

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**Zoom # 828 5470 9488**  
**September 19, 2022 Monday**

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

Absent: Pascale Burga, Councilor  
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor  
Brian Connolly, Town Auditor  
James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with Councilors Burga and Kiely absent. President Mathews reported that Councilor Burga had a prior commitment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Happel announced Weymouth Irish Heritage Day, Sunday, September 25, 2022, beginning with the parade at 11 AM, and festivities to follow in Stella Tirrell Park.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**First Church Noting Appreciation for Funding Approval to Restore Church Façade -John Robie, Pastor/First Church -Ray Bean, Chair/First Church Board of Trustees -Tom Wilburn, Member/First Church Board of Trustees**

Tom Wilburn introduced Ray Bean, and John Robie, and other members/trustees present, on behalf of First church to express their profound appreciation for the funding provided to restore the exterior of this historic First Church. When the church's board discussed the repairs that were needed two years ago, the costs were prohibitive. A suggestion was made to submit a proposal to

the Weymouth Community Preservation Committee. They subsequently filed an application and were surprised at how well it was received by town departments. It is now two years later and the work is completed. The town is celebrating its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; First Church was established one year after the town incorporated, and has been running concurrently with the town since. It is one of the oldest continuous churches in America and the tradition will continue. It is active in the community; as part of the Food Pantry, and it sponsors a fair, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Father Bill's programs. The church members are proud to be synonymous with Weymouth and its history. The town's support hasn't gone unnoticed. The trustees invite the town to participate next year in First Church's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

### **22 124-CPA Funding Request-Crypts at Village Cemetery**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malarly requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$19,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Fund Balance, for the conservation and preservation of two (2) crypts at Village Cemetery.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer the measure to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Happel. Unanimously voted. 9-0

### **22 125-CPA Funding Request-Stained Glass Windows at Fogg Library**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malarly requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$6,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Fund Balance for the conservation and preservation of two (2) stained glass windows at Fogg Library

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer the measure to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Happel. Unanimously voted. 9-0

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is October 3, 2022. At 7:42 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Happel. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council