

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Zoom #895 6961 6663
March 15, 2021, Monday**

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

Absent: Pascale Burga, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Fuller, Chief of Police
Kristy Lockhart, Asst. Library Director
Stacy Wilson, Library, Reference and Adult Services

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

21 006-Wharf Street Incinerator Demolition and Site Remediation

Chair Molisse reported that the measure was received on Feb 16, 2021; however, it didn't include backup. He recommends they wait for backup before reviewing. Solicitor Callanan reported that he sent out a PowerPoint presentation 40 minutes earlier. It will be shown during the public hearing on the Council's agenda. The matter will remain in committee.

21 007-Community Preservation Fund Transfer for the Purpose of Digitizing Historic Library Documents

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$22,680 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Fund for the digitization of microfilm reels of the Weymouth Gazette as submitted by the Weymouth Public Libraries and approved by the Community Preservation Committee. This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing. Kristy Lockhart presented the request with Stacy Wilson, Head of Reference and Adult Services. They asked for \$22,680 to digitize 93 years of the Weymouth Gazette. This speaks to the mission of increased accessibility, especially with the upcoming 400th anniversary. The library gets hundreds of requests for obituaries and other family

information. There are 126 rolls of microfilm, that are rapidly deteriorating. Information from 1869-1924 is digitized and in the public domain; this will bring in 1925 to present day. It will be easier for older patrons to access in this format.

Auditor Swanson pointed out that the measure does not include where the funds are going. Every measure should show origin of funds and destination so the Council knows what they are voting, and so that the Auditor can accurately track them. Chief of Staff Langill responded that it's not a transfer into the operating budget. Once the measure is approved, an 02 account is created and an account number provided for tracking purposes.

Vice Chair Hackett suggested adding a clause, "02 account to be established." Chief of Staff Langill and Auditor Swanson agreed. The actual account isn't created until after the measure is voted.

Vice Chair Hackett made a motion to forward measure 21 007 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. Vice Chair Hackett endorsed this as a great project and Chair Molisse agreed.

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

21 014-Appointment to Cultural Council-Dominic Paulo

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 1, 2021. Mr. Paulo was unable to be present; however, the committee received his application.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to approve measure 21 014 and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

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

Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 016-Home Rule Petition-Retirement of Officer Sean Murphy

Chief Fuller presented a statement and read it for the committee. He provided Officer Murphy's background information supporting the petition.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 016 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. Chair Molisse extended his gratitude to the Chief for bringing it forward. The Council wishes he and his family the best.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:49 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Heffernan- 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 3 May 2021