

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Via Zoom # 870 1768 1026
June 14, 2021**

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

Absent: Pascale Burga, Councilor

Also Present: Kathy Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance
Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A roll call was taken by Town Clerk Deree. Councilor Burga was absent.

The chair commented that this is a good solid budget, with no use of one-time funds for operating costs, and includes increases in funding to Schools, DPW, Police and Fire.

Vice Chair Hackett asked a procedural question- can the operating budget measures (21 062 A through 21 062 BB) be grouped and voted as a bundle? The solicitor responded that he was not aware of any reason it couldn't be done, unless a member has a conflict. None are bonds. Town Clerk Deree added that as long as none are abstaining on a particular budget.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to bundle measures 21 062 A- 21 062 BB, inclusive, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Vote the following measures for the fiscal year 2022 budget:

21 062 A-Town Council

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 B-Mayor's Office

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 C-Reserve Fund

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 D-Municipal Finance

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 E-Town Solicitor

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 F-Information Services

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 G-Town Clerk

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 H-Planning and Conservation

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 I-Asset Management & Town Building Maintenance

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 K-Human Resources

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 L-Police Department

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 19, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 M-Fire Department

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 19, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 N-Licensing and Inspections

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 O-Department of Public Works

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 P-Health

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 Q-Library

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 R-Veterans' Services

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 S-Parks and Recreation

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 T-Elder Services

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 U-Civil Defense

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 V-Commission on Disabilities

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 W-Youth and Family Services

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 X-Debt Service

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 Y-Pensions and Benefits

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 Z-Schools

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 26, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 AA-State and County Assessments

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

21 062 BB-Overlay for Abatements

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 062 A through 21 062 BB, inclusive, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 062-General Government Annual Appropriation

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 12, 19, 26, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 062 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

Vice Chair Hackett agreed with the chair's comments regarding the budget process. She noted it's an outstanding budget thanks to the administration, school department and school committee. She thanked them all for their cooperation. She pointed out she is especially pleased with the creation of an enterprise fund for the continued maintenance and future replacement of parks and fields. It's a major step forward for fields and permitting going forward following the massive investment in them. She thanked Superintendent Kathleen Smith, and Asst. Superintendent Brian Smith for their cooperation.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 063-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 063 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 064-Gift Accounts Annual Authorization

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 064 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 065-Sewer Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 065 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 066-Sewer Dept.-Pump Station Improvements-Borrowing Authorization

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 066 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 067-Sewer Retained Earnings- Pump Station Improvements

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 067 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 068-Sewer Retained Earnings- Capital Equipment

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 068 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 069-Water Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 069 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

Vice Chair Hackett commented on how nice it is returning to Weymouth and not see water restriction signs, and noted that this is a direct result of investment in infrastructure.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 070-Water Retained Earnings- Capital Equipment

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 070 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 071-Water Retained Earnings- Water Treatment Plant Upgrades & Improvements

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 071 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 072-Community Preservation Fund Annual Appropriation

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 072 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 073-Free Cash for FY21 Snow Removal Deficit

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 073 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 074-Free Cash Transfer to OPEB Trust Fund

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 074 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 075-Free Cash Transfer School IT Leases

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 26, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 075 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 076-Free Cash Transfer for New Police Cruisers

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 19, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 076 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 077-Establishment Facilities & Fields Enterprise Fund

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 077 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 078-Transfer to Facilities & Fields Enterprise Fund

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 12, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 078 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met to review on May 10, 2021 and a public hearing was held at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward the Capital Improvement Plan to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action, and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 30 August 2021