

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
May 1, 2019, Wednesday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman  
Jane Hackett, Vice Chairman  
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor  
Maureen Kiely, Councilor  
Brian McDonald, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
Steve Reilly, Recreation Director  
Ryan MacLeod-Recreation

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

~~Budget kickoff meeting- Review/Discussion on Revenues, Reserve Fund, Overlay for Abatements, Debt, Pension & Benefits, Revolving and Gift Donation Accounts and Local Aid and State Assessments~~

19 051C-Reserve Fund

19 051X-Debt Service

19 051Y-Pensions & Benefits

19 051AA-Assessments

19 051BB-Overlay for Abatements

19 052-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization

19 053-Gift Accounts Annual Authorization

Chief of Staff Langill presented the measures and responded to the questions posed by the Town Auditor in his review.

Cell phone revenue- payments from AT&T and Verizon. \$175K is license renewals \$75K liquor and restaurant with alcohol license increased based on actual revenue collected.

Medicaid was also increased for same reason (reimburse for health related expenses in schools)

approved on  
3 June 2019  
DH

Vice Chair Hackett noted that Medicaid-services covered will significantly increase (504) and they should look at this for potential growth. Many districts are taking this increase opportunity to capture revenue, and gear toward school department. Sped is most unpredictable. Mr. Langill agreed; special education costs have increased significantly.

Solicitor Callanan arrived 6:06 PM.

Revenue- tax lien- increased recently. Receipts shown are reflective of recent collections, but is not consistent revenue. Homeless and exempt are state reimbursements for homeless transportation and veteran / survivor benefits. Councilor Hackett noted this is money coming in that's available to the schools. Mr. Langill responded that it is reflected in 4 budgets – and supported because of those things.

Veteran benefit revenue- state from cherry sheets. It reflects a decrease this year and will go up next year (getting back to where it was). It's going down because of less need, due to a strong economy.

Charter school tuition- based on cherry sheet- fluctuates year to year. Councilor Hackett asked what is the financial diff in 68%? Mr. Langill responded that it is revenue from the state-which is going up.

\$225K state reimbursement for school projects. Will it be the same going forward with Chapman? Mr. Langill responded the mechanics will be different with borrowing-net borrowing. There will be an increase in interest income, but not a consistent number. It's increased conservatively for next year.

Transfer money- trash, recycling, waterways, CPA administration – Water/Sewer worksheets reflect cost to town government (indirect costs go back to the general government).

PILOT- mostly SS Hospital; one smaller.

Real estate- levy difference = personal property included in calculation. Vice Chair Hackett asked if the receipts of the assessments are shown? Mr. Langill responded no- it will be added to the tax levy for the next year. Vice Chair Hackett suggested they educate the public on CPA. Mr. Langill responded that it is not a separate item on the tax bill.

Union Point/Southfield assessment- this is an estimated special assessment on some parcels in Southfield.

Comcast- increases in MUNIS are to provide additional services to residents, and moving the system.

Weycare- agreement with schools. This fund has grown over time with no definitive plan to use. They agreed to cover health care cost for employees (benefit not salaries).

Police- detail administration fee account to offset the police budget and small capital items.

Agreement with SSH- ambulance service dispatchers (set amount) per agreement

Library- eliminated late fines this year.

Assessments- intergovernmental – this refers to the Parkway bond

Pass through line item transfer for Free Cash measures- this is not an actual revenue line item.

Debt Service- increasing due to expected increase for Library borrowing.

Vice Chair Hackett asked what was done last year with the bond payment. Mr. Langill responded that it is applied to the individual project and spread out over the bond. The first year was in the account and fell to free cash.

There was a brief discussion about which version of the state budget is being used. There is not much difference with the House's 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration.

Councilor Kiely noted licensing revenue is down. Have they considered increasing the fees? Mr. Langill responded that they would like to form a committee to review the fees; they have not been increased in several years. They want to see if it covers the service provided.

Councilor Hackett noted the Park & Recreation summer program fees are revolving. Field permits are receipts from Libby Legion, WHS turf fields- rental. There should be a conversation about fees and what is being charged. What is turf field structure and how is it maintained? How will they ensure keeping them pristine. It is working. There is still struggle on the grass fields. Facility management is working. Side benefit to the investment.

Gift account- the list hasn't changed.

**19 054-Free Cash for Stabilization Fund**

\$1.25M into stabilization (balance will be 7M)- was at \$1.1 million when the Mayor took office. This is a good number – outside auditor agreed.

**19 055- Free Cash Transfer to OPEB Trust Fund**

\$200K from OPEB (not close to being able to fund the liability, but making a consistent effort.) \$3.7M is the current balance- good financial practice.

### 19 050-Extended Lease Term of Connell Memorial Rink & Pool

Steve Reilly and Ryan MacLeod presented the measure via PPP. DCR approached the town to take over operations about a year ago. The same is taking place at other facilities as well. It's a unique facility with a pool and a rink. A lot of work is involved in the agreement; a lot of detail. It's an exciting opportunity for Weymouth. DCR is accommodating to make this a successful partnership. Ultimately it will be Weymouth first. Currently the rink closes early in the year and Weymouth Youth Hockey does not get to play their playoff games there.

- Goals and Objectives
- Benefits to Weymouth
  - o Extend the availability/ expand the opportunities
  - o Revenue opportunity
  - o Indoor summer sport clinics
  - o Recreational Swim Team
- Weymouth Prioritized
  - o Signage changes
  - o More of home field feel
  - o

Primary goal is to keeping it open all year, and keeping opportunities for all users (adult and seniors).

- Revenue Generation – based on DCR estimates from usage
- Advertising embedded
- Concessions/ pro shop
- Off season indoor rink opportunities
- Expenses- salaries, utilities, contracted services carried over,
- Can improve upon salaries- shared duties
- Scheduling-pool
  - o plan for this summer
  - o school year

Councilor Kiely asked if there will be earlier morning hours? Mr. Reilly responded that may be possible after core staff is established. They may also dedicate space for b-day parties; 1 or 2 on weekends maybe to start. Early morning lifeguards have to be reliable. Councilor Kiely asked the condition of the lighting? Mr. Reilly responded that a lot of work was done- with an energy audit- and DCR invested \$4.5M in the last 5 years. Very up to date with new locker rooms.

Councilor McDonald noted the projected plan shows extended hours, but projected utilities haven't changed.

Auditor Swanson asked if this will be an Enterprise fund that won't be available to the general fund.

Mr. Langill responded the measure is only to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Vice Chair Hackett asked if all contracts over 3 years must come before the Council?

Councilor Heffernan noted this will be another source of pride for the South Shore and he commended the administration. Mr. Langill noted that the intent is to have it considered under 2-9(b) at the May 6, 2019 council meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hackett to forward measure 19 050 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### Attachment:

1. power point-Q&A budget
2. power point-Connell Pool & Rink

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

  
Approved by Michael Molise as Budget/Management Committee Chairman

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