

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
March 18, 2019, Monday**

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

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor  
Christine Howe, Program Mgr. of Grants & Procurement  
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 all members present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Happel announced the St. Patrick's Day party benefitting Coop's Troops on March 20, 2019. The first annual Weymouth Irish Heritage Day kicks off at 11 AM on March 24, 2019 with a parade on Union Street followed by a festival at Stella Tirrell Park.

Councilor Molisse announced the last day to register to vote the debt exclusion override is April 10, 2019.

Councilor Harrington announced the Boston Bruins team has acquired two Weymouth natives this season.

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

## MINUTES

### **Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### **19 020-Free Cash for Field and Park Improvements**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to open the public hearing on 19 020 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. This was published on March 8, 2018. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Recreation Director Steve Reilly and Asset Management Director John MacLeod were invited to the table to review the request for \$415,988 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing funding for projects associated with measures 16 141 (A&B), namely the construction, rehabilitation, repairs and improvements to Weymouth public fields and parks. Funds are needed to complete these projects. Original appropriation bids – did well on 3 main ones. They have leveraged economy of scale. Funding will cover repaving and some additional work at the smaller parks. \$1.3 million has been done, but there still is some work needed. Mr. Reilly reviewed the overall scope which managed 13 different projects. It was an aggressive schedule, and was completed with cooperation by several town departments. He reviewed Auditor Swanson's questions and the responses.

Councilor Hackett noted the additional work includes the completion of irrigation systems. She noted there was a misconception that the original plan included bathroom facilities but it was not feasible. They are working with the administration to address it in the future. She thanked the presenters for their work and noted they were able to complete Libbey Field a year ahead of schedule. The town has established a standard of excellence.

Council President Smart asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there were the following response:

**Linda Rorie, 693 Commercial Street**- asked how is free cash being replenished and what the last five year's free cash amounts were to determine the trend. The administration will provide the information.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to close the public hearing on 19 020 and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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**

### **19 023-Reappointment to the Board of Elder Services-William Begley**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the Town of Weymouth appoint William Begley of 5 Litchfield Road to the Board of Elder Services for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

### **19 024-Reappointment to the Board of Health-Maureen DelPrete**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Maureen DelPrete of 140 Mt. Vernon Road East to the Board of Health for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

### **19 025-Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals-Kemal Denizkurt**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Kemal Denizkurt of 33 Circuit Road to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2021.

### **19 026-Reappointment to the Waterfront Committee-Frank Geary**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Frank Geary of 18 Ocean Avenue to the Waterfront Committee for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

### **19 027-Reappointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Vicki Kaufman**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Vicki Kaufman of 55 Tall Oaks Drive, #603 to the Board of Library Trustees for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

### **19 028-Reappointment to the Conservation Commission-George Loring III**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint George Loring, III of 146 Pine Street to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

**19 029-Reappointment to the Board of Elder Services-Diane Oliverio**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Diane Oliverio of 2 Argyle Court to the Board of Elder Services for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

**19 030-Reappointment to the Historical Commission-Cathy Torrey**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Cathy Torrey of 14 Riverbank Road to the Historical Commission for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

**19 031-Reappointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Cathy Torrey**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Cathy Torrey of 14 Riverbank Road to the Board of Library Trustees for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

**19 032-Reappointment to the Cultural Council-Hong Vuong**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Hong Vuong of 26 Paris Street to the Cultural Council for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to adopt the Reappointment list, measures 19 023 through 19 032, inclusive, and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**19 033-Appointment to the Fourth of July Committee-George Bouchard**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth appoint Geoffrey Potter of 51 Broad Reach to the Fourth of July Committee for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 033 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**19 034-Appointment to the Fourth of July Committee-Geoffrey Potter**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, CFO Brian Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth appoint George Bouchard of 87 Putnam Street to the Fourth of July Committee for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 034 to the Budget/Management Committee 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 on March 18, 2019 to deliberate the following measures:

### **19 019-Fiscal Year 2018 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 4, 2019. The Committee met on March 18, 2019 and voted to forward it to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. Swanson, Mr. Biron and Ms. Lussier were invited to the table to review the results of the audited financial statements and management letter. He reported this was a clean audit opinion; meaning there were no discrepancies. Two issues were cited for improvement of procedures and controls and both are being addressed.

Frank Biron reviewed the financial statements. He noted Erica Lussier will review the management letter and single audit. Highlights include:

- New GASB standards that concern retiree health insurance; the OPEB liability is to be reported in full going forward. The whole liability is reported in the new standard.
- Balance sheet-governmental funds- calculation begins here to arrive at free cash balance
- Free cash \$5.1M – portion was moved to the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.

Councilor Hackett asked if the school department revolving account was included in the audit? Mr. Biron responded no.

- Budget – original and final – actual vs. variances, and the amount the revenues beat the budget. It included appropriation turnbacks.
- Use of free cash- some moved to the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund
- Administration was able to recoup free cash that was used- this is what Bond Rating agencies look at (we are able to use as long as can recover it)
- Enterprise funds- accrual basis of accounting
- Contributory retirement/ OPEB trust- another firm audited- clean opinion
- Net investment income- 15% return on investment (stock market performed well in 2017 and is reflected here)
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Councilor DiFazio asked if there was a reason to believe they should increase or decrease OPEB liability and questions if it will not detract from standing with the bond agencies? Mr. Biron responded that what the bond agencies want to see is continuance of funding.

President Smart asked if there has been anything from the state? Mr. Biron responded that he hasn't heard.

Ms. Lussier provided a review of the management letter. They looked at policies and procedures. Last year there were eight comments in their review; this year there were only two. Prior year included a revision to policies and procedures and departmental receipts – individual department controls. Federal awards policies and procedures-

addressing cash management, procurement, allowable costs. The Town provided a response and they have had discussions. Policies will be put into place this year. The new standard, GASB 84 includes a chart of accounts and GASB87 addresses operating leases and reporting them on financial statements. The single audit (annual) last year was of federal awards. This year it included CDBG and SPED and results were a clean report on both.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 019; that the Town of Weymouth accept the report of the Fiscal Year 2018 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. Councilor Harrington thanked the Auditor and noted the town is in very good shape. Councilor Molisse echoed his comments. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **19 020-Free Cash for Field and Park Improvements**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 4, 2019. The Committee met on March 18, 2019 and voted to forward it to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on March 18, 2019.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 020; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$415,988 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing funding for projects associated with Measures 16 141 (A&B), namely the construction, rehabilitation, repairs and improvements to Weymouth public fields and parks, and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The motion and was seconded by Vice President Mathews UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **19 021-Town Clerk- Call of the Special Town Election for April 30, 2019-action requested under 2-9(b)**

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to consider measure 19 021 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 19 021; *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 Special Election to vote on Tuesday April 30, 2019.*

The motion was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**19 022- Contract for Independent Audit-Fiscal Year 2019-Fiscal Year 2021**

Auditor Swanson requested that the Town of Weymouth approve the process to contract for Independent Audit for Fiscal Year 2019 through 2021.

A motion was made by Vice President Mathews to refer measure 19 022 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Molisse.  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019.

At 8:26 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 Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council.

Voted unanimously on 16 April 2019