

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
February 20, 2018, Tuesday

Present: Michael Smart, President
Arthur Mathews, Vice President
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan
Thomas J. Lacey, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Absent: Rebecca Haugh, 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
Robert Hedlund, Mayor
Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner
Daniel McCormack, Health Director
Sandra Williams, Chair, Planning Board
George Berg, Vice Chair, Planning Board
B.D. Nayak, Planning Board
Ken Padula, Planning Board
Paul Rotondo, Planning Board

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathy Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President Smart reported that Councilor Haugh was not present because of a prior family commitment.

MINUTES

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A Motion was made by Vice President Mathews to take “Reports of Committees” out of order and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Michael Molisse

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on February 20, 2018 to deliberate the following measures:

18 004-Reappointment-Town Clerk-Kathleen Deree

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 5, 2018. The Committee met on February 20, 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 18 004; that the Town of Weymouth re-appoint Kathleen Deree of 409 Green Street, as Town Clerk for a term to expire on June 30, 2021 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 005-Reappointment-Assistant Town Clerk-Lee Hultin

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 5, 2018. The Committee met on 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 18 005; that the Town of Weymouth re-appoint Lee Hultin of 104 Mt. Vernon Road West, as Assistant Town Clerk for a term to expire on June 30, 2021 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 008-Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals-Paul Koch

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 5, 2018. The Committee met on and voted to forward to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. Koch was invited to the table. The measure reads as member; it is actually as an Alternate Member.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 18 008; that the Town of Weymouth appoint Paul Koch of 64 Browning Street, to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an Alternate Member, for a term to expire on June 30, 2020 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 003-General Fund Transfer for Construction Management Services for Complete Streets Improvements

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 16, 2018. The committee met on February 20, 2018 and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Nick Bulens presented the

measure. The contract will fund the engineering services for safety and accessibility upgrades throughout the streets in town. The original bid came in over and through guidance from MassDOT, they refined the specifications and the work was rebid. The final bid is for curb ramps and crosswalks surrounding 4 primary schools, the high school, and Queen Anne's Gate, a bus ramp at the most southern point of Weymouth, pedestrian-activated crosswalk beacons at Legion Field and Shaw's Plaza and ten permanently affixed speed signs throughout the town. Coordination will be managed for Green Services through a local match program.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 18 003; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$35,000 from the General Fund Reserve (11325201-573100) to Fund 0002 for the purpose of funding costs associated with the hiring of an engineering firm to provide construction management services for town-wide Complete Streets improvements.

The Complete Streets improvements will be funded from a \$386,643 state grant, awarded through the MassDOT's Complete Streets Funding Program.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Lacey. Vice President Mathews noted the measure addresses more speed controls than pedestrian crosswalks; he would like to see more pedestrian crosswalks in proximity to the schools. Mr. Bulens responded that the bid didn't allow for engineering services (which are more expensive). Crosswalks require more work (sidewalk ramps, etc.). They chose the projects that could be completed quickly. There are more on the list to be done. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17 127-Zoning Amendment to Create a Commercial Corridor Overlay District Joint with Planning Board

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on 17 127 and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. This was published on February 7 and Feb 14, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

On behalf of the Planning Board, a motion was made by George Berg to open the public hearing on 17 127 and was seconded by Paul Rotondo. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mayor Hedlund presented some brief comments with Eric Schneider. He noted that Weymouth's zoning is more restrictive zoning than its neighbors, essentially discouraging development. They looked at the corridors, targeted the stagnant areas. A comprehensive review by Planning hasn't been undertaken since the 1970's. Current zoning is not necessarily the highest and best use and the zoning does not reflect the current market place status. Restaurant zoning is more restrictive than neighbors, requiring more parking spaces per number of patrons. The proposed zoning does not single out a particular business, but includes one that has been the subject of many public safety calls. They are working with the current owner to see if it can be redeveloped. This is a carrot approach to spur interest. The process has been thoroughly vetted over two years by Planning and is transparent--with six public presentations. Much of the

information that the town disseminated is archived on the town's and WETC's sites for public view. There were leaflets distributed in one neighborhood with a lot of misinformation supplied.

Eric Schneider reviewed the latest redline version of the proposed zoning amendments in a Power Point presentation. It has been reviewed and revised twice in the Ordinance Committee. A copy will be available on the website.

Motivations

- Existing zoning out- of -date
- Rapidly changing retail market
- Lack of redevelopment
- Commercial vacancies
- Recognition of poor aesthetics
- Not getting highest and best use
- Listening to the market
- Inefficient land use leads to congestion
- Route 18 widening
- Current zoning contributing to these issues

Purpose and intent

- Promote economic development
- Provide broadest range of compatible commercial and residential uses
- Encourage re-use of existing buildings and lots
- Encourage consolidation of curb cuts
- Promote urban design consistent with Town's Economic Development, Planning and programmatic efforts
- Provide flexibility with regard to dimensional requirements

Map- proposed commercial corridors

- Washington Street
- Main Street
- Bridge Street and Columbian Street

Mr. Schneider noted that much thought went into the process and the residents' interests were considered.

What is wrong with Current Zoning?

- No residential permitted within B-1
- HT zoning encourages the transition of residential buildings for commercial use
- HT zoning very restrictive for height density, etc.
- Lot size requirements do not encourage the consolidation of lots and the existing configurations are not considered
- Parking ratios for restaurants are out of alignment with neighbors
- No design guidelines provided
- Very little use limitation

Additional Criteria

- Minimum lot size is 30,000
- Adequate for the proposal
- Use suitability
- Complies with town goals
- Impact on traffic and pedestrian flow, safety and access to emergency vehicles
- Impact on established residential areas – noise, lighting and traffic
- Extent to which plan promotes sustainable buildings
- Minimize adverse impact
- Driveway intersection to minimize congestion

Dimensional Requirements

- Maximum front yard setback
- Side setbacks
- Rear setbacks
- 20-ft. no- build and no-parking buffer if abutting residential use
- step up approach if abutting residential use

Density Coverage & Parking

- 120-25.18 Density
- 120-25.19 Coverage
- 120-25.20 Required Parking

Building Orientation, Open Facades, and Screening

- face abutting streets and sidewalks with entrances from sidewalk
- accessible primary pedestrian entrance face abutting street
- building walls facing street present active façade- windows, doors, columns, changes in materials, modulation of façade and similar details to add visual interest
- parking for ground level, not residential use
- above ground parking- fronting public way includes façade details
- dumpsters mechanical equipment and loading docks screened

Billboard Relocation Overlay District

- Established to provide for removal and relocation of pre-existing and overall reduction
- Limited to portions of properties along Rt. 3
- No more than 3 electronic billboards
- Billboards and related facilities and structures must be within the district

Council President Smart reported that the measure is still in committee and it is a working document. The public hearing will be continued to March 5, 2018.

Councilor Heffernan asked to elaborate on billboard location and asked if the town will retain some control of billboard content. Mayor Hedlund responded that it will be codified within an agreement that covers acceptable subject matter, and allows for a percent of hours during the year for community announcements.

Councilor DiFazio summarized the objective of the overlay zoning for the residents. The developers who want to improve corridors would have to contain some sort of residential component. Mr. Schneider agreed and replied that the condition of the retail market is too risky for the banks to loan for strictly commercial development, but it could work by adding a revenue stream from residential development, except the current zoning isn't conducive. Councilor DiFazio noted that much of the restrictions are there to protect against having too many residential units in these developments. There are no residential-only developments that could occur on these targeted lots. Mr. Schneider responded that development will require special permits and 30,000 square foot requirements --with no residential on first floor.

Councilor Molisse asked where the permitted sites are for billboard relocation. It's limited to two industrial-zoned areas on private land on Route 3-- one is near Fennell Drive and the other is near the Hingham line; and the zoning prohibits them near any other industrial use. One of the sites is public, but may eventually become town land.

George Berg, Vice Chair, Planning Board asked if the town has control over the billboard content of those currently in town and questions if that will change with the ordinance.

B. D. Nayak (Planning Board Member) addressed his comments to sections - 120-25.17 height maximum is 5-story, 70' for light commercial use, this height is more than sufficient. He also noted that also under 120.25-17 C- there should be minimum height for the trees.

Chair Sandra Williams noted that the Planning Board has been working on this for some time and she thanked the participants. It's important to note that much of the language hasn't been updated since the 1970's. It provides a buffer between residential and commercial property as an important component to protect the current residents' interest. The current zoning could allow detrimental development in residential spots. She is interested in the public's comments- which are as follows:

Tricia Pries, 15 Woodbine Road, thanked them for taking time to consider the residents. She called out several businesses on the herring run. She urged they consider pervious pavement, watershed protections and suggested the town not dismiss considering commercial growing facilities in the empty commercial sites in these corridors. Mayor Hedlund responded that primacy of watershed protection district remains and the town will continue to protect them. Mr. Schneider added that corridor zoning could encourage protections. Some areas are older developments and were put in place prior to storm water protections. They aren't talking about bulldozing but redevelopment. Ms. Pries asked how many gallons of water Weymouth uses per year, and how many new apartments are slated to come on- line in the next year. Mr. Schneider responded that the number of apartments are less than 125, excluding Union Point. Ms. Pries responded that as they move forward, they will have to be mindful of water. With new apartments coming on- line, and zoning changes, providing 600 gallons a day to Union Point without an MWRA hookup the town should be mindful of its water and should have basic infrastructure knowledge such as how many gallons the town uses per day. Mr. Schneider

responded that they are aggressive with having all departments review these proposals. All concerns are considered.

Cheryl McPhee, 106 Westlake, Drive-noted her concerns with the wildlife pushed out when development occurs. She also urged that they avoid any development that looks like what is going up in the Landing. Their neighborhood has had flooding and sewerage issues. Not only direct abutters will be affected with noise issues-she also asked that dumpsters not be allowed in the buffer zone. She asked what happens when the retail market changes again. She also noted a general lack of information was provided to the residents in the corridors.

Mayor Hedlund responded that misinformation went out to the resident, but this has nothing to do with 40B; they are two separate things. There is nothing in the existing zoning that would allow anything remotely resembling what is being constructed in the Landing. He also noted they couldn't be any more transparent and have made every effort to actively get information out to the residents. They went before every civic association that would allow them and when they did, they were reported and in social media.

Mr. Schneider responded that no property will lose rights by adding an overlay zone; this adds rights to the current zoning. He commended Conservation Commissioner Mary Ellen Schloss. The noise issues have been regulated and enforced by the Health Department. Mr. Luongo noted that the Housing Production Plan recently conducted indicates there is a need for more housing on the South Shore to spur economic development. The proposed zoning does not preclude other uses, by right. A sustainable-mixed use can carry through into challenging times. They are trying to capture all cycles. The community that doesn't grow responsibly dies. This is to protect the residential owners while encouraging growth.

Michael Grafton, 38 Morningside Path, supported the proposal. Livability and sustainability will be important, with accessible public transit. The town can have density without congestion with green energy transit.

Peter Foreman, President, South Shore Chamber of Commerce- congratulated the town for looking forward. On the national front, they are seeing a national and regional decline in retail malls and shopping centers that are on the decline and what will happen to these large developments. www.SS2030.com.

They can't do much nationally but can focus locally and can take a more thoughtful approach by looking along corridors. It's smart and proactive. This effects the appearance of the town and its property values. They are also interested in housing and tracking workforce; younger professionals who can't find affordable housing and downsizing-baby boomers who can't find appropriate housing stock. There is a relationship between this proposal and what people want. There is a great resurgence around smart sustainable communities, and this is the trend. This ties in nicely with what needs to be done more on the South Shore. Weymouth is unique; it's surrounded by pods of investment opportunities- the Shipyard, Quincy, the Landing and Union Point. It raises the issue for

planners; what happens to connecting corridors? They are being farsighted in trying to compete to provide housing for the two demographics and fills in the gaps.

Vin Albanese, 65 Sheri Lane, Weymouth Chamber of Commerce, provided examples of what the potential application could be for the two acre parcel on Route 53. He has had interest in the redevelopment of two parcels, should the zoning proposal move forward. There are lots of impact for local business owners who might want to redevelop their own properties.

Andrea Honore, 61 House Rock Road, asked if anything is included in the proposal like Spectra – Access Northeast wanted to do. If the original site had been zoned differently would it have been precluded? Mr. Schneider responded that the overlay does not extend to the bridge.

Matthew Tallon 105 Trefton, thanked the administration for repurposing to a more modern sustainable development. They are lacking compared to the rest of the South Shore. He supports the intent and appreciates the effort He welcomes the type of quality establishments like Brewster and cautioned they clarify special permit guidelines. The BZA has difficulty interpreting its own guidelines. He agreed with Mr. Nayak's amendment to reduce the maximum height. On the overlay of open space, he noted there is precious little green space remaining; he urged protection of what exists.

Robert Montgomery Thomas, 848 Washington, presented a rendition of a senior complex in Canton with its property card, that was built on 8.5 acres. Any plan the town comes up with must have density control. He segued off to the housing production plan. President Smart suggested he speak to the matter; the matter under consideration is not 40B or the Housing Production Plan.

Councilor Lacey made a point of order; he urged the speaker refrain from personal attacks and maintain decorum.

Councilor Molisse made a point of order; he noted speakers are allowed a 5-minute limit to speak.

Donnamarie Dearth, 1065 Washington Street, would prefer to have her home remain HT or supersede proposed development. She urged wording in the amendment to protect the homeowners along Route 53. She noted the current commuter traffic backups during peak hours. She noted there are more appropriate areas for development.

Darren Dearth, 1065 Washington Street, suggested this is inviting more commercial development and he doesn't want to see it. He suggested the town clean up existing sites.

Chris Primiano, 82 Rindge Street, suggested this is overdue in unison with protecting the community but it didn't resonate until the previous speakers. He urged they be mindful of the current residents. Zoning should be dynamic and changing with the environment.

In the interest of time, President Smart reported the public hearing will be continued to March 5, 2018. A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to continue the public hearing on measure 18 127 to March 5, 2018 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

On behalf of the Planning Board, a motion was made by George Berg to continue the public hearing on measure 17 127 and was seconded by Paul Rotondo. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 002-Measure Prohibiting Commercial Marijuana / Joint with Planning Board

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on measure 18 002 and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. This was published on February 7 and February 14, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

On behalf of the Planning Board, a motion was made by Paul Rotondo to open the public hearing on measure 18 002 and was seconded by B. D. Nayak. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Solicitor Callanan proposes to ban commercial marijuana. Although the statewide ballot passed, it was defeated in Weymouth by 100 votes. The legislation envisioned it would take time to develop a commercial policy. The state regulates establishments. If the town does nothing between now and July 1st, the commerce will be regulated by state. This proposal is to ban commercial establishments in town. Residents are still allowed to possess in their home and grow a limited number of plants, nor does it affect medical use. The potential for allowing commercial use to gaining revenue is not as lucrative as people think. The host community agreement in the first year in Salem brought in \$120,000. Worcester required payments of \$150,000 for each of the first three years. Quincy garnered \$120,000 for its first full fiscal year from its dispensary. The state requires a host community agreement and are capped at five years. It wouldn't create a lot of revenue with market saturation. He compared the revenue from other proposed real estate ventures in town.

Health Director Dan McCormack noted the prohibition would not have an effect on allowable use or medical use. This pertains to commercial retail sales only. A working group was formed in the spring with representatives from several departments. The medical marijuana ordinance was created 5 years ago to regulate medical marijuana facilities in town. The Health Department received grant funding to combat the opioid crisis and to educate students on drug use. They are concerned with the health issues of marijuana use and perception they are sending to youth. They are seeing it as less harmful with legalization. He stated it's not the right thing to do at this time. They included some restrictions in the draft measure on transport, delivery, and social consumption but if the market increases and there appears to be a market for it, they could reverse the ban.

President Smart reported that this measure is still in deliberation in the Ordinance Committee. Planning Board Chair Sandra Williams was interested in hearing the public comments-which are as follows:

Caitlyn Corkum, 64 Wessagusset Road, urged the town not to turn down a potential growth industry in a struggling economic climate. She is interested in seeing statistics from states that have an established commercial base. The public safety concern extends to cigarettes and alcohol, but they are not banned.

Gary McDougall 131 Southern Avenue, suggested they avoid the pitfalls. If they are going to ban it they may as well cut a check to Rockland, which will have the facility and collect the revenue from it. The revenue suggestions are based on medical marijuana facilities and are not comparable data. He urged the Council not to support the measure. He feels the town should decide on a ballot. Instead of approval or denial, he suggested they put a moratorium in place and create a commission.

Councilor McDonald reported that he sat on the Mayor's committee for medical marijuana and he is a strong proponent of it and the benefits of marijuana. He was disappointed with the slow pace of the committee to cite a facility in Weymouth. Two years after it was passed there isn't an operating facility in Weymouth.

Mary Savage Dunham- 18 Birch Road, noted there are more disincentives to voting it. The town already faces substance abuse challenges. She suggested the town take a more prudent move to enact a ban and learn from other communities and for the state to responsibly regulate marijuana to make a more informed choice. She questions if the ban extends to companies selling accessories.

Ken Cahoon, 1221 Commercial, noted that alcohol is a drug. 80,000 people die daily from drugs; not one has died from marijuana.

Mary Jordan Roy, 31 Brae Road, suggested they either impose a moratorium or ban it. There is no screening test for impaired operations. The police lack advanced training and no one knows the cost to train them. She notes that monies from marijuana sales can't be deposited into the town coffers.

Emily Derosa, 20 Ashmont Street urged the Council not to turn down this opportunity. The town is not in a position to turn down the potential revenue. There are several small empty stores in town that could benefit from a facility that would ID purchasers.

Darlene Mercereau, 15 Mandalay Road- is the parent of school children and totally against normalizing another substance. Weymouth is second in the state in overdose deaths. Curative benefits of marijuana is not proven. Hospitals are not serving the need now and this will add another layer. Weymouth is supposed to be family focused, and adding another substance does not make sense. As a parent who has experience with, and who lost her son to addiction, she does not support the normalization of marijuana in Weymouth. Weymouth voted and said no; she agrees.

Liz Reardon, 41 Water Street, Masters of Science reported that there is no proof that someone can die from marijuana nor is there any scientific evidence that it is a gateway drug.

Alex Crowley, 80 Mediterranean Drive, reported that during the prohibition- alcohol became more available. They disrespected the constitution. Younger people want less restrictions.

Michelle Chartier, 18 Harbor View Avenue, said the movement is too much too fast. Commercialized shops normalize it for kids. There is a perceived risk to children's brains. The black market is still booming in Colorado. More study is needed. With its overdose rates, if any town should be banning it, Weymouth should.

Robert Montgomery Thomas, 848 Washington Street, said if this is a public safety issue as was suggested by another speaker then the Health Department should create a study group and conduct a blind study to determine when a person is high or not. He also suggested a biometric scan to purchase.

Andrea Honore, 61 House Rock Road, noted the voters already voted it. She supports medical marijuana. They can't control the normalization of it in people homes. She visited Oregon and Washington and there are obnoxious storefronts. The town should consider tightening the zoning to control this. The state can't figure out the regulating. She asked if the town wants people to come to Weymouth because they can get pot, or do they want people to come for it's schools, great parks, etc.

Councilor McDonald noted that the total vote in Weymouth was 29379 cast-- lost by 131 voted; he reminds all that marijuana is legal.

Caitlyn Corkum, 64 Wessagusset Road noted that it is not true that marijuana sale monies cannot be deposited into the town's accounts. It's important to note that putting a pot shop in town is not going to increase the number or users. To suggest a moratorium is reasonable; not banning it.

Timothy Mudie, 96 Sunnypoint Avenue, it is not a question of whether people are coming in to Weymouth to purchase pot. People in Weymouth already smoke pot. It's a question of whether people in Weymouth should have to go elsewhere to purchase and give the potential revenue to other towns.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on measure 18 002 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

On behalf of the Planning Board, a motion was made by George Berg to close the public hearing on measure 18 002 and was seconded by Paul Rotondo. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. The Planning Board adjourned.

OLD BUSINESS

17 104 Housing Production Plan Presentation -Robert Luongo-Director of Planning and Community Development

President Smart reported that this item has been on the agenda for three months, with several presentations and deliberation by two committees; both voted out without a recommendation.

Vice President Mathews asked Planning Director Luongo to review the memos they received about the plan regarding grant opportunities that the town can only apply for if a plan is adopted. One is a feasibility study, which is money with MA Housing for a total redevelopment of an existing low-income housing development and is in the initial study phase. The second is a new initiative as a result of the four opportunity zones- low income census tracts. Private sector people can invest capital gains into designated zones to shelter their income. The town would apply to be designated as one of these opportunity zones. This also requires having a plan in place. As soon as these opportunities came to light, the Mayor shared the information with the Council. Mayor Hedlund reported that the information was passed on to the Council within hours of his receipt.

A Motion was made by Councilor Harrington to accept the Housing Production Plan and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. This was referred on November 11, 2017. The Planning Board voted favorable action on January 10, 2018.

The measure passed 9/1 (Councilor Lacey-No).

A Motion was made by Vice President Mathews to suspend Rule 24 to allow the meeting to run beyond 11 PM and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

18 011-Reorganization Plan Establishing the Department of Asset Management

Mayor Hedlund reported that they introduced the concept last year during budget discussion of centralized maintenance and established a position for a Director of Asset Management. This move will fulfill a long-sought goal and eliminate inefficiencies, remove redundancy and provide clear lines of job responsibility. The Charter envisioned it but the Commission was unable to implement it. The town faced deferred maintenance and they were challenged by many needs. They were confronted with several challenges to projects and they recognized the talented resource in employee John MacLeod, who has saved the town millions over the last few years. He was also critical to solving the dilemma with Legion Field and the timeline of the Tufts Library. The next step in the process will be the measure to name the director. He urged the Council to evaluate the measures on their merits. They will also file a measure to ensure that revenue generated by the fields stay with those public assets. The intent was never to disrespect the Council. They hope to continue the momentum moving the town forward.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 011 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 012-Acceptance of G.L. C. 71, § 37M-Consolidation of Administrative Functions

Chief Financial Officer Brian Connolly, requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth, through the Town Council and with the approval of the Mayor, accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 71, §37M, which allows the consolidation of administrative functions, including but not limited to financial, personnel, and maintenance functions, of the school committee with those of the city of town.

The decision to consolidate or to revoke a decision shall occur upon a majority vote of both the school committee and the Council, with approval of the Mayor. The School Committee has voted to approve this provision to consolidate administrative functions with the town.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 012 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 PM. At 10:56 PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Field Projects Update 2018
2. Zoning Amendment Proposal Commercial Corridor Overlay District

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council.
Voted unanimously on 19 March 2018