

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**May 6, 2019 Monday**

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  
Brian McDonald, Councilor  
Michael Molisse, Councilor

Absent: Jane Hackett, Councilor

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

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

President Smart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent, President Smart noted that Councilor Hackett had a previous commitment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Mathews announced the Whitman’s Pond Association will be holding their annual Fishing Festival on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 10AM at the Middle Street boat launch. Fishing rods and bait will be supplied.

Councilor Molisse announced the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual South Shore Pan-Mass Challenge, to be held on Sunday, June 19, 2019 from 8-11:30AM at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham.

Councilor Harrington announced that there will be an Open Space and Recreation Plan Public Workshop on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 at the Humanities Center at the High School.

Councilor Heffernan announced keynote speaker, David Sheff, author of “The Beautiful

Boy” will be conducting a book signing at Weymouth High School on Wednesday 8 May at 6:30 PM.

## **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 were taken from the table, debate on the “Report of the 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**

### **19 071- Line Item Transfer from Employee Benefits Health Insurance to Employee Benefits Workers’ Compensation**

Mr. Langill requests on behalf of Mayor Hedlund that \$175,000 is transferred from the Employee Benefits Health Insurance account to the Employee Benefits Workers’ Compensation account, for the purpose of covering the town’s projected workers’ compensation claims for FY 19.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure number 19 071 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

### **19 072-Legal Department Line Item Transfer/Supplemental Appropriation Request**

Mr. Langill requests on behalf of Mayor Hedlund to transfer \$300,000 from the reserve fund to the town solicitor-litigation-special counsel line item, and to transfer \$50,000 from town solicitor-judgement-claims and damages line item to the town solicitor litigation other professionals line item. These transfers are being requested to pay legal bills for FY 19-which were incurred for legal fees regarding opposition to the natural gas companies’ expansion plans.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure number 19 072 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

**19 073-Appointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Matthew Murray**

Mr. Langill requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund to appoint Matthew Murray of 1805 Commercial Street to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for a 3 year term.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure number 19 073 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

**19 074-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Michael Grafton**

Mr. Langill requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund to appoint Michael Grafton of 34 Morningside Path to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a 3 year term.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure number 19 074 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

**19 075-Appointment to the Veterans' Council-Gerald Burke**

Mr. Langill requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund to appoint Gerald Burke of 1276 Washington Street to the Veterans' Council for a 3 year term.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to refer measure number 19 075 to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Haugh and voted unanimously.

Mr. Langill bundled the following measures for handling:

**19 076- Reappointment to the Waterfront Committee-George Mutch**

**19 077-Reappointment to the Redevelopment Authority-Joseph Curran**

**19 078-Reappointment to the Recreation Commission-Aurthur DelRosso**

**19 079-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Edward Foley**

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adopt the reappointment list, measures 19 076 through 19 079, inclusive, and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Michael Molisse**

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met to deliberate the following measures:

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

This measure was referred on April 16, the committee met this evening and Chairman Molisse motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously,

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

This measure was referred on April 16, the committee met on May 1 and Chairman Molisse motioned for favorable action, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews.

Councilor Mathews extended his appreciation to the Mayor for putting this forward, noting that this is a wonderful opportunity for the town. Thoughts of closing were circulating. This will allow for year round benefits to both seniors and children. Hockey players needed to go to Quincy for ice time, but this should rectify the situation.

Councilor Molisse commended the administration on the presentation and noted that Parks and Recreation has a solid plan in place for taking over the rink and pool.

Motion voted unanimously.

### **Economic Development Committee-Chairman Ed Harrington**

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

Chairman Harrington noted that his committee met on April 25 and Bob Luongo explained that the town is being deeded an easement for the Smelt Brook area. The town and developers have arranged for appropriate parking easements and will abandon a sewer easement that served in the previous arrangement of structures but now is no longer utilized. Signage and creation of documentation for title purposes was discussed. On behalf of the Economic Development Committee, Councilor Harrington motioned for favorable action on measure number 19 048, motion seconded by Councilor Molisse and voted favorably.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Smart announced the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 20, 2019 at the Abigail Adams Auditorium.

At 7:49 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.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council  
Unanimously voted on 3 June 2019