

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 21, Monday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Jane Hackett, Vice Chairman
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Absent: Michael Smart, Councilor

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

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

19 104-Director of Municipal Finance Appointment-James Malary

This measure was referred to the committee on October 7, 2019. Mr. Malary was invited to the table with Chief of Staff Langill. Vice Chair Hackett asked for some background. Mr. Malary provided his experience and areas of expertise. He was instrumental in several initiatives at the town hall including relocating the Assessor's office to the building. Vice Chair Hackett noted she is glad to see this brought forward. Mr. Malary responded that he looks forward to serving the taxpayers.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 104 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 105- CPA Funding Request for Lovell Field Pedestrian Bridge

This measure was referred to the committee on October 7, 2019. Recreation Director Reilly was invited to the table with Director MacLeod who proposed the request that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$182,341 from the Unreserved Fund Balance account for the design, permitting and construction of a bridge over the Herring Run to Lovell Field. Mr. Reilly reviewed the plans. Parking is fairly limited at the popular park. They have the cooperation of the MBTA, which allows free weekend and evening use of their lot. The intent behind the bridge is to provide safe walking access between the lot and the field. It's also incorporating some of the Back River Trail work. Mr. MacLeod reviewed the anticipated timeline, noting that it should be ready July 1st.

Councilor Kiely asked if there will be sufficient lighting. Mr. MacLeod responded that it is easily added if it proves to be insufficient. Solar options may also be available.

Councilor Kiely asked what materials would be used for the bridge. Mr. Reilly responded that it is weathered steel.

Auditor Swanson analyzed the measure and noticed the numbers don't add up. He spoke with Mr. Reilly who noted the \$50,000 difference is labor that will be provided in-kind by the DPW. Mr. Swanson also confirmed there are adequate funds in the Unreserved fund.

Chair Molisse congratulated them on a great partnership and project.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 19 105 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 18 November 2019