

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
June 4, 2018, Monday

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

Absent: Jane Hackett, 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
John Dennehy, President, Abigail Adams Historical Society
Christopher Hannan, Abigail Adams Historical Society
Cathy Torrey, Abigail Adams Historical Society

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President Smart reported that Councilor Hackett was absent due to a family commitment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citation Issuance to Weymouth High Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chorus-Councilor Fred Happel

Councilor Happel presented the citation on behalf of the Town Council. On June 19, 2018, the Weymouth Concert Band, the Concert Choir and Jazz Bands, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Kenney, participated in a music competition. The WHS Concert Band took home a 1st place finish, the Concert choir a 2nd, and the Jazz band a 1st. Collectively, Weymouth High received the Esprit de Corps Award. Councilor Happel commended them as credits to their families, their school and the town. He read the citations. On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Brian Connolly read citations and presented them to the group. Councilor Happel thanked the Weymouth Music Boosters and the parents.

MINUTES

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

18 022-Community Preservation Committee-Historic Preservation at Abigail

Adams House

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on 18 022 and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. This was published on May 25, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

John Dennehy, President of the Abigail Adams Historical Society, and Board member Christopher Hannan, presented the request for \$24,500 from the Community Preservation Fund, Historic Resources Fund balance for the completion of improvements to the HVAC system of the Abigail Adams House. Member Cathy Torrey was also present.

Mr. Dennehy reviewed a brief history of the house, which was built in 1685. A survey of the home was completed in 2011 and determined the work needed to preserve the home. The society broke the scope of work into two phases. Phase one repairs included structural reinforcement and residing, window repairs, floor refinishing and installation of heat; these were completed. Much of the work was done by volunteers.

The next phase includes installation of HVAC and completion of the electrical and lighting work. The request for \$24,500 will be combined with the \$6,600 remaining balance in the account to complete it. All work to date has complied with the Standards for Rehabilitation as laid out in the US Secretary of the Interior Standards of Treatment

for Historical Properties. The JM Brown Company is completing the Phase 2 work and has experience in historic preservation.

The major issue is the lighting; LED lights will be installed that won't damage the woodwork. Once this work is completed, Mr. Dennehy reported the home should be in good condition for the next several decades.

Councilor Happel asked if the fees in the proposal from JM Brown represents building licenses fees? Mr. Dennehy responded yes and he will provide a breakdown to the Council.

Council President Smart asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on 18 022 and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

18 095-CDBG and Home Budget Authorization

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth accept the fiscal 2018-2019 HUD grants in the amounts of \$689,681 for CDBG, and \$212,889 in HOME Investment Partnership Grant funds.

Furthermore, that the Director of Planning and Community Development, having received the approval of the Mayor, be permitted to expend said grants in their entirety as described on the attached funding allocation lists.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 095 to the Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth 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. This is being requested 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.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 096 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 097-Washington and Broad Streets Intersection Improvements

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$52,870.43 from the Sale of Town Owned Property line item 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.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 097 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 098-Unpaid Bills-Schools

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth 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 |

Furthermore, that the town accountant is hereby authorized to pay such bills.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to measure 18 098 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 099-Reserve Fund Transfer-Unpaid Bills

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth 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 |

Furthermore, that the town accountant is hereby authorized to pay such bills.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 099 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 100-Reserve Fund Transfer-WTA Unit A Payment

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth 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.

As part of the CBA, certain Unit A members are due a one-time payment of \$500.00 on or about August 31, 2018. This expense is not included in the School Department's budget.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 100 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 101-Reserve Fund Transfer-Engineering Services

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth 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.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 101 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Janelle Quinn of 29 Tamarack Trail to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 102 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Christa Dunn of 56 Holbrook Road to the Board of Library Trustees for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 103 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 104-Appointment to the Recreation Commission-Stephen Ames

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth appoint Stephen Ames of 121 Pine Street to the Recreation Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 105 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Lacey.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 105-Reappointment to the Recreation Commission-Christine McDonough

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Christine McDonough of 70 Fuller Road to the Board of Elder Services for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

18 106-Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Linda Sera

Brian Connolly requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth reappoint Linda Sera of 719 Pleasant Street to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adopt the reappointment list; items 18 105 and 18 106, and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Michael Molisse

Councilor Molisse reported that the Committee met on May 9, 2018 to deliberate the following measure:

18 059-Department of Public Works Line Item Transfer

This matter was referred to the Committee on April 17, 2018. The committee met on May 9, 2018 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 18 059; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Department of Public Works Gasoline Account to the Street, Sidewalk Maintenance account for the purpose of funding street line painting. The motion was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ordinance Committee-Chairman Kenneth DiFazio

Councilor DiFazio reported that the Committee met on June 4, 2018 to deliberate the following measures:

18 089-Acceptance of M.G.L. C. 40§8G-Mutual Police Aid Programs; Agreements

This matter was referred to the Committee on May 7, 2018. The committee met on June 4, 2018 and continued the matter to its next meeting.

18 090-Acceptance of M.G.L. Ch.44, Section 55C: Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund

This matter was referred to the committee on May 7, 2018. The committee met on June 4, 2018 and continued the matter to its next meeting.

Councilor DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee intends to vote them out prior to the Town Council's summer break.

NEW BUSINESS

18 094-Appointment / Contract of Town Auditor-Council President Michael Smart

President Smart presented the request to extend the Town Auditor's contract for an additional eighteen months.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to consider measure 18 094 under 2-9b same night action and was seconded by Councilor Lacey. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve measure 18 094; that the Town of Weymouth in accordance with 2-8(a) of the town Charter, reappoint Richard Swanson of 53 Clough Road, Dedham to the position of Town Auditor for a term to extend from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lacey. President Smart and Councilor Molisse expressed their support. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018. At 8:10PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council

Voted unanimously on 31 July 2018