

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 15, 2018, Monday

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

Absent: Ed Harrington, 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. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President Smart reported that Councilor Harrington was absent due to family commitment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tribute to District Two Councilor Thomas J. Lacey

- Council President Michael Smart and Councilor Michael Molisse**
- Mayor Robert Hedlund**
- Senator Patrick O'Connor**
- Representative James Murphy**
- Representative Ronald Mariano**

President Smart invited Councilor Molisse to assist with the presentation. He introduced the dignitaries in attendance. Councilor Molisse made initial remarks. President Smart made additional remarks. He thanked Mr. Lacey for his work on behalf of the town and his dedication. He presented him with a Weymouth tile. Ted Langill presented a citation on behalf of the Mayor. Rep. James Murphy presented a citation on behalf of both his office and Rep. Mariano from the House of Representatives. Senator O'Connor's Chief of Staff, Gregory Denton, presented a citation on behalf of Senator O'Connor. He read a resolution into the record in the Senate today and read it to Mr. Lacey. Mr. Lacey thanked the people present and apologized for his abrupt departure from the Council. He appreciated the support for the work done to replace him. He thanked the staff and first responders present and the residents for their support and encouragement; particularly in District 2. He noted he was proud to have been a part of the Council and the transition from a town form of government. He thanked the Lacey Committee and was grateful to have his family on board, including his wife Michele and his children. He was given a standing ovation from the Council and audience.

Each of the Councilors made departing remarks. Council Vice President Mathews recalled Mr. Lacey was President when he was elected and Mr. Lacey welcomed him and built a relationship with him based on

good communication.

Councilor McDonald noted he was also on board since the transition in government, and Mr. Lacey's efforts made it appear seamless.

Councilor Haugh noted that Mr. Lacey was her unofficial mentor with his professionalism and tact. She noted that she sincerely appreciated his support and guidance.

Councilor Hackett noted the sacrifices Mr. Lacey made to be in public office and that these were truly appreciated and he is a tremendous example of how a Councilor should be. He was visible in the community and informed of the issues and protected his family, fiercely. He was her example when she ran for public office.

Councilor Heffernan noted that he has only been on the Council a short time and Mr. Lacey was generous with his assistance in the transition. He explained things in manageable form and set a great example. His legacy will live on in the contributions he made.

Councilor Happel noted Mr. Lacey was the first person on the Council to offer him assistance when he was elected. He wished him good luck and thanked him for his service.

Councilor Kiely noted she has big shoes to fill as Councilor for District 2. She noted they worked together on many issues and she appreciated Mr. Lacey's help in the transition.

Councilor DiFazio noted that during the eighteen years Mr. Lacey served, there wasn't a lot of turnover on the Council; it's a tribute to one of the best Councilors Weymouth has had. Mr. Lacey is independent, compassionate and smart and it was a pleasure to have served with him.

President Smart announced a series of outreach meetings from the Chapman School building Committee:

- 10/18 - Weymouth School Committee
- 11/14 - WHS Parent Conferences
- 11/15 Adams Middle School Library
- 11/27 Chapman School Entry
- 12/17 Weymouth Town Council
- additional by request to the Mayor's office from town groups/organizations

Councilor McDonald announced the recent passing of former DPW Director Joseph Mazzotta and a moment of silence was observed.

MINUTES

(Revised) District Two Councilor Search Committee Meeting Minutes (Executive Session) of September 5, 2018-tabled from October 1, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to take the minutes of the September 5, 2018 District Two Councilor Search Committee meeting (Executive Session) off the table and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

(Revised) District Two Councilor Search Committee Meeting Minutes (Executive Session) of September 12, 2018-tabled from October 1, 2018

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

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

Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2018

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

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

18 113- Traffic Regulations-Pingree School Vicinity Associated with New Driveway Access-Egress Pattern, Continued from October 1, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to reopen the public hearing on 18 113 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. This was published on September 2, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Smart reported that there were revisions made as a result of discussions that included circulation changes. Principal Guilfoyle was unable to be present, and submitted her comments in a memo. He asked Traffic Engineer MacDonald to review the changes:

- School zone- speed limit - flashing lights, designated times and days
- Restricted turning movements- No Left from drive (except busses)
- Driveway and commercial street- designated times
- Do Not Enter (school drive) - except busses
- Times changed to 8:45-9:15 and 3:15-3:30

President Smart noted these are highlights; the measure was vetted in committee earlier.

Council President Smart asked if there were any comments from the public. The following were comments from the public:

Tom Conklin, Board of Trustees of the Jackson Place Condos (whose comments actually pertained to the next measure) regarding the parking in front of 1286 and 1306- often times partially blocked. Autos are parked abutting the driveway and obstruct the view coming out of the driveway. He read comments on behalf of Amy Geary requesting six-foot parking restrictions on either side of the drive. President Smart noted the comments will be taken into consideration at the next public hearing item.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on 18 113 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 114-Traffic Regulations-Jackson Square Parking Restriction, Continued from October 1, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to reopen the public hearing on 18 114 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. This was continued from October 1, 2018 and was published on September 2, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Smart noted that following the initial public hearing, some revisions were made later in the week; to impose restricted 3-hour parking in the area immediately to the right. This is not uniform with the remainder of Jackson Square, including the municipal parking lot. The administration discussed it with the proponent, who is amenable to a revised 2-hour restriction. The police department has not provided comments regarding this restriction or enforcement ability and if it needs to be further discussed it will. The letter is to be handled as a separate action item from this measure. If they deem a need to amend it then, they will.

Council President Smart asked if there were any comments from the public. To which this was the response:

Gregory Affsa, local business owner noted he was present on behalf of local businesses. He noted that his concern is with restricting parking spaces and the effect on local smaller business.

Chair DiFazio noted the alternative would be to have no parking between curb and hydrant-it amounts to one less parking space. There appears to be enough room and line of sight to the left.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on 18 114 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Smart noted that the matters brought up by both speakers will be taken up as a separate issue.

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

18 122 Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee -Stephen White

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Stephen White of 166 Lake Shore Drive to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 122 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 123 Reserve Fund Transfer-Daylighting of the Smelt Brook in Weymouth Landing

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$275,000 from the reserve fund for the purpose of funding costs associated with the daylighting of the Smelt Brook in Weymouth Landing

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 123 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Ordinance Committee-Chairman Kenneth DiFazio

Councilor DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met on October 15, 2018 to deliberate the following measures:

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

This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee on September 10, 2018. The committee met on October 1, 2018 and on October 15, 2018 voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on October 1, 2018 and was continued to October 15, 2018.

On behalf of the committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to Approve item 18 113 as amended; that the Town of Weymouth, through the Town Council, pursuant to GL Ch. 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-102(l) and (aa), and 13-104(a), authorize the erection of signs, signals and markings regulating motor vehicle and pedestrian movement as follows:

Stop		
Street	Intersecting	Direction
Cottage Street	Commercial Street	Eastbound
Pingree School Driveway	Commercial Street	Westbound

School Zone, Speed Limit 20 Miles per Hour		
Street	Location	Hours
Commercial Street	Between points 200 feet north of Cottage Street and 350 feet south of Cottage Street	8:20 AM to 9:20 AM and 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM Monday through Friday, Except holidays, Sept. 1 through June 30
Cottage Street	Between Commercial Street and a point 80 feet west of Commercial Street	8:20 AM to 9:20 AM and 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM Monday through Friday, Except holidays, Sept. 1 through June 30

Crosswalk	
Street Crossing	Location
Commercial Street	South Side of Pingree School Driveway Intersection

Restricted Turning Maneuvers			
Location	Direction	Restriction	Time
Commercial Street at Cottage Street	Northbound	Left Turn Prohibited	8:45 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, Except Holidays, September 1 through June 30
Pingree School	Westbound	Left Turn Prohibited	8:45 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, Except Holidays, September 1 through June 30

Do Not Enter			
Street Not to be Entered	Direction	Intersecting Street	Times
Pingree School Driveway	Eastbound	Commercial Street	8:45 AM to 9:15 AM and 11:30 AM to 3:45 PM, Monday through Friday, Except Holidays, September 1 through June 30

and cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1-Appendix A under Schedule II, Restricted Turning

Maneuvers, and Schedule IV, Crosswalks, and under new headings, Schedule IX, Stop, Schedule X, School Zone and Schedule XI, Do Not Enter.

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

18 114-Traffic Regulations Jackson Square Parking

This matter was referred to the Ordinance committee on September 10, 2018. The Committee met on October 1, 2018 and on October 15, 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 and was continued to October 15, 2018.

On behalf of the Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to Approve measure 18 114, as amended; 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), and Section 13-104(a), authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Parking Restricted			
Street	Side	Location	Regulation Type
Commercial Street	East	Between points 200' north of Broad Street and 290' north of Broad Street	2 Hour Parking, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, except Sundays

and cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting motor Vehicles, Attachment 1-Appendix A under Schedule III, Parking Restricted. Motion was seconded by Vice President Mathews UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Michael Molisse

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on October 15, 2018 to deliberate the following measures:

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

This matter was referred to the committee on October 1, 2018. The committee met on October 15, 2018 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 18 119; 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. and was seconded by Vice President Mathews UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

This matter was referred to the Committee on October 1, 2018. The Committee met on October 15, 2018 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve measure 18 120; 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 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

This matter was referred to the Committee on October 1, 2018. The Committee met on October 15, 2018 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Committee, a Motion was made by Councilor Molisse to Approve measure 18 121; 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 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

At 8:43 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.
Voted unanimously on 13 November 2018