

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 2, 2006

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

Not Present: Gregory Shanahan
Richard E. 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 Smart called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Molisse commented that Weymouth Day was a success. He also noted that over 40 Town employees dedicated their time to this event.

Councilor Carey stated that a Weymouth Football Booster Club will be selling ads for the booklet for the Thanksgiving Day Game.

Councilor Mathews stated that on Wednesday at 7pm the Naval Air Station CAC will be meeting to discuss traffic.

Councilor Mathews stated that the Community Preservation Committee will meet this Thursday at 7pm.

Councilor Whitaker stated that on 10/14/06 the "Stock our Shelves" campaign will occur in an effort to raise money for the Weymouth Food Pantry. For more information call 781-331-7682.

Councilor Leary stated that NASA is in town and there is a trailer with exhibits for viewing.

MINUTES

Special Town Council Meeting-8/21/06-tabled from 9/25/06

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the revised minutes from 08/21/06 and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

Reuse of Legion Field-Daniel Kelleher

Mr. Kelleher stated that the promised dust remediation has not occurred. He asked that this be addressed as soon as possible. He requested that an ordinance be put in place to keep fields and parks protected from future building. He expressed disappointment that an architectural firm has been hired to come up with ideas for the field reuse. He noted that he had worked to send out a survey to see what the residents of the town wanted the field to be used as. He asked how much money has been spent so far on Legion Field. He also requested a review of how the former reuse committee work was handled.

Councilor Molisse agreed to take this matter up with the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Pope Tower Concerns

Councilor Kay made a MOTION to ADD a late agenda item and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Kay spoke regarding a citizen concern at last week's Council meeting. Ms. Kay stated that there has been an inspection by the Town and an Order of Notice has been issued directing work to be done and repairs to be made to Pope Towers.

OLD BUSINESS

06 133- Massachusetts Electric/Verizon Pole Relocations Echo Avenue and Paris Streets

Councilor Mathews stated that this item had been discussed on 8/25 and on 9/5. There was a Public Hearing held at the last Council Meeting. These changes are the result of the Public Hearing and the issues have since been resolved.

Councilor Mathews made a MOTION to vote FAVORABLE ACTION on item 06 133 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS, AND TOWN BOARDS

06 147-Reappropriation to Fire Department Clothing Allowance

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 147 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 148-Unpaid Bills Free Cash

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 148 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 149-Order to Create, Expend and Receive Funds in Certain Revolving Accounts for the School Department

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 149 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 150-Free Cash Appropriation-Six Month Payment for High School Bond

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 150 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 151-Community Preservation Committee-Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 151 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 152-Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Appropriation

Ms. Hackett made a correction to the dollar amount in this measure (the revised total on line two should read "\$121,863,587).

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 152 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

06 153-Tax Classification

A MOTION was made By Councilor Leary to REFER item number 06 153 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget Management Committee – Chairman DiFazio

06 146-Appointment to Recreation Commission-Paul Carnell

Item number 06 146 was referred on 9/25/06. The Committee met on 10/2/06 and voted unanimously to recommend favorable action.

Mr. Carnell was present this evening. Councilor DiFazio asked Mr. Carnell to introduce himself. Mr. Carnell stated that he has lived in Weymouth since 1978 and has been a homeowner since 1984. He noted that he has four children who are all involved in the Town's sports programs. He stated that he believes in the recreation programs and wants to support them.

Councilor DiFazio noted that Mr. Carnell had submitted a letter of interest.

Councilor DiFazio made a MOTION to recommend FAVORABLE action and was seconded by Councilor Leary and UNANIMOUSLY voted.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by: _____
Michael Smart, President