

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM #821 5971 6520
July 13, 2020, Monday**

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

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Auditor
Dave Tower, Business Manager, DPW
Bob Luongo, Planning Director
Jane Kudcy, Housing Coordinator
Jody Lehrer, Community Development Coordinator
Karen Johnston, Director of Elder Services

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Town Clerk Deree called the roll, with all members present.

20 094-Fiscal Year 20 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget Transfer

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 15, 2020. Dave Tower reported that this is a housekeeping measure, in order to pay overtime and is for clearing sewer blockages and overflows. Unexpended funds in the account line are available from one line to cover the deficit in the other. Auditor Swanson reported that the balances in the account are adequate to cover the deficit.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 20 094, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 095-Appointment to the Housing Authority-Edward Hancock

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on June 15, 2020. Mr. Hancock was invited to the review his interest in serving the town. Councilor Burga reported that she was familiar with Mr. Hancock's resume and reported that he will be a

great addition to the housing community. Vice Chair Hackett thanked the prior vice chair, Donald Sheehan for his service and thanked the candidate for stepping forward. She noted a lot is going on in the housing community at this time. Councilor Kiely echoed the last comments. Councilor Heffernan thanked him for stepping forward. This will be an extension of his position in the community.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 20 095 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 096-Authorization to Accept FY 20-21 HUD Grant/CDBG COVID-19 Funds (CDBG-CV)

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on July 7, 2020.

Planning Director Bob Luongo reported that this measure represents funding the town with monies received under the CARES Act, voted in March 2020. HUD was one of various federal agencies that were recipients. The funds are in addition to the annual allocation. They can only be used on programs that will benefit people impacted by the pandemic. The Mayor has determined the funds will be equally shared by three programs, and Ms. Lehrer and Kudcy will provide a report on the allocations.

Jody Lehrer reported how funds will be expended on public services- applications will be submitted from four well-established provider agencies.

1. Father Bills/Mainspring to support salary for additional staff needed for the expanded shelter services.

2. QCAP for two programs:

- Financial Reach Center-for salary support to provide financial services to low income residents who have either lost their jobs or suffered financial setbacks as a result of the pandemic.
- Southwest Community Foods Center, a regional program that includes serving Weymouth residents-for use in salary support to Weymouth residents. They had to layoff all volunteers and amp up the number of hours for paid staff. Some will also be used to buy additional food for Weymouth residents (to meet a 24% increase need.)

3. Weymouth Food Pantry-for the purchase of food, PPE, and support salary to meet increased need by Weymouth residents.

4. Bay State Community Services-care packages for Weymouth residents who have lost their jobs or had salaries cut.

5. Small Business Grants-to be used for payment of utilities or payment of lease, mortgage or rent for small businesses (brick and mortar establishments only) including low income micro-enterprises (5 or fewer employees and owner is low-income), 5 or fewer employees where owner is not low-income, or 6-100 employees. Applications will be vetted by the Planning staff and if eligible, will be directed to CDBG.

Jane Kudcy reported that a third of the allocations will be used for housing in rental and mortgage assistance. Neighborworks Housing Solution was chosen to oversee the program as a result of an RFP solicitation. Services will be contracted and will pay up to 3 months of mortgage or rental assistance for moderate income families. Information will be posted on the town website.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 20 096 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-abstain, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes. VOTED 4-0, with one abstention.

20 097-Authorization to Accept Charitable Donation from Eastern Bank

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on July 7, 2020.

Karen Johnston reported on the donation for low or moderate income needs for any senior impacted by COVID-19. Eastern Bank called and asked what services they could help with the senior programs and they chose Weymouth as one of 50 regional recipients of funds from their COVID-19 related grant. She asked the town to accept this grant. No use is identified at the moment and it can be used for programming as things happen over the next few months.

Councilor Kiely thanked Ms. Johnston for the amazing work by the director and her department. Chair Molisse echoed the comments. Ms. Johnston thanked them for their support and assistance with food deliveries.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 20 097 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:09 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Kiely to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Abstained, Vice Chair Hackett-Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes VOTED, 4-0 with 1 abstention.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman

Voted unanimously on 10 August 2020