

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
January 22, 2019, Tuesday

Present: Michael Smart, President
Arthur Mathews, Vice President
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. President Smart invited the scouts from Troop 19 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present.

MINUTES

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Public Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Public Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

19 004-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Catherine Bevans

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth appoint Catherine Bevans of 28 Aspinwall Avenue to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2021

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 04 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 005-Appointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Ronald Rizzo

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth appoint Ronald Rizzo of 164 Pearl Street to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on June 30, 2022

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 005 to the Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 006-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Casey Tocchio

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth appoint Casey Tocchio of 209 Green Street to the Community Events Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2022

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 006 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 007-Reserve Fund Transfer for Unpaid Bills

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$4,979.75 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills:

Unpaid Bill	Department	Amount
Mass. Bay Electric	Police	\$1,019.75
Mass. Bay Electric	Police	\$570.00
Mass. Bay Electric	Police	\$2,154.00
Mass. Bay Electric	Police	\$1,236.00
Total		\$4,979.75

Furthermore, that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to pay such bills.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 007 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 008-Feasibility Study for the Construction of the New Chapman Middle School

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth appropriate an additional \$12,415 for the purpose of paying costs associated with the feasibility study for the construction or reconstruction of a new middle school to replace the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School at 1051 Commercial Street, Weymouth MA 02189, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee.

To meet this appropriation, the Weymouth Town Council approves the expenditure of said amount from Fund 5218 (Chapman Feasibility Study Fund). The Town of Weymouth acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Weymouth incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the town.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 008 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 009-CPA Preservation of Select Library Items

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$35,311 from the Historic Preservation Reserved Fund Balance for conservation and preservation of five busts and the Town’s mishoon (canoe) from the Weymouth Public Libraries Historical Collections.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 009 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 010-CPA Matching Fund for Commonwealth Trails Program

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$77,482 from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance account for matching funds necessary to secure a \$50,000 reimbursable grant from the Commonwealth’s Recreational Trails program, to enhance public access and link existing trails along the Back River.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 010 to the Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 011-Water Retained Earnings GPWTP Emergency Filter Bed Repairs

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,932,031.84 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Great Pond Water Treatment Plant Emergency Filter Bed Repairs.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 011 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 012-GND Realty Trust TIF Agreement

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor That the Town Council approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between the Town of Weymouth and GND Realty Trust.

A draft version of the TIF agreement is attached. A final version shall be circulated at the conclusion of negotiations between the Town and GND Realty Trust.
This TIF agreement is proposed in conjunction with a Local Incentive Only Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) Application to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) through the Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 012 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Michael Molisse

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on January 22, 2019 to deliberate the following measure (The committee only referred out on one item; Patriot Ledger advertisements did not run on the other two items).

19 002-Reserve Fund Transfer-Unpaid Bills

This matter was referred to the committee on January 7, 2019. The Committee met on January 22, 2019 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 002; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$75,922 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Originated</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
M16P095052:001	20150390503309	2015	\$ 29,946.77	\$ 15,000.00
M16SB93881:001	20150390503311	2015	\$ 7,329.18	\$ 7,329.00
M15P092112:001	20150390503387	2015	\$ 25,231.73	\$ 15,000.00

M16GL97555:001	20160390503308	2016	\$	22,558.36	\$	10,000.00
M16P096000:001	20160390503310	2016	\$	3,441.50	\$	3,442.00
M17P099016:0001	20160390503313	2016	\$	108,625.80	\$	15,000.00
M17SB793171:0001	20160390503314	2016	\$	790.50	\$	791.00
M18GL897700:0001	20170390503315	2017	\$	9,359.92	\$	9,360.00
					\$	75,922.00

Furthermore, that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized to pay such bills.

The motion was seconded by Vice President Mathews.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ordinance Committee-Chairman Kenneth DiFazio

Councilor DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met on January 14, 2019 to deliberate the following measure:

18 126-Measure Amending the Annual Salary of Various Elected and Appointed Officials

This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee on November 13, 2018. The committee met on December 10, 2018 and January 14, 2019 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for unfavorable action. Information was obtained from the administration, the Town Auditor and the chair of the school committee. A public hearing was held on January 7, 2018. The measure increases staff salary or stipends as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 2-201 of chapter 2 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure "110,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$128,000
- SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 2-301 of chapter 2 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$7,500" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$8,725
- SECTION 3. Subsection (c) of section 2-301 of chapter 2 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$8,500" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$9,900
- SECTION 4. Subsection (c) of section 2-301 of chapter 2 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$9,500" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$11,000
- SECTION 5. Subsection (4) of section 2-401 of chapter 2 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure "\$3,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$3,500

- SECTION 6. Subsection (4) of section 2-401 of chapter 2 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$4,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$4,650
- SECTION 7. Subsection (d) of section 3-201 of chapter 3 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$1,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$1,750
- SECTION 8. Subsection (d) of section 3-201 of chapter 3 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$1,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$1,750
- SECTION 9. Subsection (d) of section 3-202 of chapter 3 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$1,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$1,750
- SECTION 10. Subsection (d) of section 3-202 of chapter 3 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$1,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$1,750
- SECTION 11. Subsection (c) of section 3-206 of chapter 3 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$1,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$1,750
- SECTION 12. Subsection (c) of section 3-212- of chapter 3 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$1,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$1,750
- SECTION 13. Subsection (c) of section 3-217 of chapter 3 of the Town of Weymouth Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out the figure “\$1,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: - \$1,750
- SECTION 14. This measure shall take effect upon the organization of the town government following the next biennial town election, which is expected to occur on the first business day of January following the next biennial town election, or Thursday, January 2, 2020.

The total impact is about \$42,075 yearly or approximately a 16% increase across the board. The committee met on January 14, 2019. Following deliberation, a motion was made to split the question, which failed. A subsequent motion was made to take no action until the administration presents the FY19 budget, which was substituted with a motion to vote down the measure. The committee voted 3-2 to deny the entire motion.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee a motion was made by Councilor DiFazio for unfavorable action on the measure. A substitute motion was made by Councilor Hackett to lay the measure on the table and was seconded by Councilor Harrington. Vote passed 10-1 (President Smart- NO).

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019.

At 7:49 PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ATTACHMENTS:

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 4 February 2019