

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Town Hall Council Chambers**

**December 4, 2006**

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

Not Present: Kevin Whitaker

Also Present: Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk  
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff  
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 Kay stated that the South Shore Elder Services has honored William Begley. He was the recipient of the Edith B. Donkin Memorial Award.

Councilor Kay made a MOTION to send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Begley and was seconded by Councilor Carey and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor DiFazio stated that the next meeting of the East Weymouth Neighborhood Association will be on 12/14/06 at 7pm at the Sons of Italy Hall.

Councilor Leary stated that the Mass Municipal Association Annual Trade Show and Exhibit will be held at the Hynes Auditorium and the Boston Sheraton on 1/12/07 and 1/13/07. He strongly recommended that Councilors consider attending this event, especially new Councilors. He noted that Councilors need to see Diane Hachey before Friday for details.

Councilor Carey stated that there are two football players who made the Globe All-Scholastic. The students were Thomas Carey a senior, and Michael Waite a junior. The Football coach, Kevin Mackin, was named Coach of the Year.

Councilor Smart stated that comments for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station redevelopment project are due 12/8/06. Comments may be sent to Secretary Golledge by email at [Mass.gov/envir/mepa](mailto:Mass.gov/envir/mepa). The project number is 11085R.

## MINUTES

### **Ordinance Committee Meeting-11/13/06**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 11/13/06 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Town Council Meeting-11/13/06**

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### **06 158-Bond Authorization for Extraordinary Repairs for Parks and Playgrounds**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to OPEN the Public Hearing on item number 06 158 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

This item was published on 11/24/06.

Ms. Hackett stated that there would be no financial impact in FY 07. The financial impact for FY 08 is \$65,000, and the financial impact for 20 years would be \$125,000.

Ms. Hackett stated that Mr. Paul Costello and Mr. Paul Gabriel from Environmental Partners will give an overview of the proposed remediation and reconstruction. Mr. Carter Fay, licensed site professional, was also present this evening.

Mr. Gabriel noted that ash from the incinerator was used to level off the field when it was built back in the 1970's. Arsenic, lead, and coal ash were contaminants found on site. Approximately 1300 cubic yards will need to be removed from the site.

Mr. Gabriel stated that there was a public meeting with the neighborhood several weeks ago.

The field is projected to be completed by the fall of 2008; with the latest date expected being the spring of 2009.

Mr. Costello stated that a walking trail surrounding the field will be constructed. He also stated that the plan is to sink a well in center field to provide for on- site irrigation.

Mr. Fay stated that the detention basin is designed to hold water before it discharges into the esker which is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ECAC).

Mr. Fay stated that they are placing a geotextile material and then placing a foot of fill on top of it.

Councilor Carey asked about the parking lot area. The current gravel parking lot has been moved away from the residents.

Councilor Carey noted that in the past the park was repaired, but glass shards eventually reappeared. Mr. Costello stated that the geotextile fabric cover should prevent this from happening again.

Councilor Kay commented that at the Budget/Management Committee meeting it was noted that test borings were done to ensure that all of the contaminants have been identified for removal.

Councilor Kay asked about the proposed storage facility. Mr. Gabriel stated it is still in discussion as to whether that this is needed. He noted that the cost is based on the public bidding process.

Councilor Kay asked about trash barrels. Mr. Costello stated that the barrels are going to be more than just simple barrels.

Councilor Leary asked how many parking spots there are. Mr. Costello stated that there are currently about 10 spaces. When the renovations are completed, there will be 15 spaces and one handicapped spot. The main parking at Great Esker will be repaved and access could be gained from this point also.

President Smart asked about the detention basin. Mr. Costello stated that this is for water run off. It will be a grass swale a foot or two deep. It is not intended to be a pond; it is intended to slow down the water running off from the parking lot area. Mr. Costello stated that there is a fairly large structured drainage system present; there are catch basins and a 24- inch pipe which runs through left field and through the esker to the Back River side where it drains.

President Smart asked if there would be a fence surrounding the basin. Mr. Costello stated that there would not be a need for fencing.

President Smart asked about the trucks removing the contaminated soil and bringing in the clean fill. To remove 1300 cubic yard there will be approximately 60 truck trips needed as well as clean fill trucked in. This would amount to an average of 2-4 trips per day.

There was no public comment.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to CLOSE the Public Hearing on item number 06 158 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Budget Management Committee – Chairman DiFazio**

**06 158-Bond Authorization for Extraordinary Repairs for Parks and Playgrounds**

This item was referred on 11/20/06. The Committee met on 12/4/06. This item was published on 11/24/06. A Public Hearing was held on 12/4/06. The committee voted unanimously to recommend favorable action.

There will be no financial impact for FY 07. The financial impact for FY 08 will be \$65,000 and the financial impact for FY 09 and on will be \$125,000:

That the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300,000 for the purpose of construction or reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to town- owned outdoor recreational and athletic facilities and other site improvements incidental or directly relating to such construction, reconstruction or repair including equipment.

To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,300,000 in accord with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44.

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to APPROVE item number 06 158 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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