

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall Council Chambers

October 6, 2008

Present: Michael Smart, President
Arthur Mathews, Vice-President
Robert Conlon
Brian McDonald
Michael Molisse
Patrick O'Connor
Victor Pap, III
Kevin Whitaker

Not Present: Kenneth J. DiFazio
Ed Harrington
Thomas J. Lacey

Also Present: Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Mayor Susan Kay
Michael Gallagher, Director of Administrative and Community Svcs.
Jeanne Savoy, Assistant to the Mayor

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

President Smart called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:40 pm. He noted that Councilors Harrington, DiFazio and Lacey had called to say that they were unable to attend this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Mathews announced that last Saturday (October 4, 2008) was the Whitman's Pond Clean-up Day and there was a great turnout. Much needed clean-up work was successfully completed.

Councilor Mathews announced that the Town Council received notice from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (Gary Davis-General Counsel). They have requested that the following is read into the record:

“In accordance with the provisions of 301 CMR 51.00, we would like to inform you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Conservation and Recreation has under consideration the acquisition of 1.5± acres of land or other property interest, in the Town of Weymouth. This land is currently being used for residential and open land purposes and has been used in the past for the same purposes. If acquired by the state, the land shall become part of the Abigail Adams State Park and used for walking and passive recreation. “

Councilor Pap announced that on October 18th St. Jerome's will hold their “Italian Night” festivities.

Councilor Molisse announced the First Annual Braintree-Weymouth Senior Walk, to be held on October 8th at 9:30 AM at the Weymouth entrance to Pond Meadow Park. Additionally Councilor Molisse acknowledged the presence of Mathew Walsh, from Boy Scout Troop 2 who is observing tonight's meeting.

Citation Issuance to Colleen Kelley and the Homestead Landing Civic Association for Clean-up Efforts at Webb Park-Councilor Michael Molisse

Ms. Kelley approached the Council and spoke of the details of this project. Webb Park is 8 acres of land which is located off of Summer Street. It is the oldest park in the Town of Weymouth and was granted to the town by the descendents of Christopher Webb. Over time, and resultant from budget cuts, this area has not been properly maintained. The Homestead Landing Civic Association adopted this park as a project and proceeded to clean up the area, starting in May of 2003. With the help of more than 60 neighbors, the Department of Public Works, Eagle Scout projects and the efforts of the members of the Massachusetts Trial Court Community Services program, have successfully cleared all the overgrowth, installed benches, and planted trees and flowers. In excess of 950 hours of labor were expended on this beautification.

Councilor Molisse presented Ms. Kelley with a citation from the Town Council. Additionally, Mayor Kay presented Ms. Kelley with a citation from her office as well.

Citation Issuance to David Skocik, State-Wide Supervisor, Stephen Price, Executive Director and Commissioner John J. O'Brien from the Massachusetts Trial Court Community Services Program-in recognition of their community partnership with Robert O'Connor, Department of Public Works Director-Councilor Thomas J. Lacey

On behalf of the Town Council, Councilor Molisse delivered citations to Mr. Slocik, Mr. Price and Commissioner O'Brien for their community involvement in the outstanding beautification efforts at Webb Park. Additionally, Mayor Kay delivered citations to these individuals as well.

MINUTES

Budget/Management Committee Meeting of April 29, 2008-tabled from June 2, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to remove these minutes from the table, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted. Councilor Mathews motioned to ACCEPT the minutes from April 29, 2008 as amended and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ordinance Committee Meeting of May 5, 2008-tabled from June 2, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to remove these minutes from the table, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted. Councilor Mathews motioned to ACCEPT the minutes from May 5, 2008 as amended and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting of May 5, 2008-tabled from June 2, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to remove these minutes from the table, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted. Councilor Mathews motioned to ACCEPT the minutes from May 5, 2008 as amended and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting of May 6, 2008-tabled from June 2, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to remove these minutes from the table, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted. Councilor Mathews motioned to ACCEPT the minutes from May 6, 2008 as amended and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008-tabled from June 2, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to remove these minutes from the table, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted. Councilor Mathews motioned to ACCEPT the minutes from May 12, 2008 as amended and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting of May 15, 2008-tabled from June 2, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to remove these minutes from the table, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted. Councilor Mathews motioned to ACCEPT the minutes from May 15, 2008 as amended and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting of September 2, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to approve the minutes from September 2, 2008, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting of September 9, 2008

Councilor Mathews motioned to table the minutes of September 9, 2008, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting of September 17, 2008

Councilor Mathews motioned to table the minutes of September 17, 2008, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

Education Committee Meeting of September 22, 2008

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A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to approve the minutes from September 22, 2008, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

Public Safety Committee Meeting of September 22, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to approve the minutes from September 22, 2008, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

Town Council Meeting of September 22, 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to approve the minutes from September 22, 2008, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS, AND TOWN BOARDS

Jeanne Savoy, presented the following measures on behalf of the Mayor's Office. She noted the memorandum dated October 6, 2008 from Mayor Kay determining that the Town Council is able to vote on said appointments.

08 121- Appointment to the WETC Board of Directors-Rosemary Nolan

Councilor Mathews moved for referral of this measure to the Budget/Management Committee, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

08 122- Reappointment to the WETC Board of Directors-Glenn Heath

Councilor Mathews moved for referral of this measure to the Budget/Management Committee, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

08 123- Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Arthur DelRosso

Councilor Mathews moved for referral of this measure to the Budget/Management Committee, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

08 124- Appointment to the Memorial Committee-Frank Burke

Councilor Mathews moved for referral of this measure to the Budget/Management Committee, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

08 125-No Turn Signs (Torrey, Burton, Tower, Columbian)

Councilor Mathews moved for referral of this measure to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Whitaker questioned if referral to the Ordinance Committee as well is necessary. Discussion resulted in recommendation of a referral solely to the Public Safety Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

08 120-Call of the Presidential Election on November 4, 2008

-Councilor Arthur Mathews

Councilor Mathews motioned for consideration of this measure under 2-9b (same night action), seconded by Councilor Molisse and unanimously voted.

“In the name of the Commonwealth, the Town of Weymouth, is hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in the state election to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.” Councilor Mathews moved for favorable action and approval of the aforementioned date and time for the presidential election, motion seconded by Councilor O’Connor. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

- Councilor Mathews-AYE
- Councilor Conlon-AYE
- Councilor McDonald-AYE
- Councilor Molisse-AYE
- Councilor O’Connor-AYE
- Councilor Pap-AYE
- Councilor Whitaker-AYE
- Councilor Smart-AYE

Measure passes 8-0.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Request for a record of proceedings of the meetings of the Public Employee Committee (PEC)

-Councilor Kenneth DiFazio

Councilor Mathews motioned for continuation of this measure to the next Council Meeting, as Councilor DiFazio is not present this evening, Councilor O’Connor seconded and unanimously voted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25pm there being no further business, Councilor Mathews MOTIONED to adjourn and Councilor O’Connor seconded and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Michael Smart, President

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane T. Hachey
Recording Secretary