

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
November 13, 2018, Tuesday**

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

Absent: Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Lee Hultin, Asst. Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Robert Luongo, Director of Planning

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Assistant Town Clerk Hultin called the roll, with one member absent. President Smart reported that Councilor Hackett had a work commitment but may arrive later.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Haugh announced that in the summer of 2017, Governor Baker ordered a health impact assessment for the Fore River Basin area and last summer a committee was formed consisting of residents of Weymouth, Braintree, Quincy and Hingham. A series of meetings was held and the next community meeting will be held November 15, 2018 at 7 PM at Quincy High School. The information is also posted on the town website.

MINUTES

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

Ann Welch, 19 Hyde Street-Hyde Street Development Code Enforcement

Ms. Welch was invited to the table. She read a statement requesting action by the Town Council with regard to the development of certain properties by Ryder Development. She provided a packet of information to the Council for review. She reported that she had already brought the issue to the neighborhood association, her District Councilor, Councilor Kiely, and the Building Department.

Councilor DiFazio noted that he represents Ms. Welch's address, although Councilor Kiely represents the properties on the opposite side of the street. Further information will be required from the administration to review the matter. A motion was made by Councilor DiFazio to refer the issue to the Economic Development Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor Harrington, chair of the Economic Development Committee will schedule a meeting. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

18 124-FY19 Tax Classification

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth approve a classification tax rate shift of 1.45 for commercial, industrial, and personal property taxes with no residential exemption for fiscal year 2019.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 124 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 125-CPA Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the unreserved fund balance for the purpose of hiring a consultant to prepare the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan update

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 125 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor, that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, hereby amend the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, in the following manner:

- 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.

A Motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 126 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Vice President Mathews requests that the town auditor conduct research on this matter - UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 127- Establishment of Recreational Dog Park

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor, that the Town Council vote to approve the planning, construction, and maintenance of a “dog park” facility, to be located on a portion of “Pond Meadow” in the town of Braintree that is within the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District, said approval being required by Chapter 787 of the Acts of 1972, which established said district; and further, that the Mayor be authorized to enter into such agreements as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose of this motion.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 127 to the Public Parks and Recreation Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 128-Appointment to the Board of Health-Peter Butler

CFO Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Peter Butler of 42 Lincoln Street to the Board of Health for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A Motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 128 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 November 13, 2018 to deliberate the following measures:

18 122-Appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee-Stephen White

This matter was referred to the committee on October 15, 2018. The committee met on November 13, 2018 and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. White was invited to the table to review his interest and qualifications.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 18 122; 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, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on October 15, 2018. The committee met on November 13, 2018. A public hearing was held on October 15, 2018.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 18 123; 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. The motion was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2018.

At 7:57 PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 3 December 2018

