

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
March 4, 2019, 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  
Arthur Mathews, Councilor  
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Absent: Brian McDonald, Councilor

Also Present: Mayor Robert Hedlund  
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Jenn Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent of Schools

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President Smart reported that Councilor McDonald was not feeling well.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Haugh announced that FRRAC will celebrate its 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in Quincy- information is available on the dedicated website, [www.nocompressor.com](http://www.nocompressor.com)

Councilor Hackett announced that registrations are now open for WeyRec summer programs.

**MINUTES**

**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Economic Development Committee Meeting and was seconded by Councilor

Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Public Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Budget/Management Committee Meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**Vincent Cuoco of 117 Knollwood Circle-Weymouth High School Capstone Project / Weymouth- A City of Heroes**

President Smart invited Weymouth High student Vincent Cuoco of 117 Knollwood Circle to the table to present his proposal. He was joined by Weymouth High School teacher Michael Murphy. Mr. Cuoco made a presentation urging the town consider adopting the slogan he proposed, “Weymouth – a City of Heroes.”

Councilor Heffernan thanked him for his presentation and noted the stories of Weymouth’s Medal of Honor honorees are not as well known as their names. He supported taking the matter under consideration.

Councilor Kiely asked about Vincent’s future plans. Mr. Cuoco responded it includes Suffolk Law.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to take measure 19 018 take out of order and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**19 018-Appointment to Commission on Disabilities- Jonathan Blaisdell**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 19, 2019. The committee met on March 4, 2019 and voted to forward it 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 19 018; that the Town of Weymouth appoint Jonathan Blaisdell of 200 Trotter Road, Apt. 126 to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

The motion and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to take 19 019 out of order and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **19 019-Fiscal Year 2018 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter-Town Auditor Richard Swanson**

Auditor Swanson presented the request for Melanson Heath to present their fiscal year 2018 Audited Financial Statements and Management letter.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 019 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **19 016-Debt Exclusion Bonding for a New Chapman Middle School**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on measure 19 016 and 19 017 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. These was published on February 22, 2019. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **19 017-Borrowing for Costs Associated with the New Chapman Middle School**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on 19 017 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. This was published on February 22, 2019. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill, Superintendent Whipple and Mr. LaRue of HRH Architects were invited to the table. Mayor Hedlund reviewed the process; this was not undertaken lightly. It's one of the most significant capital projects in the history of the town. It has been on the CIP yearly and is long overdue. They have demonstrated good stewardship of the residents' tax dollars. The drivers of the project are requirements by the state. It was noted that the costs are significant to address the problems with the building. He noted the cost to replace is almost equal to the cost to repair the existing building. He reviewed the action taken by addressing CIP within constraints of prop 2.5 which includes streetlight conversion, library construction, memorial wall repairs, and the town has taken many steps without taking on additional debt service, but they cannot do a project of this magnitude within the existing structure. His time in the legislature was as a disciplined fiscal conservative. The cost of doing nothing is worse. They are taking advantage of what the state has offered. Weymouth should be applauded in the work done to maintain the existing building. There have been claims with regard to failure to maintain, but these are structural and design issues. This cannot be put off any longer and the town can't afford not to take advantage of the program. He thanked the building committee for their work – they held many forums, and he extended his gratitude to the residents. Mayor Hedlund noted that we will hear more from the committee as to why replacement makes more sense than trying to patch repairs and what it means to the town's educational plan--grade alignment system and long-term impact to the community and what it means to educating children.

Chief of Staff Ted Langill noted that as a quorum of the Building Committee was present, he called the Building Committee to order. He then provided the powerpoint presentation entitled: A New Chapman:

- Four years of planning
- Open Transparent and inclusive process
- Educational Deficiencies and Needs
- Not just replacing building
- Building deficiencies
- Current conditions
- New vs. base repair
- A new Chapman design - views
- Community benefits
- Project timeline looking forward
- Project impact on grade level location during and after construction
- Efforts to reduce cost to taxpayers
- New Chapman Project Cost
- Proposed Project Funding
- Estimated Debt Exclusion for a New Chapman
- Effort to assist taxpayers to afford cost
- Comparison to successful debt exclusions for school projects
- The cost of no new Chapman

Mr. Langill reviewed the history of the project. There were visioning meetings and a design was created, in addition to a dedicated website and email. He left it to the Superintendent to describe the needs. She reported that it started with deep review of the education plan for the middle school. Research indicates that the best plan is one with the fewest transitions, and the plan was designed with that in mind. It includes moving grades 6-8 into one building and relocating grade 5 back to the primary level. The space of many of the rooms do not meet current code and MSBA requirements. The building was originally a high school with a vocational component. Special education rooms are undersized and do not have adequate educational and personal facilities. Employers want students who can collaborate and work together. The science labs do not meet the needs of the students. Everything done was based on educational and social-emotional needs and how to meet the needs of the community as a whole. It needs to be a dual impact building for community use. They cannot meet the technology needs cost-effectively with the concrete construction. They can address all of these issues with the plan. It was done in a thoughtful manner and will result in having a building that will last long-term.

Mr. Langill continued that the building itself has needs. It is not fully ADA compliant. 7 different levels make it difficult to navigate the building and it has 37 exterior doors. Exterior paint contains asbestos. There is no fire protection system. All systems are outdated and inefficient. When they do work, they are noisy and cost prohibitive. The

roof continually leaks during rain despite repairs. That is a structural issue, not one of maintenance.

In considering a base repair, the MSBA requires a cost study. Cost estimators came up with final costs with estimates to bring up to code and replace inefficient systems and came up with \$100-110 million, just to bring up to code without meeting any of the educational components. The town's share is \$109 million for a new building which meets all of the needs. He introduced Matt LaRue, Architect with HMSH to review:

- Site plan- footprint of new building- more compact.
- Existing gym- keep and renovate.
- Series of open spaces around the school for play and .
- ADA/ parent drop offs-2. Large drop off with bus loop and entry area. 3 classroom wings (2 stories) surrounding the town square.
- Design of new entrance = point of arrival (lacking in current school). Safe, warm, welcoming. Heart of organization built around the exploratory spaces.
- Separate wings for each grade. Less time transitioning from space to space. Second floor similar layout.
- Neighborhood collaborative area, and balcony to gym, auditorium area. Brings in natural light. Into town square- exploratory lab spaces and looking down over. Sequence of spaces

Mr. Langill noted that to be consistent with comment feedback, they wanted the building to be more than just a school; for community use also. It was built into the design. It will be energy efficient and provide wrap around services- social work, physicals, health and first aid education, and availability for community public health clinics, veterans services, training, a Memorial garden (district teachers/staff), and meeting space for town and community needs.

Councilor Hackett asked why they will renovate the gym instead of new construction. Mr. Langill responded that the current gym exceeds MSBA guidelines. They can renovate the existing gym, thereby saving money, and have a larger space than the MSBA guidelines would allow as a reimbursable space.

Mr. Langill provided the project timeline moving forward. MSBA will vote by April 10<sup>th</sup> with a debt exclusion vote scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. If it is successful, construction will begin in late fall with design development, followed by preparation of construction documents, and bids with construction in late spring 2020 and building opening in 2022.

Supt. Whipple reviewed the impact to grade level location during and after construction. She pointed out that the ripple effect will not just be to the middle school. Once it's completed, the Adams School will become the ninth primary school. The high school has a plan in place to move 8<sup>th</sup> grade up and 7<sup>th</sup> grade moved to Adams. Murphy, Talbot and Academy will have permanent modular units installed and all primary schools will be able to accommodate full day kindergarten programs. Current 4<sup>th</sup> graders will remain in

place for grade 5 and 5<sup>th</sup> grade staying for grade 6. This will require redistricting. Whether this plan goes forward or not, fluctuating enrollments will require redistricting.

Chief of Staff Langill noted that the committee did not take this lightly. Based on the size and the number of students, they knew it would be expensive, but are doing everything they can to limit the impact, including: the

- MSBA grant, the choice of designer with MSBA knowledge.
- pursuing other reimbursable items in order to increase the base rate another 5%
- created a plan to move students off site to lessen construction time and cost
- reuse of the existing gym
- low cost and low maintenance materials

Project costs and proposed project funding take into consideration that there are several other immediate needs that will require bonding over the next few years including continuation of road and sidewalk improvements, the lease or purchase of a new fire ladder truck and seawall improvements.

He then reviewed the impact to the average homeowner and outlined the effort to help those who can least afford it. The town offers a senior deferral/exemption to qualified elderly / surviving spouses, that can be adjusted further. There is time to further study before the impact hits.

Mr. Langill reviewed the demographics and comparison with other towns and then reviewed the cost without replacement.

Councilor DiFazio acknowledged the unbelievable amount of work. The cost to the average homeowner over 20-30 years will depend on several variables. Mr. Langill responded that the goal is 20 years, but they will work with terms, amount and interest which brings it to the \$247. An online calculator is in the works and will be available shortly, so any resident can input an address and receive an immediate figure. He asked if they will lose the capacity to utilize debt for other needs. He also asked about energy efficiencies. Mr. Langill responded that goals range from minimum efficiency to net zero building and they will be in the middle range.

Councilor Hackett noted the measure was reviewed in Budget/Management Committee. They explained that the terms will be determined before the April 30<sup>th</sup> vote. They are looking at bonding 20-30 years to reach the \$247 goal, and it could mean a shortening of the bond period. This projection is extremely conservative- the financial impact can only go down between now and then. They could also apply a portion of the cost into the tax levy, thereby further lessening. The public is voting on the maximum impact. She noted the largest impact is in FY25 and this still leaves enough room within the debt service to fund other projects.

Councilor Harrington noted they are still dealing with variables and the specific terms will be known before the vote is taken on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He also noted the cost to repair the building is about the same as constructing a new one.

Councilor Haugh asked if the burden will carry over to the commercial taxpayer. Mr. Langill responded that 92% of the taxes are residential properties. The commercial is also invested in the override.

Councilor Kiely thanked the committee for the work and the hours they spent away from their families. She noted that if Weymouth does not pass this, the funds from MSBA will go elsewhere.

President Smart thanked the staff for accommodating the overflow for the public hearing. He also acknowledged scouts from Troop 8 who are watching the proceedings in the Kelly Room. He opened comments to the public:

**Linda Rorie- 693 Commercial Street**, with a point of order-since it is the property owner that will take the burden, they should be identified as such when they address the council. Increase in taxes are consistent every year, as are the house value increases. It will affect whether people can afford their homes. Percent of home ownership in Weymouth is 64% and going down. She doesn't understand why the additional taxes she paid can't be used to fund some of the debt.

Mr. Langill responded that each year the town is limited to increase the tax levy by 2.5% over the prior year, plus new growth. If half was taken, they would have to cut the operating budget growth. It would result in a direct impact to the operating budget. Laying off teachers in order to pay for a new school and doesn't make sense.

**Robert Montgomery Thomas 848 Washington Street**

He accused the town of malfeasance in not properly maintaining the property. He asked what provisions will be made for maintenance and urged the town to put away provisional or reserve funding for the purpose. He also suggested they could lower the debt if they could get money out of the Southfield project. He asked the actual cost to the taxpayer over the 30 years. President Smart reminded him to stay on topic.

**Steve Hoort, 693 Commercial Street** – noted the audience consists of a strong showing to construct a new school rather than an exclusion override. The town should be forthcoming as to why debt exclusion to this extent is entirely necessary.

Mr. Langill responded that this building is at a cost point that can't be afforded in the current debt service. The entire increase in operating budget is more. Some is through the tax levy and they hope to do more. To include more within the operating budget means cutting elsewhere. As they have built fields, they put money into the budget to maintain them.

Councilor Haugh asked if there are any other projects. It was confirmed that there is no other immediate beyond the ones mentioned. Mr. Langill responded that they can't use any of this funding for any other project-the debt exclusion is exclusive to this project

**Don Stewart- 549 Essex Street**- Said it's a 2.5% debt exclusion and that's what it should be called. He asked about the bottom line – to explain what the true cost is to the residents. It should have started when the school process began. Education is key so that everyone understands what proposition 2 ½ is all about. Where is the vision- how students will learn will change dramatically over the life of the building.

Mr. Langill responded that they began with developing an educational plan which was used in the design of the building. President Smart noted he served on the committee and can attest to the fact that they were vigilant to make sure the infrastructure put in place will accommodate changes.

**John Deady 203 Middle Street**- he owns several commercial and residential properties in town. He urged residents to go to the open houses- hear how great Weymouth is doing with parks and fields, but need work on schools. This is money well spent.

Councilor Haugh noted she appreciates the previous speakers with contrasting opinions. Before the field improvements were completed, Weymouth teams had to play home games in other towns. They are trying to address the needs of the school children. The Memorial Wall demonstrates what has been done. It is what prospective homeowners look at when considering a move to Weymouth. This isn't something they want to do, but need to.

**Kaitlin McInnis- 20 Neck Street** - expressed her horror at the current state of the building. She is considering plans to decide if and how to fund private schools for her children if this plan does not pass and had become involved. She attended meetings, made comments and has prayed for 6-8 grade configuration. She urged residents to vote YES. Adults have options but children have no options.

**Laurie Hansen- 20 Thompson Road**- schools and affordability draw families. This project directly impacts 6-8 graders and creates opportunities for students across the community. A newly renovated gym will provide rental revenue source. The ballot question is to fund one item. Rejecting the measure will be far more expensive.

**Matthew Tierney 567 Summer Street**- identified himself as a parent who wants the best. To see the current school in disrepair is disheartening. He urged everyone to focus on what Weymouth is earning. It takes hard work to make it a success. Vote yes for future.

**Erin Denneen, 11 Elizabeth Lane**- noted she moved back to Weymouth for family support. She is strongly in favor of the new building.

**Michael Grafton, 31 Morningside Path**- said he supports wholeheartedly. He graduated WHS in the 1970's and it wasn't structurally sound then. Weymouth needs to make sure those who are eligible for exemptions get them.

**Lisa Belmarsh, Chair of Weymouth School Committee**-noted everyone here has supported the building of a new school, but not all agree with the details. They have been



conservative and thoughtful in the process. The School Committee unanimously supported a resolution, which she forwarded to the Council. She is in favor of the proposal and she urged support.

**Donna Shea- 37 Heritage Lane** –She is the parent of 3 adult children who she estimates received 50 years of combined education from the town of Weymouth. She still hasn't paid the town back for the education –and most other residents similarly owe the town.

**John Sullivan, 17 Tilden Road**, parent who speaks on behalf of a child who will not benefit- her future and wherever she goes will benefit the town. He was not on the building committee, but followed the process closely. Tens of thousands of person hours went into this. The document Don Stewart was looking for was done. He supported the last override, but listened to those who didn't. This administration has proved they are better financial managers. They have been disciplined on debt service. MSBA is giving money for the way the school has been maintained, so the statement that maintenance wasn't done is wrong. He urged support.

**Robert Montgomery Thomas** asked what provision will the town make to accommodate the other schools. He knows they need a school, but will vote against it without specific costs. They need to have a long-range plan.

Councilor Harrington shared the concern about the specifics and asked when the specifics will be available.

Mr. Langill noted that no other measures will be coming forward to enhance the plan.

**Andrea Honore, 61 House Rock Road**- asked they let everyone know the website where the documents can be accessed and the WETC site where everything is documented.

Mr. Langill provided: [www.anewchapman.org](http://www.anewchapman.org) , [www.weymouth.ma.us](http://www.weymouth.ma.us)

**Linda Rorie- 693 Commercial Street**- 93% of the burden will be on the homeowners. How does it impact renters?

Mr. Langill responded that everyone shares the burden. Although rental is a different class of residential building-- it is not commercial and is taxed accordingly.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on 19 016 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on 19 017 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Superintendent Whipple to close the public hearing for the Building Committee and was seconded by Mr. LaRue. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Smart asked if any member had any old business to bring up, to which there was no response.

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

**19 020-Free Cash for Field and Park Improvements**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief Financial Officer Brian Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$415,988 from free cash for the purpose of supplementing funding for projects associated with measures 16 141 (A&B), namely the construction, rehabilitation, repairs and improvements to Weymouth public fields and parks.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 020 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 March 4, 2019 to deliberate the following measures:

**19 016-Debt Exclusion Bonding for a New Chapman Middle School**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 19, 2019. The Committee met on March 4, 2019 and voted to forward it to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on March 4, 2019.

**Motion A** - On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 016:

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws, the following question shall be placed upon the ballot for the next Town election:

Shall the Town of Weymouth be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund costs associated with constructing and furnishing a new Maria Weston Chapman Middle School at 1051 Commercial Street, Weymouth, MA 02189, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_”

The order must be published at least ten (10) days prior to final passage, and notice of the

public hearing on the loan order must be published not less than seven (7) days nor more than fourteen (14) days prior to such public hearing. The loan order requires at least a two-thirds vote, as in the case of any other loan order for bonds. Notice of the election must be given in accordance with Section 63 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, and with any other local charter or ordinance provisions regarding Town elections.

So that the Chapman Middle School Project may continue on schedule, with a new Chapman Middle School projected to open in September 2022, the School Building Committee respectfully requests that the Council set this debt exclusion election date for Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Vice President Mathews.

Councilor DiFazio stated he was glad the actual question was read into the record. It doesn't state the amount. He suggested they ask the administration to establish debt exclusion transparency - a contact that everyone in town should have access to so every resident can make an intelligent decision.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor DiFazio-YES  
Councilor Hackett-YES  
Councilor Happel-YES  
Councilor Harrington-YES  
Councilor Haugh-YES  
Councilor Heffernan-YES  
Councilor Kiely-YES  
Councilor Molisse-YES  
Vice President Mathews-YES  
President Smart-YES

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. 10-0

**Motion B** - On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 016:

“ORDERED, that the Town appropriate the amount of one hundred sixty-three million, two hundred twenty-two thousand, seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$163,222,715) for the purpose of funding costs associated with constructing and furnishing a new Maria Weston Chapman Middle School at 1051 Commercial Street, Weymouth, MA 02189, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, 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 Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any

project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-one and nineteen hundredths percent (61.19%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The motion and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. Councilor Heffernan thanked the school administration, and the public. This building was built for a different era. He completed all 12 years in Weymouth Schools and will support the measure.

Councilor Hackett noted in her 18 years of government service, there has never been a more open and transparent process. She thanked all involved. It's clear they need a new building, structurally and educationally. The town's portion is affordable without affecting its quality and she will be voting yes.

Councilor Happel stated he will support- he was a graduate of WHS and he took a tour and couldn't believe the conditions of the building.

Councilor Harrington noted the economy was slipping when he was elected. Over time, things turned around. The momentum over the last few years has made the job more enjoyable. This is a continuation of the investment in the town.

Councilor Haugh also stated she would support.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor DiFazio-YES  
Councilor Hackett-YES  
Councilor Happel-YES  
Councilor Harrington-YES  
Councilor Haugh-YES  
Councilor Heffernan-YES  
Councilor Kiely-YES  
Councilor Molisse-YES  
Vice President Mathews-YES

President Smart-YES

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Motion C** - A motion was made by Councilor Hackett for the Town Council to inform the Town Clerk to set the date for the special election for April 30, 2019 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**19 017-Borrowing for Costs Associated with the New Chapman Middle School**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 19, 2019. The Committee met on and voted to forward it to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on March 4, 2019.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 017:

“ORDERED, That the sum of \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs associated with renovation and furnishing of the Abigail Adams Middle School at 89 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02189, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid, or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

“FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs associated with the construction, installation and furnishing of seven (7) permanent modular classrooms at the Frederick C. Murphy Primary School, 419 Front Street, Weymouth, MA 02188; the Ralph Talbot Primary School, 277 Ralph Talbot St, Weymouth, MA 02190, and the Academy Avenue Primary School, 94 Academy Ave., Weymouth, MA 02189, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid, or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.”

The motion and was seconded by Vice President Mathews.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor DiFazio-YES  
Councilor Hackett-YES  
Councilor Happel-YES  
Councilor Harrington-YES  
Councilor Haugh-YES  
Councilor Heffernan-YES  
Councilor Kiely-YES  
Councilor Molisse-YES  
Vice President Mathews-YES  
President Smart-YES

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. 10-0

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2019.

At 10:21PM; 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, 10-0.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. A City of Heroes- WHS Capstone project Powerpoint presentation- Vincent Cuoco
2. A New Chapman – Powerpoint presentation
3. Resolution unanimously passed 2/28/19 by Weymouth School Committee

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council

Voted unanimously on 18 March 2019