

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
June 18, 2018, Monday**

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

Absent: Thomas J. Lacey, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer  
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman Molisse called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**18 060-General Government Annual Appropriation**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 060 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

Chairman Molisse thanked the committee. He noted this was a good team effort. Councilor Hackett agreed with him, and noted the improvement in the process with each progressive budget. The change in the enabling legislation allowed for tax revenue from Southfield to come directly to Weymouth and the new growth is turning into revenue. There is tremendous growth and the manner in which it is being expended on parks, fields and schools will continue to increase and improve facilities. Good schools will keep families from turning to the charter schools. She appreciated the needs list (submitted by the school department) as funding becomes available. They thanked the other members and especially Chairman Molisse and the good relationships which resulted in a budget that was a team effort. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 061-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 061 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. Councilor Hackett noted this is the first year of the revolving account for Parks and Recreation. It's imperative that receipts and expenditures are reviewed to ensure they're spent as they should. This was a concern since permitting goes through the School Department. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 062-Gift Accounts Annual Authorization**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 062 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 063-Free Cash for FY17 Snow Removal**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 063 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

**18 064-Water Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 064 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 065-Water Main Improvements**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 065 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 066-Water Treatment Plant and Well Improvements**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 066 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

**18 067-Water Capital Equipment**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 067 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 068-Sewer Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 068 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 069-Sewer Department-MWRA I/I Phase 10 Allocation**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 069 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 070-Sewer Pump Station Improvements**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 070 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 071-Sewer Capital Equipment**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 071 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 072-Community Preservation Fund Annual Appropriation**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 072 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

**18 073-Free Cash for Stabilization Fund**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 073 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

Councilor Hackett asked the current balance. Mr. Langill responded with passage of this measure it will be over \$5 million. Councilor Hackett asked for the free cash estimate? Mr. Langill responded that he isn't able to give a current estimate. The fiscal year won't be closed until mid to late September and balances submitted to the state won't be certified until November. Fourth quarter payments from the state aren't received or reflected yet. He suspects the balance will be less because budgeting is tighter. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 074-Free Cash Transfer to OPEB Trust Fund**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 074 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 075-Free Cash for Fore River Ave. Seawall Improvements**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 075 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 076-Free Cash for School IT**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 076 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

Councilor Hackett noted this contributes to success for the district and makes a real impact on what is available to students. As Councilor Lacey had previously noted, they need to continue to be committed to funding the 5-year program. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 077-Free Cash for School Education Materials**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 077 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 078-Free Cash for New Police Cruisers**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 078 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 079-Free Cash for Protective Firefighter Equipment**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 079 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 080-Free Cash for Road and Sidewalk Improvements**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 080 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 081-Free Cash for Street Drainage Improvements**

A Motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 081 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 082-Free Cash for Front End Loader**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 082 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, as amended, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

Councilor Hackett noted there is \$7 million in free cash. Out of a \$168 million budget, it's not an unreasonable number. In other communities, these requests are funded through the regular operating budget. Free cash is intended to be used for one-time purchases. Administration has stopped the practice of relying on one-time revenue to pay operating costs and she commends them for this effort. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 083-Free Cash for a One-Ton Truck with Plow/Sander**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 083 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 084-Free Cash for Clark Nature Center Improvements**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 084 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. Councilor Hackett noted this project is greatly needed. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Issue-Capital Improvement Plan FY 2019**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer the Capital Improvement Plan to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. Councilor Hackett urged everyone to review the plan.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **18 022-CPC-Historic Preservation at Abigail Adams House**

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 022 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **18 095-CDBG and Home Budget Authorization**

Jody Lehrer presented the annual budget and requested the town accept the Fiscal 2018-2019 HUD grants in the amounts of \$689,681 for CDBG, and \$212,889 in HOME Investment Partnership Grant funds.

Councilor Hackett asked if Weymouth has a representative on the QCAP Board of Directors? Mr. Luongo was unsure and Ms. Lehrer will research and let the Council know.

A Motion was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 095 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **18 096-Community Preservation Committee-Restoration of Exterior of Jefferson School**

Joseph Noyes, Director of Administration for SS Stars and David Lovering, Construction Manager for Neighborhood Works, presented the request to appropriate \$29,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for Historic Resources fund balance and \$41,824 from the Community Preservation Fund-Unreserved fund balance for a total of \$70,824 for the preservation and restoration of the exterior of the Jefferson School as described in the request put forward by the Weymouth Department of Planning and Community Development. The town has first right of refusal on the building if the current program were to move.

Auditor Swanson corrected the fund number in the measure.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Hackett to refer measure 18 096 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, as amended, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **18 085-Legal Department Line Item Transfer/Reserve Fund Transfer Request**

Solicitor Callanan presented the measure; that the Town of Weymouth make the following two FY18 budget transactions:

- (a) Transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Town Solicitor-Judgment, Claims and Damages line item to the Town Solicitor-Litigation-Special Counsel line item to fund FY18 legal bills associated almost exclusively with opposition to natural gas companies' expansion plans in Weymouth
- (b) Transfer the sum of \$170,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Town Solicitor-Litigation-Special Counsel line item to fund FY18 legal bills associated almost exclusively with opposition to natural gas companies' expansion plans in Weymouth.

Auditor Swanson confirmed that the MUNIS balance supports the request. Some of the request includes anticipated invoices. He has reviewed the bills.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 085 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **18 086-Fiscal Year 2018 DPW Budget Transfer Request**

David Tower presented the request to transfer the sum of \$35,000 from the Department of Public Works Salaries Account to the DPW Overtime Account for the purpose of funding spring projects and events.

Auditor Swanson confirmed that MUNIS account balances support the request.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 086 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **18 097-Washington and Broad Streets Intersection Improvements**

Owen MacDonald presented the measure to transfer the sum of \$52,870.43 from the sale of town-owned property and the sum of \$157,129.57 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the intersection improvements at Washington Street and Broad Street.

Auditor Swanson reported that the balances in MUNIS support the request. Chairman Molisse asked if the project includes the crosswalk outside of Union Towers. Mr. MacDonald responded that it is a separate project in process by the DPW.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 097 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

#### **18 101-Reserve Fund Transfer-Engineering Services**

This measure is to transfer the sum of \$75,000 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding costs associated with the daylighting of the Smelt Brook in Weymouth Landing.

This is out to bid in two phases. The first step is to repair wall damage and the second for the actual daylighting work. They hope to be finished between December 2018 and June 2019.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 101 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 098-Unpaid Bills-Schools**

This measure is requesting to transfer the sum of \$17,560.08 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date of Invoice</u>
Boston Public Schools	\$773.28	11/20/17
Boston Public Schools	\$1,155.44	11/20/17
Boston Public Schools	\$4,977.28	11/20/17
Boston Public Schools	\$10,654.08	11/20/17

Auditor Swanson reported that he examined the invoices and received certification from the Chief Financial Officer.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 098 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 100-Reserve Fund Transfer-WTA Unit A Payment**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 17, 2018. The measure seeks to transfer the sum of \$82,500 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding costs associated with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Weymouth School Committee and the Weymouth Teachers' Association Unit A.

Auditor Swanson suggested in his opinion, the measure should be amended (using 2018 money to fund 2019 expenses). Vice Chairman Lacey responded that it's no different than free cash measures; anything not in a specific line goes to the 02 account (which roll over year to year). Councilor Hackett noted it's the first time they are seeing it for salaries. It is an appropriate free cash utilization.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 100 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 099-Reserve Fund Transfer-Unpaid Bills**

Chief Financial Officer, Brian Connolly reviewed the request to transfer the sum of \$1,625 from the Reserve fund for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills:

5/31/17	Independent Mechanical Contractors	\$950
5/31/17	Independent Mechanical Contractors	\$675

Auditor Swanson reported that he examined the backup.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 099 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 102-Appointment to the Board of Registrars-Janelle Quinn**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 4, 2018. Ms. Quinn was invited to the table to review her qualifications and interest.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 102 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 103-Appointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Christa Dunn**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 4, 2018. Christa Dunn was invited to the table to review her qualifications and interest.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 103 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**18 104-Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Stephen Ames**

This matter was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 4, 2018. Mr. Ames was invited to the table to review his qualifications and interest.

A motion was made by Councilor Hackett to forward measure 18 104 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:17 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman  
Voted unanimously on 10 September 2018