah Courteau

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 138 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 139-Appointment to the Conservation Commission-Scott Coven

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 139 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 140-Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an Alternate Member-Francis Kenneally

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 140 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget Management Committee – Vice-Chairman Kay

06 130-Reserve Fund Transfer-Water Department Fiscal Year 2006 Unpaid Bills-MWRA Charge for Residual Disposal

Item number 06 130 was referred on 8/10/06. The Committee met on 8/21/06. The Committee voted to recommend favorable action.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to APPROVE item number 06 130 and was seconded by Councilor Leary and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 134-Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Christopher Hannan

Councilor Kay noted that the Committee had three very good candidates before them this evening. She noted that all three candidates were questioned extensively during the meeting.

Mr. Hannan gave a brief overview of his background as recorded at the Budget/Management Committee meeting this evening.

Councilor Whitaker asked Mr. Hannan for his vision for his participation on this committee.

Mr. Hannan stated that he would like to see the Committee solicit much public input and then have the committee make the best decision. He stated that he was not certain of how this would proceed.

Councilor Leary reiterated that the three candidates appeared before the Budget/Management Committee earlier this evening.

Item number 06 134 was referred on 8/10/06. The Committee met on 8/21/06. The Committee voted to recommend favorable action.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to APPROVE item number 06 134 and was seconded by Councilor Leary and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 135-Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Brian O'Halloran

Item number 06 135 was referred on 8/10/06. The Committee met on 8/21/06. The Committee voted to recommend favorable action.

Mr. O'Halloran gave a brief overview of his background as recorded at the Budget/Management Committee meeting this evening.

Councilor Whitaker noted that the Community Preservation Committee will be in place for at least five (5) years. He questioned Mr. O'Halloran regarding the Committee's input in the possibility of lowering or cancelling the surcharge. Mr. O'Halloran stated that he is not familiar enough with the process to answer at this time

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to APPROVE item number 06 135 and was seconded by Councilor Leary and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 136-Appointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Lawrence Lambros

Item number 06 136 was referred on 8/10/06. The Committee met on 8/21/06. The Committee voted to recommend favorable action.

Mr. Lambros gave a brief overview of his background as recorded at the Budget/Management Committee meeting this evening.

Councilor Whitaker asked about how Mr. Lambros would look at allowing for public comment such as from the active civic associations in Town. Mr. Lambros stated that he would like to see much public input. He noted that he has an opinion on whether the Chairman of the Committee should speak for the Committee.

Councilor Whitaker asked Mr. Lambros if he believed that at least the annual meeting should be televised. Mr. Lambros stated that this was a good idea. He noted that the Committee should also receive other media attention, specifically from the local news outlets.

Councilor Whitaker encouraged the potential appointees to be assertive in their roles on the

Committee.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to APPROVE item number 06 136 and was seconded by Councilor Leary and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00pm there being no further business, Councilor UNANIMOUSLY MOTIONED to adjourn and Councilor Kay seconded and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Michael Smart, President