

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**Zoom # 812 1506 6346**  
**February 22, 2022, Monday**

Present: Arthur Mathews, President  
Michael Molisse, Vice President  
John Abbott, Councilor  
Lisa Belmarsh, Councilor  
Pascale Burga, Councilor  
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor  
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor  
Gary MacDougall, Councilor  
Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Absent: Fred Happel, Councilor  
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Lee Hultin, Town Clerk  
James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance  
Bob Luongo, Planning Director  
Keith Stark, Chief, Fire Department  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Absent: Kathy Deree

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Assistant Town Clerk Lee Hultin called the roll, with two members absent. Councilor Happel and Councilor Kiely were absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Burga announced rapid COVID tests are available for the public to obtain, while supplies last. She provided the pickup locations and times.

**MINUTES**

**Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2022**

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2022 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Abbott. Unanimously voted.

**Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2022**

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2022 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan. Unanimously voted.

**Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022**

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan. Unanimously voted.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022**

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Shanahan. Unanimously voted.

**RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**22 004- Free Cash Transfer to Fire Department Overtime**

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measure 22 004 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. This was published on February 11, 2022. Unanimously voted.

Fire Chief Stark presented the measure with Chief of Staff Langill, requesting that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$400,000 from Free Cash to Fire Department Overtime for the purpose of funding costs associated with an increase in fire department overtime hours. There were two main causes; the opening of Station 2 and COVID absences caused the increase. They are monitoring carefully. Request is for \$400,000, which is an estimate and based on special circumstances. Balance in SAFER, and personnel savings with retirements should cover the need. Overtime is currently \$25,000 per week.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on measure 22 004 and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 005- Free Cash Transfer to the Stabilization Fund**

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measure 22 005 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. This was published on February 11, 2022. Unanimously voted.

Chief of Staff Langill presented the measure; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$2,748,906 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. Three measures were passed by Council previously with expected reimbursement from free cash certification. The previous measures included Fire department vehicle purchases and demolition of the Wharf Street property.

This amount equals the cumulative amount of three previous measures (20 119, 21 006 and 21 104) that transferred funds from the stabilization fund for which the administration promised to reimburse upon certification of Free Cash on January 3, 2022.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on measure 22 005 and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 013-Community Preservation Fund Transfer for Conceptual Design Services for Iron Hill Park**

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measure 22 013 and was seconded by Councilor Burga. This was published on February 11, 2022. Unanimously voted.

Chief of Staff Langill requests that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account for conceptual design services for Iron Hill Park as approved by the Community Preservation Committee. Council voted design services last June, but it was an improper vote taken after the fact by CPC. They have corrected the wording to avoid an auditing issue.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on measure 22 013 and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS**

**22 016- Street Acceptance – Camelot Way**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance requested that the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Camelot Way, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN CAMELOT WAY, SOUTH WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Department of Public Works Engineering Division Town of Weymouth, Plan #7451-B, dated November 24, 2017 containing ± 17, 543 S.F., to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 016 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 017- Street Acceptance – Cardinal Circle**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Cardinal Way, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “AS-BUILT PLAN AND PROFILE, CARDINAL CIRCLE, WEYMOUTH, MA. by Neil J. Murphy Associates, Inc.,” Plan #6834-B, dated January 10, 2011 containing ± 12,326 S.F., to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 017 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 018- Street Acceptance – Meeting House Lane**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Camelot Way, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN, MEETING HOUSE LANE, WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Weymouth DPW, Plan #7396-B, dated December 19, 2019, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 018 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 019- Street Acceptance – Mill River Drive**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Mill River Drive, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN, MILL RIVER DRIVE SOUTH WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Weymouth DPW Engineering Division Plan #7367-B dated December 16, 2019, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 019 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 020- Street Acceptance – Tilden Circle**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Tilden Circle, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET AS-BUILT PLAN, TILDEN ROAD & TILDEN CIRCLE, WEYMOUTH MA.” drawn by Weymouth DPW, Plan #7370-B, dated August 2, 2018, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 020 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 021- Street Acceptance – Tilden Road**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Tilden Road, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET AS-BUILT PLAN, TILDEN ROAD & TILDEN CIRCLE, WEYMOUTH MA.” drawn by Weymouth DPW, Plan #7370-B, dated August 2, 2018, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance requested

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 021 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**22 022- Street Acceptance – Waterford Drive**

That the Town of Weymouth approve the layout of a certain parcel of land, as follows:

- 1) A parcel known as Waterford Drive, a private way, shown on a plan entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN, WATERFORD DRIVE SOUTH WEYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS” drawn by Weymouth DPW Engineering Division, Plan #7366-B. dated December 16, 2019, to be recorded herewith:

As a Town way and, may refer such street acceptance to the Planning Board of the Town and to the requisite committee(s) for their respective report(s). Said reports shall be filed with the Council within thirty (30) days of receipt of this proposed measure. Upon review of said reports, Council may then vote to accept and adopt such layout and takings of the above listed street as a Town Way and cause the Order of Taking to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds within thirty (30) days of that vote.”

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer measure 22 022 to the Public Works Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Councilor MacDougall asked for an explanation of the selection process of street acceptance. Unanimously voted.

**22 023-Reappointment Construction Steering Committee-George Berg**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint George Berg of 74 Summer Street to Construction Steering Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**22 024-Reappointment Cemetery Commission-Michael Crowley**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Michael Crowley to Cemetery Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**22 025-Reappointment Community Preservation Committee–Christopher Hannan**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Christopher Hannan of 411 North Street to Community Preservation Committee for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.

**22 026-Reappointment WETC Board of Directors–Glenn Heath**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Glenn Heath of 44 Wood Avenue to WETC Board of Directors for a 3-year term to expire on March 31, 2025.

**22 027-Reappointment Community Events Committee–Matthew Murray**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Matthew Murray of 1805 Commercial Street to Community Events Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**22 028-Reappointment 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee–Matthew Murray**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Matthew Murray to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**22 029-Reappointment Community Preservation Committee–Patricia O’Leary**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Patricia O’Leary of 999 Commercial Street to Community Preservation Committee for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.

**22 030-Reappointment Board of Elder Services–Diane Oliverio**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Diane Oliverio of 2 Argyle Court to Board of Elder Services for a 3-year term to expire on June 30 2025.

**22 031-Reappointment 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee–Geoff Potter**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Geoff Potter of 51 Broad Reach to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2025.

**22 032-Reappointment Cultural Council–Marie Stoeckel**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Marie Stoeckel of 63 Alroy Road to Cultural Council for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.

**22 033-Reappointment Historical Commission–Cathy Torrey**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Cathy Torrey of 14 Riverbank Road to Historical Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30 2025.

**22 034-Reappointment Board of Library Trustees–Cathy Torrey**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter re-appoint Cathy Torrey of 14 Riverbank Road to Board of Library Trustees for a 3-year term to expire on June 30 2025.

Vice President Molisse motioned to adopt the reappointment list, measures 22 023 through and including 22 034, and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse**

Chair Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on February 22, 2022 to deliberate the following measure(s):

**22 004- Free Cash Transfer to Fire Department Overtime**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022. The committee met on February 22, 2022 and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve measure 22 004; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$400,000 from Free Cash to Fire Department Overtime for the purpose of funding costs associated with an increase in fire department overtime hours. Councilor Burga seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

**22 005- Free Cash Transfer to the Stabilization Fund**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 18, 2022. The committee met on February 22, 2022, and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve measure 22 005; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$2,748,906 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. This amount equals the cumulative amount of three previous measures (20 119, 21 006 and 21 104) that transferred funds from the stabilization fund for which the administration promised to reimburse upon certification of Free Cash, which occurred on January 3, 2022. Councilor Burga seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

**22 013-Community Preservation Fund Transfer for Conceptual Design Services for Iron Hill Park**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 7, 2022. The committee met on February 22, 2022, and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve measure 22 013; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance Account for conceptual design services for Iron Hill Park as approved by the Community Preservation Committee. Councilor Burga seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

**22 014- Reserve Fund Transfer – Engineering Services**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on February 7, 2022. At the request of the administration, this measure was withdrawn.

**Ordinance Committee-Chair Ken DiFazio**

Chair DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met on February 7, 2022 and again on February 17, 2022 to deliberate the following measure(s):

**22 001-Citizens Petition-Request to Change Ordinances-Section 120-64.7.1-Billboard Relocation Overlay District**

The petition was received on December 17, 2022 and referred to the Ordinance Committee on January 3, 2022. The committee met on February 7, 2022, deliberated, and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action. A joint public

hearing was held with the Planning Board on February 7, 2022. The council received the recommendation from the Planning Board on February 14, 2021 and reaffirmed its vote on February 17, 2022; to forward the Citizens Petition to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Councilor DiFazio motioned to approve measure 22 001; On behalf of 26 registered voters of the Town of Weymouth, that the Town of Weymouth Zoning Ordinances is hereby amended under Article XVI-Signs, Section 120-64.7.1- Billboard Relocation Overlay District:

1. Under Section 120-64.7.1 delete all words after the phrase, "Billboards of any kind are prohibited."
2. Delete Section 120-64.7.1, Sections A, B, C, D
3. Amend the Billboard Corridor Map, removing the Billboard Relocation Overlay District.

Vice President Molisse seconded the motion. Unanimously voted 9-0

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is March 7, 2022. At 8:06 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Burga. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council  
Voted unanimously at the TC meeting of 7 March 2022