

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
April 1, 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: 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 all members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Mathews announced the Herring Run clean up on April 6, 2019. Volunteers can meet behind Niko's at 8AM.

Councilor Molisse announced the Adopt a Green program will begin May 1st. Applications have been sent out for renewals, and available spots will be

available for unsponsored sites.

Councilor McDonald announced the WHS Wildcats vs WFD 5vs 5 basketball benefit on April 6, 2019 at 1PM at WHS gym.

Councilor Harrington announced the annual Health & Recreation Fair will be held April 13, 2019 at the Whipple Center.

Councilor Heffernan announced the South Shore Recycling Cooperative will sponsor a 9-1 SScoop Hazardous Waste Collection at the DPW on April 6, 2019, 9 AM – 1PM.

Councilor Haugh announced the NWCA sponsoring the State of N. Weymouth with Mayor Hedlund on April 10, 2019, 6 PM at the McCulloch building.

Councilor Happel thanked the participants of the first Weymouth Irish Heritage Day festivities and looks forward to next year.

President Smart announced the Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 20, 2019 at the Adams Auditorium at 7:30 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 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

Open Space Plan Update-Mayor Robert Hedlund

-Robert Luongo, Planning Director

-Steve Reilly, Recreation Director

-Andrew Hultin, Program Coordinator-Parks

Mayor Hedlund started the presentation with an overview of the process. With the recent zoning changes, they will take an inventory then outline an action plan for next seven years to use in order to secure grant funding. They intend to look at facilities, land acquisitions, etc.. Considering the town is at 98% build-out, it's important to look at every open resource. There is a survey (online) and he encouraged participation by everyone. There's also a new web page – weymouthoutdoors.com. The first meeting will be held on May 16th in the Humanities Center at WHS. Mr. Luongo emphasized that this will be a robust plan and include a lot of in-house work. They will get a good understanding of what active users and new users need and want and will look at demographics. Weymouth is an aging city. It will include Council on Aging and outreach to the senior center. They want to reach out to everyone, including the neighborhood associations. Meetings will be held at the request of the public. They need to come up with realistic goals and implement them over the next seven years. It will include Union Point, active and passive recreation and will build off other studies done over the last year and incorporate them (coastline, housing production, bicycling) and will be comprehensive in the process. Mayor Hedlund reviewed what the committee has been doing. It was formed last June of a diverse group of volunteers, coordinated by Andrew Hultin. Planning, DPW, Recreation etc. put forward a first round of initiatives which included conservation area on land acquired from Mr. Ryder. (No outside cost was associated with it.). It was noted that conservation restrictions were placed on it recently. Other areas are the Bradford Torrey bird sanctuary, Alexan trail work, House Rock Park, Hoffman Park (dedicated in mid 60's) and Great Pond, (which is supposed to be off limits, but runoff includes feces from animals infiltrated the water supply).

At Great Esker, they identified a trail to open up and limit use to it (Gifford to Negus). All work to be completed will not impact the operating budget and will use in- house labor and private donations and grants. It will open up existing property in town portfolio, and provide access. There is also the additional acquisition of open space, adjacent to Gagnon in Idlewell. Mr. Hultin noted it will open access to existing parks, parking, and 5 miles of trails in six projects. Mayor Hedlund noted that Gagnon had been in discussion with Mr. Bristol regarding zoning changes and is almost finalized. (Bristol Construction originally proposed a 40B project for the site). Billboard mitigation is in the permitting phases.

President Smart thanked the presenters for the information.

19 035-Reappointment to Memorial Committee-Joan Anderson

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Joan Anderson of 61 Webb Street to the Memorial Committee for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 036-Reappointment to Planning Board-George Berg

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint George Berg of 74 Summer Street to the Planning Board for a five-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.

19 037-Reappointment to Cemetery Commission-Michael Crowley

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Michael Crowley of 12 Farragut Avenue to the Cemetery Commission for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 038- Reappointment to Zoning Board of Appeals-Brandon Diem

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Brandon Diem of 22 Stratford Road to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2021.

19 039- Reappointment to Commission on Disabilities-Ron Evans

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Ron Evans of 84 Broad Reach, #106 to the Commission on Disabilities for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 040- Reappointment to WETC Board of Directors-Glenn Heath

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Glenn Heath of 44 Wood Avenue to the WETC Board of Directors for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 041- Reappointment to Cultural Council-Mary Pap

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Mary Pap of 60 Lovell Street to the Cultural Council for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2021.

19 042- Reappointment to Board of Elder Services-Laureen Pizzi

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Laureen Pizzi of 10 Shawmut Street to the Board of Elder Services for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 043- Reappointment to Community Events Committee-Ronald Rizzo

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Ronald Rizzo of 164 Pearl Street to the Community Events Committee for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 044- Reappointment to Youth Coalition-Mary Jordan-Roy

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Mary Jordan-Roy of 31 Brae Road to the Youth Coalition for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 045- Reappointment to Conservation Commission-Frank Singleton

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Frank Singleton of 60 Bluff Road to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 046- Reappointment to Board of Assessors-Kevin Spellman

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Kevin Spellman of 450 Pond Street to the Board of Assessors for a three-year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

19 047- Reappointment to Construction Steering Committee-Gilbert Starkey

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Mr. Connolly requested that the town of Weymouth reappoint Gilbert Starkey of 73 Circuit Road to the Construction Steering Committee 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 19 035 through 19 047, inclusive and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024

Mr. Connolly presented the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024.

President Smart reported that this issue will be handled in the budget process.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chairman Michael Molisse

Councilor Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on April 1, 2019 to deliberate the following measures:

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

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 18, 2019. The Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted to forward it to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. Bouchard was invited to the table to state his interest in the appointment.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 033; that the Town of Weymouth appoint George Boucher of to the Fourth of July Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2022 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 18, 2019. The Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted to forward it to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. Mr. Potter was invited to the table to state his interest in the appointment.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 034; 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 and was seconded by Vice President Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Smart explained why appointments and reappointments are processed differently.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019, due to the Patriots' Day holiday.

At 8:01 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