

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
July 30, 2018, Monday

Present: Michael Smart, President
Arthur Mathews, Vice President
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Absent: Ed Harrington, Councilor

Also Present: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Nicholas Bulens, Administrative Services Coordinator
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
George Berg, Chair, Planning Board

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President Smart reported that Councilor Harrington was absent due to a personal family obligation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment of Silence for Sergeant Michael Chesna and Vera Adams

Council President Smart called for a moment of silence in memory of Weymouth Police Sergeant Chesna and Mrs. Vera Adams, long- time resident.

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Annual Town Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 4, and June 18, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the June 4, and June 18, 2018 Town Council meetings and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2018

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

18 108-Approval of a Conservation Restriction on a Portion of a Parcel of Land Located at 790 Commercial Street (action requested under 2-9(b))

Nicholas Bulens requested, on behalf of the Mayor, that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, approve the Conservation Restriction granted from the Town of Weymouth to the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District-- in the public interest on a 17.8-acre portion of a 23.39-acre parcel of land identified on the Town Atlas as 790 Commercial Street, Block 184, Lot 1, and with said Conservation Restriction identified by reference number 16534, as assigned by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to consider measure 18 108 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve measure 18 108; that the Council, pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, approve the Conservation Restriction granted from the Town of Weymouth to the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District in the public interest on a 17.8-acre portion of a 23.39-acre parcel of land identified on the Town Atlas as 790 Commercial Street, Block 184, Lot 1, and with said Conservation Restriction identified by reference number 16534, as assigned by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

Councilor DiFazio asked if this does not include the area where the building is located? Mr. Bulens responded that is correct; the only building located in this restricted section is the 3-stall garage. (The main house, carriage house and child house is located in other sections, and could have separate restrictions; subject to the future use of the house).

Councilor Hackett asked if any special restrictions will be placed on the house? Mr. Bulens responded that there are no restrictions at this time, with this measure. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 109-Approval of a Conservation Restriction on a Portion of Two Parcels of Land Located at Zero Woodbine Road and Zero Island View Road (action requested under 2-9(b))

Nicholas Bulens requested, on behalf of the Mayor, that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, approve the Conservation Restriction granted from the Town of Weymouth to the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District-- in the public interest on the entirety of two parcels of land, containing 2.17 acres and identified on the Town Atlas as 0 Woodbine Road, Block 391, Lot 29 and 0 Island View Road, Block 390, Lot 1 and with said Conservation Restriction identified by reference number 16533, assigned by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; Division of Conservation Services.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to consider measure 18 109 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve measure 18 109; that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, approve the Conservation Restriction granted from the Town of Weymouth to the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District in the public interest on the entirety of two parcels of land, containing 2.17 acres and identified

on the Town Atlas as 0 Woodbine Road, Block 391, Lot 29 and 0 Island View Road, Block 390, Lot 1 and with said Conservation Restriction identified by reference number 16533, assigned by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; Division of Conservation Services. The Motion was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 110-Approval of a Conservation Restriction on a Parcel of Land Located at Zero Mutton Lane (action requested under 2-9(b))

Brian Connolly and Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, approve the Conservation Restriction granted from the Town of Weymouth to the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District-- in the public interest on the entirety of a parcel of land, containing 2.01 acres and identified on the Town Atlas as 0 Mutton Lane, Block 444, Lot 32, and with said Conservation Restriction identified by reference number 16532, as assigned by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to consider measure 18 110 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to approve measure 18 110; that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, approve the Conservation Restriction granted from the Town of Weymouth to the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District in the public interest on the entirety of a parcel of land, containing 2.01 acres and identified on the Town Atlas as 0 Mutton Lane, Block 444, Lot 32, and with said Conservation Restriction identified by reference number 16532, as assigned by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Division of Conservation Services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Bulens asked the Councilors who voted in favor of the preceding three measures to provide signatures following the meeting since they need to be recorded with the Registry of Deeds. This is needed as soon as possible to comply with grant reimbursement requirements.

18 112-Traffic Regulations: Legion Field Vicinity

Brian Connolly and Nicholas Bulens requested on behalf of the Mayor that the Town of Weymouth, through the Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, section 13-103(b), Section 13-103(d), Section 13-104(a), authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Parking Restricted

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Regulation Type</u>
Commercial Street	Northeast	Between Genevieve Road and Mount Vernon Road East	No Parking Any Time
Commercial Street	Southwest	Legion Memorial Field Driveway Entrance to a point 20 feet South of Gilbert Road	No Parking Any Time
Middle Street	West		No Parking Any Time
Legion Memorial Field Parking Lot	N.A.	All	2 Hour Parking, 7 AM to 12 Noon, Monday through Friday, Except Holidays

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 18 112 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEW BUSINESS

President Smart reported that he neglected an item under announcements; Ms. Barbara Campbell is leaving the Town Council office. The Council thanked her for her years of service. An opening exists in the Council office and interested applicants can find the posting in the Town Hall and on the town website-- applications will be accepted until August 10, 2018 in the Council office.

Announcement of Search Committee for District Two Councilor Vacancy and Explanation of Selection Process-Council President Michael Smart

President Smart reported that as of July 1, District 2 Councilor Thomas Lacey resigned from his post as district Councilor. Mr. Lacey's current obligations did not allow him to fully give the commitment needed for the position. A search committee has been formed to fill the position.

There will be public opportunity to recognize and thank him for 18 years of service, announced at a future time.

Pursuant to the Charter, "the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council. The individual voted upon by the Council will serve only until the next regular election, at which time the vacancy will be chosen by the voters." The applicants must be registered to vote and a resident of District 2. The Town Clerk will validate as applications are received.

President Smart reported that he has formed a search committee which will conduct interviews; consisting of Chairman Michael Molisse, Councilor Arthur Mathews and Councilor Michael Smart. Applications will be accepted to the Clerk's office until August 17, 2018. The chair will then convene a meeting to interview applicants in executive session. Each applicant will be provided the opportunity to respond to the same series of questions. The selection will then be narrowed with the expectation of bringing

before the full Town Council for consideration at its first meeting in September. He conferred with Solicitor Callanan who provided information why it is acceptable to conduct interviews in executive session and he will share with any Councilor who is interested.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Regarding United Steelworker's Local 12003, District 4 Boston Gas Worker's Union-National Grid – Councilor Brian McDonald

Councilor McDonald read the draft, as amended:

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Weymouth Town Council that the United Steelworker's Local 12003, District 4 Boston Gas Worker's Union have been locked out by National Grid since June 25th ; and

WHEREAS: National Grid serves many residential and commercial natural gas customers in the Town of Weymouth; and

WHEREAS: The United Steelworker's Local 12003 District 4 Boston Gas Worker's Union, which represents the men and women who operate on gas lines and projects within the Town of Weymouth; and

WHEREAS: The United Steelworker's Union Local 12003 District 4 Boston Gas Worker's Union has been bargaining in good faith in order to achieve a fair and equitable contract with competitive wages and benefits for its members; and

WHEREAS: The safety and wellbeing of National Grid gas customers and the general public is contingent upon high quality and well trained employees performing services and line inspections on gas projects; and

WHEREAS: An extensive lock-out of National Grid gas workers raises safety concerns for the general public and negatively impacts service to National Grid gas customers; and

WHEREAS: Residents and businesses alike, deserve high quality gas service to be performed by qualified employees

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Weymouth Town Council urges National Grid to end the lock-out of its gas workers so that gas line inspections, services, and repairs may continue to be performed by qualified and properly trained employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Council urges the Mayor to provide intensified overview of safety inspection and monitoring of all National Grid Work undertaken during the lock-out; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Council, in conjunction with the Mayor, cease from issuing or approving permits for gas construction projects until the lockout is fairly bargained and resolved in good faith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Weymouth Town Council finds that good jobs and good utility services are vital to our local community and urges National Grid to agree to a fair and equitable contract that provides for competitive wages and benefits in conjunction with the technical skills and qualifications possessed by the members of United Steelworker's Local 12003 District 4 Boston Gas Worker's Union.

Voted at the Special Town Council Meeting of 30 July 2018.

Approved by Council President Michael Smart

A Motion was made by Councilor McDonald to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

A substitute motion was made by Councilor Mathews to consider the resolution under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor McDonald to adopt the resolution as read and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.

Councilor DiFazio suggested that while the intent is well placed, he does not agree that stopping the issuance of permits is in the best interest of the citizens of the town and he is not comfortable with the information provided to inject himself into a labor dispute. President Smart responded that it is also not a great idea to have unskilled workers doing this kind of work. The intent is to block new permits going forward until the utility collectively bargains; not permits already in place.

Councilor Heffernan stated that the lockout is a long term situation creating other public safety problems. He supports sending a message to National Grid following suit of other municipalities.

Councilor McDonald noted that there is a big difference between a local strike and a company locking out its workers.

Councilor Molisse noted he believes this is a serious public safety concern to the town, citing 31 years working in this field. The action has unskilled workers in the field and residents suffering (no wages or healthcare benefits) because of the lockout. He thanked Councilor McDonald for bringing the matter forward. Vote PASSED 8/1 (Councilor DiFazio-No).

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018 (due to the State Primary Election).

At 7:55 PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council.

Voted unanimously on 10 September 2018