

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 1, 2018, Monday

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: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Owen MacDonald-Traffic Engineer
Robert Luongo, Planning Director

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Heffernan announced the Health Department will hold Flu Clinics on October 2, 2018 and October 16, 2018 and at the Great Pumpkin Give-a-Wey.

Councilor Heffernan announced early voting hours during business hours open to all voters from October 22, 2018 to November 2, 2018 at Town Hall.

Councilor Hackett announced the change in library hours, effective December 1, 2018 at all branches, as a result of the construction of the Tufts Library. All fees and fines for overdue materials have been waived effective October 1, 2018. Hours of operation for each branch are listed on the town's website.

Councilor Haugh announced William P. O'Donnell, Registrar of Deeds will hold office hours at the Town Hall on October 11, 2018 for residents with issues regarding deed matters.

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting of September 10, 2018

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

District Two Councilor Search Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 District Two Search Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

District Two Councilor Search Committee Meeting Minutes (Executive Session) of September 5, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to table the minutes of the September 5, 2018 District Two Councilor Search Committee meeting-executive session and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

District Two Councilor Search Committee Meeting Minutes (Executive Session) of September 12, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to table the minutes of the September 12, 2018 District Two Councilor Search Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

18 111- Community Preservation Committee-Study for Smelt Brook at Weymouth Landing

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on 18 111 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. This was published on September 21, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Planning Director Luongo, Michael Ricciardi, former commissioner of WBR CDC (Weymouth/Braintree Recreation Conservation District Commission) and the Pond Meadow Park Supervisor Sean Cleaves presented the measure. Funding is sought to match a grant from the Army Corps of Engineers, which built a bypass and dam at Pond Meadow. This leverages resources from both towns to restore a mile of habitat from the Landing (off Brookside Road) to Pond Meadow Park. To complete this phase, the towns must come up with \$65,500 each. CPA has approved, and it is contingent on Braintree's Town Council approval. (Braintree CPA has voted it also)

President Smart reported that the Budget/Management Committee reviewed the matter in their earlier meeting.

Council President Smart asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on 18 111 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 113-Traffic Regulations-Pingree School Vicinity Associated with New Driveway Access-Egress Pattern

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on 18 113 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. This was published on September 21, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Owen MacDonald reviewed the proposed regulations surrounding the Pingree School on Commercial Street outside of Jackson Square. He reviewed on the map that recent reconstruction was completed to facilitate crossing to access the school, by MassDOT and with federal funding. A number of regulations were required. This was brought forward by the school department to improve the traffic pattern from the school, to allow for one-way entrance to drop off and exiting from the drive onto Commercial Street.

- 2 stop signs: Cottage at Commercial/ Commercial
- school zone- 20mph during time children walking to and from. 200' N to a point S of cottage. Beacons in place now that flash.
- Crosswalk across Commercial Street. Rectangular flashing beacons
- Where sidewalk widened- prohibit left turn from Commercial to Cottage between morning and afternoon hours-to facilitate smooth flow of traffic
- Left turn from Pingree driveway prohibited
- Do not enter Pingree school driveway between 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:30 -3:30 PM (during Ordinance Committee's review, it was brought up that it did not include the Pingree early release times (Kindergarten hours).

Councilor DiFazio noted that if a bus pulls out, it can't take a left or a turn onto Cottage- they would all have to make a right hand turn down Commercial. Mr. MacDonald suggested that perhaps busses should be exempted.

Councilor Happel noted his concern that people would use Immaculate Conception as a cut through. Mr. McDonald noted the former school has been privatized. He suggested Madison Street is the intended route.

Councilor Molisse also noted his concern with traffic taking Madison or Filomena and that many of those streets are too narrow for bus traffic.

President Smart reported that most of these questions were asked in committee, and they will ask for comments from the Pingree administration and parent body at the next meeting of the Ordinance Committee. This is a small, complicated area with a lot of signage and they need additional information.

Councilor Haugh also asked how much traffic this involves- last year the school housed 193 students, and she noted she would want to hear from the parent council that they support the changes. Councilor Heffernan echoed her request.

Council President Smart asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A MOTION was made by Councilor DiFazio to continue the public hearing on 18 113 to October 15, 2018 for further clarification and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 114-Traffic Regulations-Jackson Square Parking Restrictions

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on 18 114 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. This was published on September 21, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. MacDonald reviewed the measure with a map. The Mayor's office received a concern from a business owner on the east side whose patrons are having difficulty parking at her establishment because there is no restriction on this side. Time limit is 2-hour parking along Broad Street and along the west side of Commercial. The east side from Jackson Square has a church with daytime education tenants. Their parking lot is inadequate for the employees of the church facilities, so they park along the unrestricted section across the street and in front of the proponent's business. The request is for 3-hour parking servicing the side of the street. In committee, a concern was expressed that restrictions should be uniform; the balance of the area is 2-hours (including the municipal lot).

Council President Smart asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to continue the public hearing on 18 114 to the October 15, 2018 meeting and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. Councilor DiFazio asked the administration to contact the proponent to further discuss the consistency in restrictions. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

OLD BUSINESS

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

18 119-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Jaimie Lane

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Jaimie Lane of 28 Wadsworth to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 119 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 120-Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Michele Connaire

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Michele Connaire of 28 Richmond Street, Apt. 1 to the Community Events Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 120 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 121- Appointment to the Community Events Committee-Karyn O'Neil

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Karyn O'Neil of 16 Columbian Street to the Community Events Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 121 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor . UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

President Smart pointed out a typo on the agenda - an item was duplicated in the Ordinance Committee report.

Ordinance Committee-Chairman Kenneth DiFazio

Councilor DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met on October 1, 2018 to deliberate the following measures:

18 112-Traffic Regulations-Legion Field Vicinity

This matter was referred to the committee on July 30, 2018. The committee met on October 1, 2018 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on September 10, 2018.

On behalf of the committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to Approve item 18 112; that the Town of Weymouth, through the Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, section 13-103(b), Section 13-103(d), Section 13-104(a), authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Parking Restricted

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Regulation Type</u>
Commercial Street	Northeast	Between Genevieve Road and Mount Vernon Road East	No Parking Any Time
Commercial Street	Southwest	Legion Memorial Field Driveway Entrance to a	No Parking Any Time

Middle Street	West	point 20 feet South of Gilbert Road	No Parking Any Time
Legion Memorial Field	N.A.	All	2 Hour Parking, 7 AM to 12 Noon, Monday through Friday, Except Holidays
Parking Lot			

and was seconded by Vice President Mathews UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 113-Traffic Regulations-Pingree School Vicinity Associated with New Driveway Access-Egress Pattern

This matter was referred to the committee on September 10, 2018. A public hearing was held on October 1, 2018 and was continued to October 15, 2018.

18 114-Traffic Regulations-Jackson Square Parking Restrictions

This matter was referred to the Committee on September 10, 2018. A public hearing was held on October 1, 2018 and was continued to October 15, 2018.

Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Michael Molisse

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on October 1, 2018 to deliberate the following measure:

18 111-Community Preservation Committee-Study for Smelt Brook at Weymouth Landing

This matter was referred to the committee on September 10, 2018. The committee met on October 1, 2018 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on October 1, 2018.

On behalf of the committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 18 111; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate \$65,500 for the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District Commission (WBRRCDC) to be the sponsor for the Army Corps of Engineers to perform a feasibility study to restore the Smelt Brook upstream of Weymouth Landing as follows: \$218.95 from the Community Preservation fund balance reserve for open space and \$65,281.05 from the Community Preservation unreserved fund balance contingent upon the WBRRCDC obtaining a written commitment from the Army Corps of Engineers to fund 75% of actual construction costs and the Town of Braintree's CPC's commitment to funding their share of the feasibility study. Motion was seconded by Vice President Mathews UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEW BUSINESS

18 118-Call of the State Election on November 6, 2018-action requested under 2-9(b) - Vice President Arthur Mathews

A Motion was made by Vice President Mathews to consider 18 118 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve 18-118:

In the name of the Commonwealth, the Town of Weymouth is hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the state primary election to vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018.

At 8:13 PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council.

Approved unanimously on 15 October 2018