

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Hall Council Chambers
December 15, 2008

Present: Michael Smart, President
Arthur Mathews, Vice President
Robert Conlon
Ed Harrington
Thomas J. Lacey
Brian McDonald
Michael Molisse
Patrick O'Connor
Victor Pap

Not Present: Kenneth DiFazio
Kevin Whitaker
Franklin Fryer

Also Present: Maureen Duffy, Auditor
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Susan Kay, Mayor
Kathy Deree, Assistant Town Clerk

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

President Smart called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. He noted that Councilor Whitaker called him to say that he had a prior commitment this evening. Additionally, Councilor DiFazio was not able to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Ed Harrington announced that as he is approaching the end of his first year in office, he wanted to extend his gratitude to the following individuals: fellow Councilors, Council President Smart, Mayor Kay, Jim Wilson, George Lane, Richard Marino, Jeff Richards, Jim Clarke, Georgy Bezkorovainy, Rod Fuqua, and Diane Hachey. He sends his well wishes for a happy holiday season to all constituents in District Five.

Council President Smart acknowledged the passing of Shirley Bicknell -Wight, who served as past Assistant Town Treasurer and was a long time dedicated employee of the Town of Weymouth. A moment of silence was recognized in Ms. Bicknell- White's honor.

Citation Issuance to 2008 Weymouth High Schools Girls Soccer Team

-Mayor Susan Kay

-President Michael Smart and Councilor Michael Molisse

Councilor Michael Molisse delivered a citation on behalf of the Town Council, recognizing their hard work, sportsmanship and attainment of the Division One South Sectional Champion title for the Girls Soccer Team.

Mayor Kay delivered a citation to the Girls Soccer Team as well, and mentioned each player and coach by name as the team stood for the citation presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Council Meeting Minutes of 11/17/08

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on the Town Council Meeting Minutes of 11/17/08, motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor, unanimously voted.

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of 11/25/08

Councilor Mathews motioned for favorable action on the Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of 11/25/08, motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor, unanimously voted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget Management Committee- Chairman Ken DiFazio

08 142- Appointment to the Clerk of the Council-Franklin Fryer

Councilor Patrick O'Connor (as Vice-Chairman of the Budget/Management Committee) reported that the Committee voted favorable action on measure number 08 142, seconded by Councilor Mathews and unanimously voted.

Public Safety Committee-Chairman Patrick O'Connor

Speeding Issues on Front Street

Chairman O'Connor reported that the Public Safety Committee met on November 25, 2008, and heard from ten residents of the Front Street area (30 residents were in attendance) regarding excessive speeding on Front Street. Resultant from this meeting, he developed two letters, one to Administration and one to Weymouth Honda. The correspondence to Administration requested the following:

The traffic engineer to conduct a study to investigate the possibility of installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Front and Federal Streets

The traffic engineer to determine if proper signage is being displayed

The traffic engineer to conduct a study to determine possible measures to be taken to deter drivers from excessive speeding

Provide data to the Public Safety Committee (reflective of the past 2 years) regarding speeding ticket issuance, instances of radar monitoring and reported accident history

Provide additional police presence in said area in order to enforce speed limits

Councilor O'Connor commended the Police Department for their increased presence in this area, as he personally has noticed stepped-up monitoring efforts.

Additionally, a letter was forwarded to Weymouth Honda requesting that they cease traveling on Front Street- as they are in violation of the posted 2 ½ ton limitation. Further, it was requested of Weymouth Honda to cease carrier use of the back entrance to load and unload vehicles, and consider an alternative utilizing the Main Street entrance. A request to cease test driving of cars on Front Street was also made to Weymouth Honda.

Councilor O'Connor expressed his appreciation to all attendees and looks forward to ongoing meetings in an effort to resolve this situation.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Motion to Carry-Over Outstanding 2008 Measures/Issue to 2009 **-Councilor Arthur Mathews**

Councilor Mathews motioned to carry- over outstanding calendar year 2008 measures to calendar year 2009 as follows:

***08 095-Proposed Ordinance Tenant Identification**

This item was referred to the Ordinance Committee on 6/16/08, the Committee met on 10/6/08 and voted to continue. Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor, and voted unanimously.

Councilor Mathews motioned to carry-over to calendar year 2008 issues to calendar year 2009 as follows:

***Gas prices-Buyer Beware**

This issue was referred to the Ordinance Committee on 9/2/08, the Committee

met on 10/6/08 and voted to continue. Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor and voted unanimously.

***Expanding Bus Routes**

This issue was referred to the Economic Development Committee on 3/5/07, the Committee met on 8/20/08 and voted to continue. Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor and voted unanimously.

***Revitalization of North Weymouth**

The Economic Development Committee discussed this issue and voted to continue. Motion seconded by Councilor O'Connor and voted unanimously.

Council President Smart extended his well wishes for Happy Holidays and a safe New Year to all.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 PM, there being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Mathews, seconded by Councilor O'Connor and unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted: Diane T. Hachey

Approved by: _____
Michael Smart, Council President