

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
April 16, 2019, Tuesday

Present: Michael Smart, President
Arthur Mathews, Vice President
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor

Fred Happel, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Brian McDonald, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Not Present: Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present: Robert Hedlund, Mayor
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Brian Connolly, Chief Financial Officer
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Robert Luongo, Director of Planning
John MacLeod, Director of Asset Management
Steve Reilly, Director of Recreation

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 Hackett is away on business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Vice President Mathews announced the start of the weekly yard waste pickups. He also announced the April 30, 2019 date for the debt exclusion vote.

Council President Smart congratulated Councilor Haugh on her run in the Boston Marathon. Councilor Haugh reported she ran with the team from South Shore Hospital which raised \$175,000 for cancer research and is still accepting donations. 33 other Weymouth residents also ran, including Nick Qualia and Christine Howe.

MINUTES

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2019

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2019

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2019

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2019

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OLD BUSINESS

18 126-Measure Amending the Annual Salary of Various Elected and Appointed Officials-*matter laid on the table on January 22, 2019 to an indefinite date. If the matter was taken, debate on the "Report of Committee" will be held during the following meeting.*

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

Update on Chapman Middle School- Ted Langill, Chief of Staff and School Building Committee Chair

Chief of Staff Ted Langill and Mayor Hedlund were invited to the table to provide an update. Is ongoing with the state and is progressing. This vote is critical for the town, considering the condition of the building. Mayor Hedlund provided a running tally of presentations before groups in town.

Chief of Staff Ted Langill reported that on April 10, 2019, the good news is that they met with the MSBA board and he provided an update. Subsequently, the superintendent and other school employees also met with the board regarding the reimbursement rate. The board granted higher grant funding based on how learning space was identified. The

town's share is under \$106 million, including from the tax levy, and represents a \$4.7 million to the taxpayer through borrowing costs. This was earned; not given. He thanked the consultants and the project manager, who were key players in the meetings. He reported that even with the increase for this, Weymouth is still in the lowest quarter in the state for tax rate. He provided a handout to the Council that explains further impact of the vote and reviewed it:

- debt exclusion impact
 - o cost of debt exclusion added before tax rate set
 - o current tax levy
 - o tax levy with debt exclusion
 - o will not be a separate cost on the tax bill
 - o annual cost of the exclusion will not increase
 - o The debt exclusion impact on annual tax bills could change based on the factors that impact bills every year
 - Individual assessed value
 - Total town assessed value
 - o Depending on these factors, which change annually, the Debt Exclusion impact could go up, down, or stay the same

President Smart responded that this was good news. Mr. Langill reported there is some additional opportunity in funding, if you read the award letter. It shows there is still more room to grow-the consultant suggests they might realizing about 25% of it, but it has room to grow.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget- Mayor Robert Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill, Chief Financial Officer Brian Connolly

Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill and CFO Connolly presented the measure. The Mayor reported they are tapping the brakes—so the budget will see a slowdown of growth. There is a flattening of town receipts and what is coming from the state. It represents a \$174.4 million operating budget.

- 14 of the departments are level or below, 7 are increasing.
- 7.4 % increase in CPC.
- 2.75% Water/Sewer (same as last year) doing more with less.
- 2 additional police and firefighters are included.
- 4% level increase in the school budget.
- increase in park maintenance to take care of fields. The fees generated are being used to offset debt service.
- \$1.1M in stabilization when he took office...now to be \$7 million, and is based on the recommendation of outside auditors and helps with bond rating.
- Debt service- 1.9% increase, which shows responsible and effective borrowing. It's conservative compared to debt in other communities.
- Health insurance cost is increasing 2%- this is good in this climate

President Smart asked about the debt structure and paying down field debt. The Mayor responded that it is combined with the meals tax. President Smart responded that he wouldn't want to see fees for rinks going to other services.

The power point presentation included:

- Slowing Growth
 - o Total actual town revenue growth
 - o Free cash history
 - o Summary
 - o Tax levy
 - o Local receipts
 - o Local aid revenue

Councilor McDonald asked if the Charter School reimbursement was fully funded, what would it be? Mr. Langill responded that it would be several million over the years.

Councilor Heffernan asked how much has the lack of revenue from Union Point affected the budget. Mr. Langill responded that it has had some impact.

President Smart asked if the projected growth figure is current. Mr. Langill responded yes.

- o State assessments
- o Department expenses
- o Department increased expenses

President Smart noted the LED lighting contract work has just finished. He asked who residents should report those lights that aren't functioning properly. The Mayor responded that they can call his office. Asset Management is auditing the project.

President Smart asked for a full update on the costs for Parks and Recreation –pool and rink. Mr. Langill responded that this will be a separate fund and will track expenses. A plan will be brought forward.

- o School Department
- o Community Preservation
- o Water and Sewer
- o Free Cash/Capital Spending

Councilor DiFazio asked if the town will evaluate the cost to support Union Point, assuming no expected new growth over the next 3-5 years. Mr. Langill responded that it isn't separated from the town. The impact on the school is not substantial and it has its own tax base, to pay off the bond. The town is not losing money on it. The Mayor responded that there are other impacts- the unexpected stall has slowed the work to be completed in Columbian Square.

President Smart asked about the effect of repairs on GP Water Treatment Plant- and that the town will follow up on recouping costs.

Councilor Harrington asked about the trash fee current cost? The Mayor responded that the fee does not cover the cost. It is going up 30% because of contamination with recycled items. Cost per household is \$50 / year. It is subsidizing the cost of the trash. He just signed a contract on trash removal. Asset Management Director John MacLeod reviewed the costs and explained what contamination means. The Mayor noted they are not tough on households to force compliance.

Councilor Kiely asked about SSH PILOT. Because both parties have to agree on any changes, it puts the town in a difficult position. This was put into place in the 1990's and doesn't have a lot of wiggle room. SSH management is agreeable to meeting to discuss. The Mayor noted that aside from the agreement, the hospital has provided a lot of support to the town and the under the current regime is cooperative and a good partner.

Non-Budget Measures:

19 048-Acceptance of Grant of Land and an Easement from GND Realty Trust and Abandonment of Easements

On behalf of the Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, hereby consents and authorized (i) the Mayor to accept, consistent with General Laws, chapter 30B, §16(e)(2), a deed and grant of an easement from GND Realty Trust for land and an easement on, over, and adjacent to the Smelt Brook in Weymouth Landing and in exchange for; and (ii) abandoning various sewer and access easement, consistent with General Laws, chapter 40, §15 and Section 2-206 of the Town's General Ordinances, on other land of GND Realty Trust. The Town Council finds, declares, and specifies the minimum amount to be paid for the abandonment of easements to be one dollar and zero (\$1.00) as GND Realty Trust is conveying to the Town land and easement in a greater quantity than the easements the Town is abandoning.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 048 to the Economic Development Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 049-Extended Lease Term of Radio Towers – Industrial Communications and Electronics, Inc.

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, hereby consents and authorizes the Mayor to execute, consistent with General Laws, chapter 30B, §12(b), a Lease Agreement with an extended lease term of initially five (5) years with Industrial Communications and Electronics, Inc. for the leasing of space on radio towers and base equipment buildings located at 139 Corporate Park Drive, Quincy, MA and 94 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA for the Town's Emergency Response Antennas commencing on July 1, 2019 and terminating on June 30, 2024, and any renewals the Mayor deems just and proper.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 049 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 050-Extended Lease Term of Connell Memorial Rink and Pool

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, hereby consents and authorizes the Mayor to execute, consistent with General Laws, chapter 30B, §12(b), a Permit Agreement with an extended lease term of initially ten (10) years with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Department of Conservation and Recreation for the Connell Memorial Rink & Pool commencing on May 1, 2019 and terminating on April 30, 2029, and any renewals the Mayor deems just and proper.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 050 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Measures:

19 051-General Government Annual Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,445,532 to provide for all the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town’s several departments and activities for the fiscal year 2020, and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the conditions specified. The sources of funding for said expenditures are as outlined in the Revenue Projections which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 051 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 052-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2020 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and revolving account 5209 for Parks and Recreation established by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53D. Furthermore, that each of these revolving accounts is permitted to accept funds in the aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

Account	Fund Name	Limit to Accept	Limit to Expend
5201	Conservation	\$30,000	\$30,000
5202	Law Enforcement (local)	\$50,000	\$50,000
5209	Parks and Recreation	\$600,000	\$600,000
5210	Law Enforcement (federal)	\$100,000	\$100,000
5216	Community Services	\$150,000	\$150,000
5224	Field Permit	\$400,000	\$400,000
5235	Harbor Master	\$85,000	\$85,000

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 052 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 053- Gift Accounts Annual Authorization

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2020 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53A. Furthermore, that each of these gift accounts is permitted to accept gifts and/or donations in aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in a the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

Account	Fund Description	Limit to Accept	Limit to Expend
5401	Junior Police Academy	\$15,000	\$15,000
5406	Fourth of July	\$25,000	\$25,000
5408	Library	\$5,000	\$5,000
5409	Health	\$5,000	\$3,000
5410	Health Clinics	\$10,000	\$15,000
5414	Fire Department	\$5,000	\$3,000
5423	Veteran’s Donations	\$1,000	\$5,000
5431	Weymouth Day	\$20,000	\$60,000
5435	Canine Donations	\$5,000	\$7,000
8324	Franklin Pratt – A	None Required	\$15,000
8338	James Humphrey Bequest	None Required	\$12,000
8339	Christine Sweetser	None Required	\$17,000

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 053 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 054-Free Cash for Stabilization Fund

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$1,250,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund (Fund 8372).

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 054 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 055-Free Cash Transfer to OPEB Trust Fund

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash to the Town’s EPEB Trust Fund (8203)

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 055 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 056-Free Cash for FY19 Snow Removal

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$800,000 from free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2019 snow removal budget. This amount is to be placed in the fund account 0002 and any unexpended balances as of June 30, 2019 will fall to Free Cash.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 056 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 057-Free Cash for School IT

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$755,982 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of Weymouth Public School IT infrastructure improvements and devices,

These needs are #67 and 68 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 057 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 058-Free Cash for School Educational Materials

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of educational and instructional materials for Weymouth Public Schools.

This need is #71 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 058 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 059-Free Cash for School Chair Lifts

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$75,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the replacement of chair lifts at the Frederick C. Murphy Primary School and the Johnson Early Childhood Center.

This need is #63 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 059 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 060-Free Cash for CTE Educational Materials

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$86,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the

purchase of educational and instructional materials for Career and Technical Education at Weymouth Public Schools.

This need is #69 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 060 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 061-Free Cash for New Police Cruisers

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$329,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of seven (7) new police cruisers for the Weymouth Police Department.

This need is #45 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 061 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 062-Free Cash for Station 2 Repairs and Improvements

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$375,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with repairs and improvements to Weymouth Fire Department Station 2.

This need is #31 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 062 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 063-Free Cash for Fire Department Mini Pumper

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$325,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of a mini pumper for the Weymouth Fire Department.

This need is the last need (unnumbered) listed on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 063 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 064-Sewer Enterprise Fund FY20 Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,440,396 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund receipts and

appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during fiscal year 2020 from the Sewer Department and the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 064 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 065-Sewer Retained Earnings-Pump Station Improvements

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with sewer pump station improvements.

This need is #89 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 065 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 066-Sewer Retained Earnings-Capital Equipment

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of a new Vactor truck service vehicle and associated equipment.

This need is #87 on the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 066 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 067-Water Enterprise Fund FY20 Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,897,586 from the Water Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during fiscal year 2020 for the Water Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 067 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 068-Community Preservation Fund Annual Appropriation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2020 Community Preservation Budget in the amount of \$890,000.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 068 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 069-Authorization to Expend CDBG & Home Funds

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth accepts the Fiscal year 2019-2020 HUD grants in the amounts of \$689,681 for CDBG and \$212,837 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.

Both are allocations from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

These amounts are estimated as HUD will not have actual award amounts until a later date, but approval is needed prior to the date of notification of actual grant amounts.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 069 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Smart wished CFO Connolly well in his new position with the City of Boston.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Regarding Stop and Shop Employees-Christopher Heffernan/Councilor at Large

Councilor Heffernan noted this is a disheartening trend. It's the second time in his brief tenure on the Council that a similar situation is occurring - Corporations removing key benefits. This is not a simple dispute. The company is reporting record-breaking profits and at the same time attempting to take benefits from the workers. He will strive to see that workers are treated fairly. He read the resolution supporting the local workers into the record:

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Weymouth Town Council that local Stop and Shop Workers represented by United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 328 are now on strike.

WHEREAS: Stop and Shop Stores service many residents and customers in the Town of Weymouth.

WHEREAS: The United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 328, which represents the men and women who work within Stop and Shop stores within the Town of Weymouth; and

WHEREAS: The United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 328 Worker's Union has been bargaining in good faith in order to achieve competitive wages and benefits for its members; and

WHEREAS: An extensive strike of Stop and Shop workers raises financial and job security hardships for the employees in question

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Weymouth Town Council urges Stop and Shop Corporation to end the strike of the workers and work with them to ensure they maintain the benefits they have earned as loyal and dedicated employees.

A motion was made by Councilor Heffernan to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Councilor McDonald. President Smart thanked Councilor Heffernan for bringing the resolution forward. As a member in a local and former member in this one, he will support. Councilor McDonald reported he will also support. Councilor Happel reported that he will also support; he walked the picket line. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Resolution Regarding New Chapman Middle School- Rebecca Haugh/District One Councilor

Councilor Haugh noted that construction of the building would allow for a complete overhaul in the educational make up of Weymouth. The state will mandate full day Kindergarten in the future and the current setup will not allow for it. She thanked the committee- they studied and presented a solid solution. She read the DRAFT COPY of the resolution into the record:

WHEREAS: the facility now known as the Maria Chapman Middle School was built in 1961 as a comprehensive high school with vocational school and has served the Town of Weymouth and its students over the years, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Weymouth submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) on April 6, 2015, a Statement of Interest to renovate or replace Maria Chapman Middle School, and

WHEREAS: the MSBA invited Maria Chapman Middle School and the Town of Weymouth into MSBA's Eligibility Period on May 25, 2016. The Eligibility Period commenced on June 8, 2016, and

WHEREAS: Mayor Robert Hedlund formed the Chapman School Building Committee in August 2016 comprised of members of the Weymouth Public Schools, Town of Weymouth officials and citizens of the Town of Weymouth, and

WHEREAS: on October 17, 2016, the Weymouth Town Council unanimously approved \$1 million in funding for the purpose of paying costs of a Feasibility Study for the renovation of the existing school, a renovation of an addition to the existing school and/or new construction at the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School with the understanding that the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), and

WHEREAS: the Chapman School Building Committee held over 50 public opportunities for community input in 30 months since August 2016 and created a website and social media accounts to enable the public to be involved and the process open and transparent for all, and

WHEREAS: the process established that the current building is ill-suited for the learning needs of today's middle school students and that suitable repairs and upgrades to the current Maria Chapman Middle School are projected to cost over \$100 million, which would not more than meet minimal building code requirements, including asbestos removal, and

WHEREAS: the Town of Weymouth has qualified for \$57.3 million in state funds to build a 21st century middle school that embraces inclusive, equitable, personalized and interdisciplinary instruction in a neighborhood atmosphere that fosters exploration and growth, and

WHEREAS: the remaining cost of a new middle school to be paid by the Town of Weymouth would be slightly more than the \$100 million required to renovate the existing structure, and

WHEREAS: on March 4, 2019, the Weymouth Town Council unanimously supported a measure to put forth a ballot measure for a debt exclusion override to the citizens of Weymouth on April 30, 2019 for the purpose of building a new Maria Chapman Middle School, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Weymouth Town Council recognizes that renovating the current Maria Chapman Middle School does nothing to address current educational deficiencies and needs of the school district to include multiple transitions between Grade 4 and Grade 9, current Chapman spaces do not meet minimum MSBA guidelines, Special Education classrooms are undersized and without toilet facilities, an inability to keep up

with educational technology, does not support project based activities and science classrooms do not meet the requirements for lab standards, and

RESOLVED, that the Weymouth Town Council, does on this day vote to support the building of a new middle school.

A motion was made by Councilor Haugh to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Councilor Mathews.

Councilor Heffernan reported he would support it. It's the beginning of a plan to improve the whole town. It started with the parks and playing fields and then the library. It's aggressive infrastructure improvement and this is the next obvious step. It's not a stand-alone but part of a greater improvement project. It's just smart business.

Councilor Harrington reported that the current building was constructed in the 1960's and has lived through its useful life. It's time to replace it. This is the best option and he will support.

Councilor Happel thanked Councilor Haugh- as a graduate of WHS, he was amazed when he took the tour. He supports.

Councilor McDonald reported he was in the last graduating class of NWHS and the school needs to be replaced. This is the next progression.

Councilor Kiely also thanked Councilor Haugh for bringing this forward. She took the tour. It's a disservice to not replace it and leave \$57 M on the table.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019.

At 9:13 PM; 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.

ATTACHMENTS – Power Point presentation (Budget 2020)

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 3 June 2019