

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Town Hall Council Chambers
December 17, 2007

Present: Michael Smart, President
Jack Carey
Ed Harrington
Sue Kay
Arthur E. Mathews
Patrick O'Connor
Greg Shanahan
Kevin Whitaker

Not Present: Kenneth J. DiFazio
Thomas J. Lacey
Michael Molisse

Also Present: Maureen Duffy, Town Auditor
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

Council President Smart stated that Mr. Lacey, Mr. Molisse, and Mr. DiFazio had each called him and informed him that they would not be able to attend this evening's meeting.

Councilor Mathews stated that the East Weymouth Neighborhood Association meeting from 12/13/07 which was cancelled has been re-scheduled to 1/24/07 at 7pm.

Councilor Harrington announced that the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on 1/9/07 regarding the proposal for a Dunkin Donuts with a drive thru on Columbian Street at the intersection of Forest Street.

Councilor Carey announced that on 1/1/08 the frozen Wildcat event will be held to raise money for the WHS. The event will take place at the Wessagusset Yacht Club.

Councilor Kay announced that the Mayoral inauguration and swearing in ceremony will be held on 1/2/08. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Recognition of Outgoing Councilors

-Councilor Sue Kay
-Councilor Greg Shanahan

-Councilor Jack Carey

Council President Smart recognized each out-going councilor with a citation and plaque. He noted that the Council will recognize the contributions of the late Councilor Paul J. Leary in January.

Councilor O'Connor recognized each out-going councilor on behalf of Senator Robert Hedlund and presented them each with a citation.

MINUTES

Budget/Management Committee Meeting- 12/3/07

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to ACCEPT the minutes from 12/3/07 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget Management Committee – Chairman Whitaker

07 140-Reserve Fund Transfer-Conservation Fund

This item was referred on 12/3/07. The Committee met on 12/17/07. The committee voted unanimously to recommend favorable action.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to APPROVE item number 07 140 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 141-Reserve Fund Transfer-Transitional Audit

This item was referred on 12/3/07. The Committee met on 12/17/07. The committee voted unanimously to recommend favorable action.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Whitaker to APPROVE item number 07 141 and was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Motion to Carry-Over Outstanding 2007 Measures/Issues to 2008

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to CARRY-OVER outstanding 2007 Measures to 2008 as follows:

- **07 130**-Proposed ordinance change to Chapter 16/Section 1300-Sex Offender Registry -referred to the Ordinance Committee on 9/24/07
- **07 131**-Proposed ordinance change to Section 3-326-Community Preservation Committee -referred to Ordinance Committee on 10/1/07
- **07 135**-National Grid Pole Relocation-Samoset Street-petition returned to National Grid on 10/26/07 as it was out of order- they are resubmitting
- **07 054**-Great Pond Water Treatment Plant Decommissioning Borrowing Request - **possible** logistical issues which may require re-voting

The MOTION was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to CARRY-OVER to calendar year 2008 outstanding issues as follows:

- Curbside Residential trash issues-880 Broad Street-referred to PW on 11/13/07
- Signature drive-Legion Field drainage issues –referred to PW on 11/13/07
- Notice from utility companies prior to work commencement-referred jointly to PW and Ordinance on 9/24/07
- Expanding Bus Routes-referred to Economic Development on 3/5/07
- Elder Abuse-referred to Seniors Committee on 3/5/07

The MOTION was seconded by Councilor O'Connor and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50pm there being no further business, Councilor Mathews MOTIONED to adjourn and Councilor Mathews seconded and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Michael Smart, President