

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairperson
Pascale Burga
Maureen Kiely
Greg Shanahan

Absent: Christopher Heffernan, Vice Chairperson

Recording Secretary: Janet P. Murray

Chairperson Molisse called to order the Budget/Management Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 18, 2023.

23 090 - Free Cash for Riley Field Pickleball Courts

Councilor Kiely made a motion to take measure 23 090 off the table and was seconded by Councilor Burga. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chair Molisse stated that this measure was referred to the Committee on May 15, 2023. The committee met June 12, 2023. There was a favorable public hearing on June 5, 2023. The committee voted on June 12, 2023, to table the measure as there was a lot of discussion from the neighborhood about what was happening. He stated that he had met with the neighbors along with Councilors Happel, Kiely, and Burga and visited the field. This is back before the committee, but he stated that nothing has really taken place. The residents still have a lot of concerns.

Chair Molisse stated that he would like to keep this on the table. He added that he has spoken with Steve Reilly who is planning to meet with the residents at community meetings.

Councilor Burga asked if there is a communication plan for Mr. Reilly to the neighbors.

Chair Molisse stated that they installed noise barriers at the Whipple Center; residents could go there and hear how it keeps the noise down from the pickleball. He added that there are also other concerns about the traffic and parking on Roosevelt Road. He stated that he was there on Saturday and there was parking on both sides of the street causing congestion. He also stated that clearing was done of shrubbery that the residents are unhappy about. All of these items need to be addressed.

Chair Molisse stated that the tentative dates for the neighborhood meetings are Saturday September 23rd and Saturday September 30th.

Councilor Kiely asked about the sound barriers at the Whipple Center.

Chair Molisse stated that anyone can go there at any time, but Mr. Reilly is going to do a demonstration at the meetings.

Councilor Shanahan made a motion to keep measure #23 090 on the table until October 16, 2023, which was seconded by Councilor Burga. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 114-Appointment to the Board of Assessors-Steven Whalen

Chair Molisse stated that Mr. Whalen is not here tonight because the committee appointed him a couple of months ago as an alternate member of the Board of Assessors. Mr. Whalen has already been before the committee for that appointment. He asked if everyone agrees to move him up to an appointment of a full Board of Assessors' appointee.

Councilor Burga made a motion for favorable action on measure 23 114 to the full Town Council which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 115-Appointment to the Planning Board-Charles Young

Chair Molisse welcomed Charles Young and asked him to tell the committee why he applied for this position.

Mr. Young stated that he would like to give back to the town. He stated that he has worked with municipalities for over 30 years. Currently he works for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a resident engineer and was just promoted to statewide Traffic Safety Engineer. He added that he is on two boards of directors for two humane societies as well as owning a low cost spay/neuter clinic with his wife in Weymouth.

Councilor Burga made a motion for favorable action on measure 23 115 to the full Town Council which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 116-Appointment to the Cultural Council-Lisa McCrosson

Chair Molisse welcomed Lisa McCrossen and asked her to tell the committee why she applied for this position.

Ms. McCrosson stated that she has been a Weymouth resident for 24 years and has two children who attend the Weymouth Schools. She noted that she has been involved with the school district and wanted to become involved with the cultural arts to make it a more inclusive and diverse community.

She stated that she is a project manager and has worked with grants and is very detail oriented. She noted that she was able to obtain a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council towards the Weymouth high school marching band.

Councilor Burga made a motion for favorable action on measure 23 116 to the full Town Council which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 117-Appointment to the Waterfront Committee-Frank Singleton

Chair Molisse welcomed Frank Singleton and asked him to tell the committee why he applied for this position.

Mr. Singleton stated that he has served several terms on the Conservation Commission. He noted that there is a lot of overlap between what is done in conservation and what could be done with a Waterfront Committee. He further noted that there is a changing climate, sea level rise, and a number of other challenges coming before the town. He continued that he spoke with Bob Luongo and other Commissioners about having a member on the Waterfront Committee to help communication on issues related to water and the different challenges. He added that he qualifies for the committee as a requirement to serve is to live on the waterfront, which he does.

Councilor Burga made a motion for favorable action on measure 23 117 to the full Town Council which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 118-Appointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Norman Tetreault

Chair Molisse welcomed Norman Tetreault and asked him to tell the committee why he applied for this position.

Mr. Tetreault stated that he has 74 years of dealing with a disability and trying to prove to people that he may be disabled but is not unable. He continued that he has been a resident for 55 years and owns a business in town. For the last 13 years, he has volunteered as a Shine volunteer Counselor at Weymouth Elder Services. He explained that Shine stands for “serving health insurance needs of everyone”. He noted that he sees people from age 24 into their 80s or 90s, advising them on Medicare and MassHealth as well as a wide range of services. He stated that he thinks he would be a good fit for this appointment.

Councilor Burga made a motion for favorable action for measure 23 118 to the full Town Council which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 119-Appointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Sheri Eldridge

Chair Molisse welcomed Sheri Eldridge and asked her to tell the committee why she applied for this position.

Ms. Eldridge stated that she has been a resident of Weymouth for 15 years and lives in the Idlewell area where she volunteers in the neighborhood. She noted that she loves the library and volunteers with the Friends of the Library once a month. As a school counselor for 25 years, she thought that with that experience and her love for working with children, she could be of service. She also noted that she has served on the Quincy Public Schools Scholarship Committee.

Councilor Burga made a motion for favorable action on measure 23 119 to the full Town Council which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee September 18, 2023

6:00 PM

Town Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Kiely made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. which was seconded by Councilor Burga.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Murray as Recording Secretary

Voted unanimously on 16 Oct 2023

Approved by Michael Molisse as Chair of the Budget/Management Committee