

**Budget/Management Committee Minutes
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

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

Also Present: Robert Luongo, Director of Planning

Recording Secretary: Janet P. Murray

Chair Molisse called the Budget/Management Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

23 113 CPA Funding Request for Additional Funding for Construction and Restoration of Beals Park

Mr. Luongo stated that this is a request from the Community Preservation Committee about Beals Park. He stated that this is a \$3.4 million total remake of the park and is scheduled to open in May 2024.

Mr. Luongo stated that the original site borings came out good, however, they were randomly taken throughout the park. A need was discovered for structural fill mainly in the area underneath the skateboard park location as well as under the parking lot. This resulted in a change order of \$150,000. This was presented to the Community Preservation Committee; they made a recommendation to the mayor and got it funded. He added that there will be a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. this evening.

Councilor Burga asked about the sledding hill.

Mr. Luongo stated that the sledding hill was preserved. It has been shifted a little bit.

Councilor Burga asked if there will be a complete park opening in May rather than a partial one as parts of the park are finished.

Mr. Luongo stated that there will not be a partial opening. He continued that the contractor owns the site and there would be liability issues for the town. Even though the skateboard park will be done ahead of time, possibly this November, Steve Reilly is going to arrange for security over the winter. He added that they may use Weymouth emergency management, motion activated cameras, or hire an outside firm.

Mr. Luongo stated that they are hopeful that there will be no additional funding requests. He stated that there are some deducts which work in the Town's favor.

Councilor Kiely stated that she originally lived in North Weymouth and is glad to see this improvement.

Councilor Burga made a motion for favorable action to the full Town Council for measure #23 113 which was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

23 122 Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate) Michael Pizziferri

Chair Molisse thanked Mr. Pizziferri for being present this evening and asked him to tell the committee why he applied for this position.

Mr. Pizziferri stated that although he was born and raised in Quincy, MA, he bought his first house in South Weymouth, just outside of Columbian square in April 2022. He stated that he works for the Canadian consulate and covers economic and public policy. He continued that he also has a background in energy and environment policy which he thinks will apply well to the BZA. He stated that he and his husband Coleman have loved their time in Weymouth so far. He added that he is excited by the opportunity to serve the community that has welcomed them; he would like to be a part of the town's continued growth and hopes to make it better as part of the BZA.

Councilor Kiely made a motion for favorable action to the full Town Council for measure #23 122 which was seconded by Councilor Burga. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chair Molisse requested that Mr. Pizziferri be present for the full Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

23 123 Appointment to the Board of Assessors-Stella Mach

Chair Molisse thanked Ms. Mach for being present this evening and asked her to tell the committee why she applied for this position.

Ms. Mach stated that she moved to Weymouth about two years ago from the DC area and has volunteered and been involved in her community in the past. She continued that, being new to Weymouth, she wanted to get involved in her new community. She added that with her background in data science and modeling, and work at an investment firm in Westwood as a quantitative analyst, she thinks she would be a good fit for the Board of Assessors; she can use her data, finance, and economic skills to make the most of what the assessors do.

Councilor Kiely made a motion for favorable action to the full Town Council for measure #23 123 which was seconded by Councilor Burga. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chair Molisse requested that Ms. Mach be present for the full town council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

At 6:45, there being no further business, Councilor Kiely made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Burga. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Janet P. Murray as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Chair of the Budget/Management Committee
Voted favorably on 13 November 2023