

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 21, 2007**

Present: Arthur Mathews, Chairperson
Greg Shanahan
Sue Kay
Michael Smart
Thomas J. Lacey

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairperson Mathews called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:18pm.

Councilor Mathews stated that three (3) votes will need to be taken as follows:

- 1) Acceptance for the street layout
- 2) Granting of Waivers
 - 8-404 section A - petition to be filed
 - 8-404 section B – minimum width; exception
 - 8-404 section C – compliance with specifications required
 - 8-404 section D – compliance with state law required; releases by property owners
 - 8-404 section E, subsections 1, 2, and 3 – plan and profile required; street specifications
- 3) Adoption of order of taking is for making each street a public way

07 015-Street Acceptance-Alma Circle

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 015 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 015 for waivers of 8-404 A, D, and E.1, and 2, and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 015 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart.

Solicitor Lane noted that the order of takings require that two copies are signed by each councilor.

The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 016-Street Acceptance-Lester Lane

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 016 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 016 for waivers of 8-404 A, D, and E.1, and 2, and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 016 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 017-Street Acceptance-Bayberry Lane

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 017 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 017 for waivers of 8-404 A, C, D, E.1, 2, and 3, and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 017 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 018-Street Acceptance-Beverly Court

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 018 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 018 for waivers of 8-404 A, D, E.1, 2, and 3, and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 018 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 019-Street Acceptance-Blueberry Place

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 019 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 019 for waivers of 8-404 A, D, E.1, 2, and 3, and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 019 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 020-Street Acceptance-Blueberry Street

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 020 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 020 for waivers from 8-404 section, a, d, and section e subsection 1, 2, and 3 and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 020 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 021-Street Acceptance-Caldwell Street

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 021 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 021 for waivers from 8-404 section, a, b, d, and section e subsection 1, 2, and 3 and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 021 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

07 022-Street Acceptance-Cavern Knoll Way

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 022 for acceptance of street layout and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 022 for waivers from 8-404 section, a, c, b, d, and section e subsection 1, 2, and 3 and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to recommend FAVORABLE ACTION on item number 07 022 for the adoption of the order of taking and was seconded by Councilor Smart and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Update on Recycling Efforts

Mr. O'Connor gave a brief update on recycling efforts in the town. He stated that he has met with Mr. Bob Bowker on numerous occasions. Mr. Bowker had spoken before the Council several months ago. Mr. O'Connor noted that many good ideas were suggested but he noted that implementation is not always a simple process.

Mr. O'Connor stated that a recycling flyer will be mailed out on July 1, 2007 to inform residents about these recycling efforts.

Councilor Smart noted that large cardboard boxes are not always taken by Waste Management. Mr. O'Connor noted that the maximum size is 3 foot by 3 foot.

Councilor Kay stated that the issue of picking up cardboard is a problem in other communities as well. She noted that a regional effort of enforcement is under consideration.

Union Street and Union Circle/Drainage and Flooding Issues

Councilor Mathews stated that a list of questions from Mr. Clancy of Union Circle, was made available to Mr. O'Connor today. Mr. O'Connor requested time to review the list. Councilor Mathews noted that this item will be continued.

Councilor Smart stated that this issue is under review. He noted that DPW has been to the Clancy property a number of times and as recently as today.

Councilor Smart stated that the nearby stream is usually only 3-4 feet wide but has widened with the recent rains. The question remains as to who is responsible for keeping this stream cleaned out.

Councilor Kay asked where the stream originated from. Councilor Smart suggested that the catch basin at Union Circle contributes to this issue.

Councilor Mathews stated that he is a member of the CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station . He noted that he believes that increased water runoff from the airbase may be contributing to the problem. He suggested that Mr. O'Connor contact Mr. Fancher at South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation. He also suggested that the list of questions generated by Mr. Clancy, be forwarded to Mr. Fancher.

Councilor Lacey asked who owns the pipe. Mr. O'Connor noted that the pipe is privately owned, not owned by the town. Union Circle is a private way.

Mr. O'Connor noted that Conservation Commission review will be required with any remedy as the area is wetlands.

Mr. Clancy thanked the Council for taking the time to review his concerns. He showed a map to the Committee regarding the placement of a discharge hose pipe. Councilor Mathews noted that it was not likely that the Navy would have allowed a discharge hose to empty onto the base land.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to CONTINUE discussion on Union Street/Union Circle and was seconded by Councilor Smart and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:12 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Kay to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Smart and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Arthur E. Mathews, Chairperson