

**Town Council Minutes
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 16, 2023**

Present: Arthur Mathews, President
Michael Molisse, Vice President
John Abbot, Councilor
Lisa Belmarsh, Councilor
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Gary MacDougall, Councilor
Greg Shanahan, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor
Brian Connolly, Town Auditor
James Malary, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Janet P. Murray

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll.

MINUTES

Vice President Molisse motioned for approval of the **Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023**. Motion seconded by Councilor Kiely and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

23 127 Town Clerk – Call of Town General Election on November 7, 2023 – Action Requested Under 2-9(b)

In the name of the Commonwealth, the Town of Weymouth is hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in the town general election to vote on Tuesday November 7, 2023.

Councilor Molisse motioned to take measure #23 127 under 2-9(b). Motion seconded by Councilor Kiely and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Molisse made a motion for favorable action on measure #23 127 which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 128 Request to Enter into a 5 year Contract for Teacher Education and Professional Development Tracking Solution Software

James Malary stated, “I submit the following measure for consideration by Town Council: That the Town be authorized to enter into a contract for ‘Teacher Evaluation and Professional Development tracking Solution Software’ for a term of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General laws Chapter 30B, Section 12.”

Councilor Molisse motioned to refer measure #23 128 to the Budget/Management Committee which was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

Councilor Abbott stated that he has no objection to the referral. He pointed out that the Council was given no documentation or back-up to this measure or the next measure. He stated that he hoped that during the Budget/Management Committee meeting this information would be provided by administration.

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 129 Request to Enter into a 5 year Contract for Before and After School Programming for Primary School Student

James Malary stated, “I submit the following measure for consideration by Town Council: That the Town be authorized to enter into a contract for ‘Before and After School Programming for Primary School Students’ for a term of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General laws Chapter 30B, Section 12.”

Councilor Molisse motioned to refer measure #23 129 to the Budget/Management Committee which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget/Management Committee - Chair Michael Molisse

23 124 – Appointment to the Board of Health – Cassandra Sullivan

Vice President Molisse welcomed Ms. Sullivan and asked her to explain why she applied for this position.

Ms. Sullivan stated that she is honored and excited to be considered to sit on the Board of Health so that she can serve and give back to the community. She noted that she has been a Weymouth

resident for the last 25 years. She pointed out that she and her husband chose to raise their five children here.

Ms. Sullivan continued that she believes she is qualified to sit on the Board of Health professionally as she is currently a school psychologist and works for the Weymouth schools as an outplacement liaison. She added that she is also a part-time law school student at UMass Dartmouth Law. Lastly, she stated that she always had a strong commitment to public service as she took an oath to serve her country when she was younger serving in the National Guard as a counterintelligence agent and linguist. She thanked the committee for the privilege and opportunity to serve Weymouth and the Board of Health.

Vice President Molisse stated that this measure was referred to the committee on 10/2/2023. The committee met this evening, 10/16/2023 and voted favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse recommended favorable action on measure #23 124 to the full Town Council. He hereby submitted, on behalf of Mayor Robert Hedlund, in accordance with section 2-10 of the town charter, the name of Cassandra Sullivan, for appointment to the Board of Health. This is filling a three year term due to expire June 30, 2026. Councilor Kiely seconded. Motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

23 125 Proposed Change to Town of Weymouth Zoning Ordinance, Extending Village Overlay District – Chris Bruce- Proponent

Attorney Gregory Galvin presented the measure.

The measure reads as follows: We, the undersigned owners of that parcel shown on Assessors map, on Sheet 20, Block 274, Lots 5, 6, & 7, hereby petition the Town to rezone said parcels in the following manner:

Section 1, Amend the Town of Weymouth Zoning Map by overlaying the current zoning (Lot 5, R-4 and Lots 6 & 7, B-1) of said Lots 5, 6, & 7 of Block 274, by extending the Village Center Overlay District across Broad Street.

1. Sheet 20, Block 274, Lot 5 (95 Broad Street)
2. Sheet 20, Block 274, Lot 6 (230 Washington Street)
3. Sheet 20, Block 274, Lot 7 (238 Washington Street)

Section 2, Submit said parcels to all of the conditions of said underlying districts along with the provisions of the Town of Weymouth Zoning Bylaw Article VIIA § 120-25.1 through § 120-25.13.

Signed by: Christopher Bruce and Jason Kennedy, 238 Washington Street, LLC and Union Congregational Church of Weymouth & Braintree Administrator – signature not legible.

Mr. Galvin stated that he is here with two of the applicants, Mr. Christopher Bruce, and Mr. Jason Kennedy. They own the property at 238 Washington Street.

Mr. Galvin stated that this is a request to extend the overlay district. He noted that the overlay district extends across Broad Street on the other side of Washington Street. It takes in the property at 217 Washington Street, which is the former Western Auto property. He stated that his clients are seeking to have it extended to their property and the property next door. He pointed out that that the property has deteriorated over the years and needs some sprucing up. He added that they are thinking that if this overlay district is extended, they would be able to take the building down and erect a new building which would require a special permit.

Vice President Molisse made a motion to refer measure #23 125 to the Planning Board as well as the Ordinance Committee which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Mathews stated that the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will be held on November 13, 2023, due to the election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, as meetings on the eve of an election are prohibited.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., there being no further business, Vice President Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Janet P. Murray as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council
Voted favorably on 13 November 2023