

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7335 7350  
March 20, 2023, Monday

Present: Arthur Mathews, President  
Michael Molisse, Vice President  
John Abbott, Councilor  
Lisa Belmarsh, Councilor  
Pascale Burga, Councilor  
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor  
Fred Happel, Councilor  
Maureen Kiely, Councilor  
Gary MacDougall, Councilor  
Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Absent: Christopher Heffernan, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor  
Brian Connolly, Town Auditor  
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
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; Councilor Heffernan was absent due to illness.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Molisse announced a call for birthday cards for citizen Bill Begley, who will soon celebrate his 100th birthday.

Councilor Abbott announced upcoming hazardous waste collection days to be held in Weymouth and other South Shore towns. Information is available on the website. Participation requires preregistration.

#### MINUTES

##### Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

##### Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

Clean Harbors Fire- Alice Arena, 6 Blueberry Lane

Ms. Arena was invited to the table. She reported on a fire at the Clean Harbors facility in Braintree on February 16, 2023 that involved hazardous and flammable compounds and known carcinogens, which were carried into Quincy Point and Weymouth's Idlewell neighborhood on prevailing winds. She obtained manifests of the onsite stored chemicals and provided copies to the council. Her concerns were that citizens have a right to know what they have been exposed to. Without a workable evacuation plan, that FRRAC and the Town Council requested when the compressor station came online, residents in surrounding neighborhoods were not notified, and denied a plan of action.

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer the issue to the Public Safety Committee and was seconded by Councilor Burga. President Mathews, Vice President Molisse, Councilors Belmarsh, Burga, MacDougall and Shanahan thanked her for bringing the issue forward.

Unanimously voted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

23 008- CPA Funding Request- Construction and Restoration of Beals Park

Vice President Molisse motioned to re-open the public hearing on the measure, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. This was continued from March 6, 2023 and advertised on February 24, 2023.

The funding request has been amended: that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$2,819,640 from the CPA Unreserved Fund Balance Account, \$125,400 from the FY23 CPA Open Space/Recreation Fund Account, and \$454,960 from the FY23 CPA Unreserved Fund Account for a total of \$3,400,000 for the construction and restoration of Beals Park in North Weymouth.

Directors Luongo and Reilly explained why the measure was amended. Bids came in significantly higher than what was estimated. The Community Preservation Committee met on March 13, 2023 and voted to approve the additional \$800,000 funding. Director Reilly indicated the responsive bids ranged from the winning, \$3.2 million up to over \$6 million.

President Mathews reported that the Budget/Management Committee took up the measure at

their meeting earlier.

Councilor Burga provided Activitas website information so the public could view the slideshow that was presented in the public hearing on March 6<sup>th</sup>. She thanked all parties who worked on the plan, which incorporates feedback from the neighbors. She also asked if the delay to get additional funding would affect the construction schedule. Director Luongo responded that the parties will sign contracts this week and then get mobilized. Work should be done in late fall, and the park will be closed until construction is done. Councilor Abbott asked if all additional funding will come from Community Preservation funds and Director Luongo confirmed it. Councilor Belmarsh added that the funds will be replenished to CPC from the FY24 budget.

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 the measure and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

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

##### 23 023- Reappointment to Historical Commission-Kerri Donnelly

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Kerri Donnelly of 52 Morningside Path to the Historical Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

##### 23 024-Reappointment to Commission on Disabilities- Richard Johnson

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Richard Johnson of 11 Sanderson Avenue to the Commission on Disabilities for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

##### 23 025- Reappointment to Board of Health-Clare LaMorte

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Clare LaMorte of 12 Whipple Circle to the Board of Health for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

##### 23 026- Reappointment to Memorial Committee-Sтивен McCloskey

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Steven McCloskey of 10 Millstone Lane to the Memorial Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

##### 23 027- Reappointment to Redevelopment Authority-Sтивен McCloskey

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Steven McCloskey of 10 Millstone Lane to the Memorial Committee for a 5-year term to expire on June 30, 2028

##### 23 028- Reappointment to Zoning Board of Appeals- Carsten Snow-Eikelberg

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Carsten Snow-Eikelberg of 19 Blossom Lane to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2025

23 029- Reappointment to Scholarship Fund Committee-Virginia Snell

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Virginia Snell of 6 Okala Road to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

23 030- Reappointment to Waterfront Committee- James Sullivan

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint James Sullivan of 75 Blanchard Road to the Waterfront Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

23 031- Reappointment to Community Events Committee- Steve Sweeney

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Steve Sweeney of 69 Academy Avenue to the Community Events Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

23 032- Reappointment to Scholarship Fund Committee- Matthew Tierney

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Matthew Tierney of 597 Summer Street to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

23 033- Reappointment to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee- Peter Webb, Sr.

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Peter Webb, Sr. of 23 Church Street to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

23 034- Reappointment to Community Events Committee- Peter Webb, Sr.

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Peter Webb, Sr. of 23 Church Street to the Community Events Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026

Vice President Molisse motioned to adopt the reappointment list and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

	Appointee	Address	Committee	Exp. Date
23 023	Kerri Donnelly	52 Morningside Path	Historical Commission	6/30/26
23 024	Richard Johnson	11 Anderson Avenue	Commission on Disabilities	6/30/26
23 025	Clare LaMorte	12 Whipple Circle	Board of Health	6/30/26
23 026	Steven McCloskey	10 Millstone Lane	Memorial Committee	6/30/26
23 027	Steven McCloskey	10 Millstone Lane	Redevelopment Authority	6/30/28
23 028	Carsten Snow-Eikelberg	19 Blossom Lane	Zoning Board of Appeals	6/30/25
23 029	Virginia Snell	6 Okala Road	Scholarship Fund Committee	6/30/26
23 030	James Sullivan	75 Blanchard Road	Waterfront Committee	6/30/26
23 031	Steve Sweeney	69 Academy Avenue	Community Events Committee	6/30/26

23 032	Matthew Tierney	597 Summer Street	Scholarship Fund Committee	6/30/26
23 033	Peter Webb, Sr.	23 Church Street	4th of July Committee	6/30/26
23 034	Peter Webb, Sr.	23 Church Street	Community Events Committee	6/30/26

Unanimously voted.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Vice President Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on March 20, 2023 to deliberate the following:

#### 23 008-CPC Funding Request-Construction and Restoration Beals Park

This measure was referred to the committee on February 21, 2023. A public hearing was held on March 6, 2023 and continued to March 20, 2023. The committee met on March 6, 2023, and voted to continue the matter to the March 20, 2023 meeting, at which time the committee voted to forward it 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 23 008, as amended; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$2,819,640 from the CPA Unreserved Fund Balance Account, \$125,400 from the FY23 CPA Open Space/Recreation Fund Account, and \$454,960 from the FY23 CPA Unreserved Fund Account, for a total of \$3,400,000 for the construction and restoration of Beals Park in North Weymouth.

Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

#### 23 012-Request to Enter into 5-Year Student Food Service Contract

This measure was referred to the committee on March 6, 2023. The committee met on March 20, 2023 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 the measure; that the Town Council authorize the town to enter into a contract for student food service for a term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, section 12.

Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

#### 23 013-Request to Enter into 6-Year Foreign Language Curriculum Contract

This measure was referred to the committee on March 6, 2023. The committee met on March 20, 2023 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 the measure, as amended; that the Town Council authorize the Town to enter into a contract for

student foreign language curriculum for a term of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12.

Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

23 014- Library Line Item Transfer

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 6, 2023. The committee met on March 20, 2023 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 the measure; that the town of Weymouth transfer a total of \$25000 as delineated below for the purpose of meeting the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' (MBLC) materials expenditure requirement:

\$25000 from Adult Services Salaries

To the following line items:  
Books and Related Materials

Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is April 3, 2023. At 7:59 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Attachments: Documents submitted by Alice Arena, 6 Blueberry Lane

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

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Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council

Voted unanimously on 3 April 2023