

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
Zoom Meeting ID: 883 0544 9357
April 24, 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
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Gary MacDougall, Councilor
Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor
Brian Connolly, Town Auditor
Robert Hedlund, Mayor
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance
Acting Chief Murray, WFD
Robert Wargo, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Smith, Asst. Superintendent of Schools

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 all present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Mathews announced that WETC was experiencing issues with their live feed that should be resolved shortly.

Councilor Shanahan announced a Food and Diaper Drive will take place on April 29, 2023 from 9 to noon at 75 Middle Street, sponsored by Norfolk County Labor Board, Sheriff's Office, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Vice President Molisse motioned to take agenda Item 9 – Reports of Committees out of order and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Vice President Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on April 24, 2023 to deliberate the following:

23 042- Appointment to Cultural Council- Melanie Gingrich

This measure was referred to the committee on April 3, 2023. The committee met on April 24, 2023 and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the measure; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint Melanie Gingrich of 24 Chestnut Creek to Cultural Council for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2025. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

23 043- Appointment- Community Events Committee- April Lenahan

This measure was referred to the committee on April 3, 2023. The committee met on April 24, 2023 and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Councilor DiFazio motioned to approve the measure; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint April Lenahan of 14 Shawmut Avenue to Community Events Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

23 044- Appointment to Cultural Council-Gina O'Leary

This measure was referred to the committee on April 3, 2023. The committee met on April 24, 2023 and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Councilor DiFazio motioned to approve the measure; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the Town Charter appoint Gina O'Leary of 200 Trotter Road to Cultural Council for a 2-year term to expire on June 30, 2025. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

23 035- FY23 Opioid Settlement- Special Purpose Stabilization Fund

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on the measure and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. This was advertised on April 4, 2023. Unanimously voted.

Chief of Staff Langill and Health Director McCormack presented the measure; to accept the provisions of MGL c.40 § 5B; establish an Opioid Settlement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund as a special reserve to appropriate fund received from the statewide opioid settlements, for prevention education, treatment, and support of recovery services to those impacted by opioid use disorder. Mr. Langill reported Weymouth joined in the suits. Increase in opioid calls and overdoses. There were 38 overdose deaths in 2016 and 2017. Settlements were reached with the manufacturers and distributors to address the crisis. He explained what the abatement funds must be used to address and the town is creating a special purpose stabilization fund to ensure it's used for these purposes. There is a link from main page on the website to further information, a survey and request form for use of the funds. Health Director Dan McCormack added that Weymouth was hit particularly hard by the substance misuse crisis. A grant has been funded for a Boston Medical Center evaluation program, a social media campaign, transportation, medical facilities, and a resource center. There are still gaps to fill for direct communication and access to care as an alternative to the ER. There is a survey on the website listing projects and programs in 7 categories to determine the best use of the funds. Additional settlement money is coming (from the CVS/Walgreens suit) that will be likewise earmarked.

Councilor DiFazio asked if overdose data since 2019 flattened out? Mr. Langill responded that the numbers were reduced from 38 to 13. Councilor DiFazio asked that they'd consider making the information available to the court system; a sheet that can be handed out so it can work with the police prosecutor at Quincy court. Director McCormack responded they are working with Officer Jen Pompeo to determine the use. A lot of the data was generated from the field study. Councilor Burga suggested a link on town page with available resources. Councilor Abbott asked if the additional settlement money would also go into this stabilization fund? Mr. Langill responded that it will, and will supplement as programs are developed. Councilor Happel thanked the administration for keeping the council updated. He toured the new facility on Winter Street at its recent grand opening, and added it's a great addition to the community. Vice President Molisse noted that any spending from the stabilization fund must be approved by the council.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was the following:

Kathy Madden with the Heal Study, reported that program is only funded until January. It may need further backing from the stabilization fund. If the town plans on setting up a foundation, they would want to do it fairly fluidly.

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

23 036- Free Cash Transfer to Fire Department Overtime

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on the measure and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

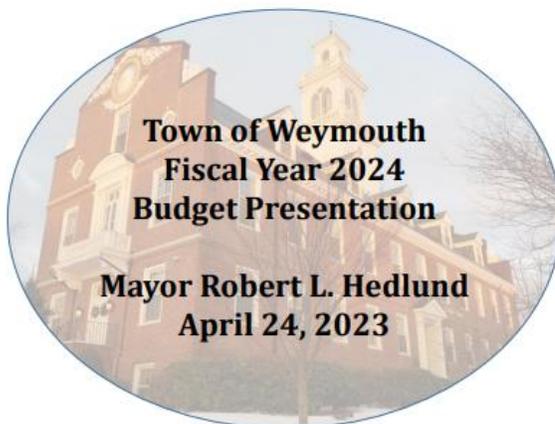
Chief of Staff Langill presented the measure; to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Sick Incentive Pay account, \$40,000 from Fire Out-of-Grade Pay account, \$35,000 from Fire Salaries Account, \$50,000 from Fire Details Account and \$680,000 from Free Cash for a total of \$820,000 to the Fire Department Overtime account. He is unsure how much impact was driven by opening Station 2 in 2021. The department needed more firefighters. Some members are out on leaves, but the administration chose to see how it played out before addressing the overtime. Opening the station was the right move. There were 11 fires in 1.5 years, and response from Station 2 has made a difference.

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

Mayor Hedlund and Staff presented the FY2024 budget. This is the 8th budget of this administration. It is responsible, with growth within means, and limits one-time revenues to pay for continuing costs. Weymouth is in good financial position compared to surrounding towns. This is the first operating budget at the \$200 million mark, with the debt exclusion for Chapman. It funds schools above level service, and includes the teacher contract settlement impact. It has increased over \$22 million in 8 years. It also includes fulfilling the needs list that funds new teachers and specialists. The town experienced high energy costs and although they have locked in future rates, it still reflects 25% increase. There were relatively favorable other costs, and the entire process is a testament to the team. Mayor Hedlund reports he appreciated the cooperation from the council and the departments. Significant capital improvement is reflected within the debt service. The budget was presented in a series of slides:





FY24 BUDGET

FY24 Operating Budget **\$196,829,414**

FY24 Revenue Sources

 Tax Levy **\$131,565,506** 66.8% of budgeted revenue

 Local Receipts/Transfers **\$24,121,823** 12.3% of budgeted revenue

 Cherry Sheet (State Aid) **\$41,142,085** 20.9% of budgeted revenue

Outside of Tax Levy

 FY24 Debt Exclusion **\$4,540,602**

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FY24 REVENUE COMPARISON

	FY 2022	\$ Change	% Change	FY 2023	\$ Change	% Change	FY 2024	\$ Change	% Change
BUDGETED REVENUE									
Tax Levy (RE/PP)	\$ 120,902,348	\$ 5,676,158	4.9%	\$126,555,447	\$5,353,099	4.4%	\$131,565,506	\$5,310,059	4.2%
Local Receipts/Transfers	\$ 22,924,683	\$ (116,321)	-0.5%	\$23,460,781	\$536,100	2.3%	\$24,121,823	\$661,042	2.8%
Cherry Sheet/State Aid	\$ 39,249,851	\$ 418,064	1.1%	\$40,590,433	\$340,582	0.8%	\$41,142,085	\$551,652	1.4%
OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 182,576,879	\$ 5,982,566	3.3%	\$190,306,661	\$8,283,296	4.3%	\$196,829,414	\$6,522,754	3.4%
Included State Budget									
Debt Exclusion Tax Levy	\$ 5,477,900			\$4,510,217	-\$959,663		\$4,540,602	\$22,385	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 188,054,779	\$ 11,460,466	6.1%	\$194,824,097	\$5,770,127	3.0%	\$201,370,016	\$6,545,119	3.4%

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Growing Reliance on Tax Levy

Revenue Sources as % of Total Revenue

	FY17	FY24
Tax Levy	62.6%	66.8%
Local Receipts/Transfers	13.5%	12.3%
Cherry Sheet (State Aid)	23.9%	20.9%

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Impact of New Growth

BUDGET GROWTH FY17-FY24

		% Increase	Avg. Annual % Increase
Total Budget Growth	\$41,323,142	26.6%	3.8%
Tax Levy	\$34,309,561	35.3%	5.0%
Local Receipts/Transfers	\$3,065,159	14.6%	2.1%
State Aid	\$3,948,422	10.6%	1.5%
New Growth	\$13,932,000	40.6%	of Total Tax Levy Growth
		33.7%	of Total Budget Growth

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FY24 Budget – Expense Factors

PERSONNEL

- 2.5% non-union COLA and Step Increases
- Revised Longevity for non-union employees
- Several Union CBA's settled in FY23. In those cases, the FY24 salary amounts reflect 2 years of salary adjustments
- Personnel costs (school and town) account for \$146.6 million of \$196.9 budget (74%)
- Non-school personnel expenses are increasing by \$3.3 million or 4.4% over FY23
- School payroll is increasing by \$1.5 million or 2.3% over FY23

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FY24 Budget – Expense Factors

FIXED COSTS

HEALTH INSURANCE budget is increasing by just \$152,201, less than 1%, over FY23. This budget alone, at \$25.2 million, still accounts for 13% of the total operating budget.

STATE ASSESSMENTS are budgeted at \$7.4 million for FY24. These costs include assessments for the MBTA, Norfolk County, mosquito control, and charter school tuition. Based on initial Cherry Sheet estimates, our FY24 state assessments are decreasing by 2%.

The Weymouth Retirement Board sets the funding schedule for the Town's annual PENSION AND RETIREMENT costs. For FY24, the payment increased by 5.4% or \$695,297.

ELECTRICITY budgets are increasing by \$147,500, or 24%, over FY23.

DEBT SERVICE is budgeted to decrease by 2.8% in FY24, to \$9.9 million. This could change if we borrow money or adjust our schedule before the end of the year.

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FY24 Budget - Expenses

<u>TOTAL BUDGET GROWTH</u>	\$6,522,754
48%	\$3,104,558 School Department
9%	\$616,490 Fixed Costs
43%	\$2,801,706 Town Departments

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WATER/SEWER BUDGET

	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 <i>Actual</i>	FY23 Budget	FY23 <i>YTD Actual</i>	FY24 Budget
Enterprise Fund	Expenditures	<i>Expenditures</i>	Proposal	<i>Expenditures</i>	Proposal
WATER	\$9,898,655	<i>\$10,099,612</i>	\$10,181,394	<i>\$9,115,557</i>	\$10,837,443
SEWER	\$17,698,098	<i>\$18,216,421</i>	\$17,887,266	<i>\$15,887,407</i>	\$18,533,256

(balanced with transfers)

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CPC BUDGET

Community Preservation	FY23 BUDGET	FY24 BUDGET	VARIANCE
ESTIMATED REVENUE			
1% Surcharge	\$900,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
State Match	\$350,000	\$300,000	-\$50,000
Investment Income	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Interest and Penalties	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,254,000	\$1,304,000	\$50,000
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
Admin Costs (Max 5%)	\$62,700	\$65,200	\$2,500
Open Space and Recreation	\$125,400	\$130,400	\$5,000
Historic Preservation	\$125,400	\$130,400	\$5,000
Affordable Housing	\$125,400	\$130,400	\$5,000
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unreserved	\$815,100	\$847,600	\$32,500
TOTAL	\$1,254,000	\$1,304,000	\$50,000

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Facilities and Fields Enterprise Fund

FIELD ENTERPRISE FUND	FY23	FY24
REVENUE	\$378,300.00	\$378,300.00
SALARIES	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 125,973.00
ELECTRICITY	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 76,000.00
MISC SUPPLIES	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
MISC EXPENDITURES	\$ 231,300.00	\$ 123,327.00
FIELD EQUIPMENT	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 378,300.00	\$ 378,300.00

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Capital/Operations Measures

MEASURE	AMOUNT
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Snow Removal Deficit	\$351,588
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for Pined Meadow Park	\$46,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for Stabilization Fund Contribution	\$350,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for OPEB Fund Contribution	\$250,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for Park Maintenance	\$300,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### MWRA Phase 12 Infiltration and Inflow Improvements	\$3,540,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Retained Earnings Sewer Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,500,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Retained Earnings Water Treatment Plant Improvements	\$250,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Retained Earnings Water Treatment Plant Sludge Mitigation	\$1,300,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for Front Access and Parking Lot at Wessagussett	\$188,350
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for Lovell Pedestrian Bridge	\$750,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for Nash School Field	\$40,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for WPD L-14 Vehicle	\$75,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for WPS Furniture Replacement	\$60,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for WPD Records Management System	\$750,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for WPS CTE Needs	\$190,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for WPS Technology Needs	\$750,000
FY24 Budget Measure - 23. ### Free Cash for WPS Utility Vehicles	\$25,000

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Councilor Belmarsh asked procedural questions on the budget review. President Mathews responded that the schedule is being drafted, and the Annual Town Meeting is slated for the second meeting in May, on the 15th. When it is ready, it will be posted to the website. Plans are to schedule Budget/Management Committee's review in a series of Monday evening meetings.

Councilor DiFazio asked about new growth. Mayor Hedlund explained the factors that make up new growth. The administration has taken a case-by-case approach to what it considers responsible development, and they are cognizant of where it stands. The town of Weymouth hosts 4 state highways, and growth has been stagnant for 30 years. Councilor DiFazio asked how the school population numbers are trending. Supt. Wargo responded that rates were decreasing but have started to level out. 280 Students have left the Weymouth public school system for charter or private school. Councilor Happel asked whether revenue-local receipts stand compared to the last year prior to COVID. Mr. Langill responded that there is a breakdown in the budget book, but he will provide more detail. Before redevelopment, it averaged less than other state revenues. Building permits are way above budget this year. Also, it doesn't just represent typical local receipts, they've done a lot to try and use other funds to offset operating budget. Councilor MacDougall noted commercial tax levies were flat over the last few years. Mr. Langill responded that residential values increased more than commercial. Mr. Langill added that the tax agreement settled with Calpine for 5 years for \$4.9 million first year. The solicitor is still working on final numbers. It is based on valuation with a 5-year agreement for \$26 million over the term. Councilor Abbott asked about the FY23 snow removal deficit with such a mild winter. Mr.

Langill responded that, comparatively, it is less. This is the one budget the state allows cities and towns to deficit spend. Cost averages \$100,000 per storm. Even with little snowfall, there are salt, sand costs and overtime. Councilor Kiely asked if any further pilot talks are planned with SS Hospital with its additional growth? Mr. Langill responded that it is one of his top 3 most annoying fiscal realities. The existing agreement was signed decades ago. Principals are will to talk, so they will take them up on it. The actual pilot payment went down last two quarters. They would like to at least add some protections to maintain at a minimum payment. Mayor Hedlund added that his administration has cultivated good relations with SSH and it is evident in the growth. Other hospital facilities that have sited in Weymouth, such as Children’s Hospital, are not tax exempt. Council Vice President Molisse asked when the council can expect to have the budget books delivered. Mr. Langill responded that it is at the printer and should be ready midweek.

23 045- FY24 Annual Appropriation- General Government

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$201,370,016 to provide for all the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town’s several departments and activities for the fiscal year 2024, and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the conditions specified. The sources of funding for said expenditures are as outlined in the Revenue Projections which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

23 046- FY24 Annual Authorization – Revolving Accounts

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2024 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and revolving account 5209 for Parks and Recreation established by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53D. Furthermore, that each of these revolving accounts is permitted to accept funds in the aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

Account	Fund Name	Limit to Accept	Limit to Expend
5201	Conservation	\$30,000	\$30,000
5202	Law Enforcement (local)	\$50,000	\$50,000
5203	Insurance Reimbursement	No limit	No limit
5209	Parks and Recreation	\$1,170,000	\$880,000
5210	Law Enforcement (federal)	\$100,000	\$100,000
5211	Commission on Disabilities	\$5,000	\$5,000
5214	MIIA Insurance Rewards	\$50,000	\$25,000
5216	Community Services	\$150,000	\$150,000
5221	Police Cruiser	\$91,500	\$91,500
5224	Field Permit	\$50,000	\$50,000
5225	Comcast Capital	\$50,000	\$150,000

5226	Historic Preservation	\$5,000	\$5,000
5235	Harbor Master	\$85,000	\$85,000
5236	Town Events	\$200,000	\$200,000

This measure requires legal notice and a public hearing.

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer the measure to the Committee and was seconded by Councilor . Unanimously voted.

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

22 047- FY23 Annual Authorization – Gift Accounts

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2024 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53A. Furthermore, that each of these gift accounts is permitted to accept gifts and/or donations in aggregate to the limit set forth below and expend those funds in the aggregate to the limit herein expressed with the consent of the Mayor.

Account	Fund Description	Limit to Accept	Limit to Expend
5401	Junior Police Academy	\$20000	\$30000
5403	Community Policing	\$10,000	\$10,000
5406	Fourth of July	\$50,000	\$50,000
5407	Beautification	\$150,000	\$250,000
5408	Library	\$20,000	\$10,000
5409	Health	\$5,000	\$3,000
5410	Health Clinics	\$10,000	\$15,000
5414	Fire Department	\$5,000	\$15,000
5415	DARE	\$10,000	\$15,000
5419	MAP Program (Elder Svcs)	\$20,000	\$5,000
5422	Veterans Memorial Wall	\$5,000	\$5,000
5423	Veteran’s Service Donations	\$10,000	\$10,000
5425	Great Esker Park	\$20,000	\$20,000
5431	Weymouth Day	\$20,000	\$60,000
5432	Recreation	\$50,000	\$50,000
5435	Canine Donations	\$5,000	\$7,000
5438	Fore River – Kings / Lovell Cove	\$25,000	\$25,000
8324	Franklin Pratt - A	None required	\$15,000
8338	James Humphrey Bequest	None required	\$12,000
8339	Christine Sweetser	None required	\$17,000

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

23 048- FY24 Annual Appropriation – Sewer Enterprise Fund

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,533,256 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during the fiscal year 2024 for the Sewer Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

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

23 049- Sewer Department – MWRA I/I Phase 12 Allocation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$2,540,000 for the purpose of planning, construction, and reconstruction of sewers, sewer systems, and sewerage disposal facilities, consisting of infiltration/inflow improvements; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$2,540,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and otherwise to contract for and to expend any federal or state aid available for the project including any grants related to the project from the Authority; and that the Mayor is authorized to Expend all Funds Available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

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

23 050-Sewer Retained Earnings – Sewer Infrastructure Improvements

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with sewer infrastructure improvements.

This is item #50 in the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 051- FY24 Annual Appropriation – Water Enterprise Fund

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,837,443 from the Water Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation and expenses during fiscal year 2024 for the Water Department and that the Director of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

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

23 052- Water Retained Earnings- Water Treatment Plant Upgrades & Improvements

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Water Treatment Plant improvements.

This is item #52 in the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 053- Water Retained Earnings- Water Treatment Plan Sludge Mitigation

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund's Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Water Treatment Plant improvements.

This is item #53 in the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 054- FY24 Annual Appropriation - CPC

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2024 Community Preservation Budget in the amount of \$1,304,000. The estimated revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2024 are as identified.

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

23 055- FY24 Annual Appropriation - Facilities and Fields Enterprise

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,300 from the Facilities and Fields Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation and expenses during fiscal year 2024 for the Parks and Recreation Department and that the Director of Parks and Recreation with the approval of the Mayor be authorized to expend said funds.

In addition, any expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

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

23 056- Free Cash for Stabilization Fund Contribution

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

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

23 057- Free Cash for OPEB Fund Contribution

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash to the Town's OPEB Trust Fund

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

23 058- Free Cash Transfer for Pond Meadow Park

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$46,000 from Free Cash to WEY-BRA Park Operations account for the purpose of funding costs associated with park operations and maintenance at Pond Meadow Park

This funding will be used to purchase a new tractor and for flood control maintenance. The amount requested is Weymouth portion (half) of the requested amount.

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

23 059- Free Cash for Park Maintenance

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$300,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund for the purpose of funding costs associated with park maintenance. This funding supplements two park maintenance line items in the operating budget.

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

23 060- FY23 Snow/Ice Removal Deficit

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$351,588 from Free Cash, \$300,000 of which will be for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2023 snow removal budget. The remaining \$51,588 will be transferred to the Stabilization Fund which is the difference between the amount of stabilization funds used to balance the FY22 snow removal deficit (measure 22 079) and the amount of winter storm emergency reimbursement received from FEMA, that was transferred back into the stabilization account.

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

23 061- Free Cash for WPS Technology Needs

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$750,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with firewall, web filters and data center upgrades for Weymouth Public Schools

This is items #35 and #36 on the Capital Improvement Plan

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

23 062- Free Cash for WHS Career and Technical Education

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$19,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with new and upgraded equipment at the Career and Technical Education Department at the Weymouth High School. This includes new work stations, a press brake, and new surface and upgrades to the Early Childhood Education play area

This is items #104, 105, and 106 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 063- Free Cash for WPS Utility Vehicles

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with purchasing two (2) utility (cart) vehicles for the Weymouth Public Schools.

This is item #107 on the Capital Improvement Plan

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

23 064- Free Cash for WHS Furniture Replacement

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$60,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing furniture (teacher desks) at Weymouth High School.

This is item #109 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 065- Free Cash for Wessagusset Front Access and Parking Lot Improvements

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$188,350 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with front access and parking lot improvement at Wessagusset School.

This is item #64 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 066- Free Cash for Lovell Pedestrian Bridge

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$750000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with installing a pedestrian bridge at Lovell Field.

This is item #22 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 067- Free Cash for WPD Records Management System

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$750,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing the records management system at Weymouth Police Department.

This is item #25 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 068- Free Cash for Nash School Field

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$40,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with renovating the Nash School Field

This is item #15 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

23 069- Free Cash for WFD C12 Vehicle

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$75,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with replacing the WFD's C-12 (staff) Vehicle (Ford Explorer).

This is item #14 on the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

Non-Budget Measures:

23 070- School Zone (20 Mile Per Hour Speed Limit) on Portions of Pleasant, Commercial, and Washington Streets

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, § 22, Chapter 85, § 2, and Chapter 90, § 17, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-104(a), authorize the placement of markings and signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

School Zone, Speed Limit 20 Miles per Hour		
Street	Location	Hours
Pleasant Street	Between points 200 feet southwest of Elm Street, and 350 feet southwest of Wildcat Way	7:00 AM to 7:45 AM and 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM, Monday through Friday, Except Holidays, September 1 through June 30
Commercial Street	Between Washington Street and a point 40 feet south of Tremont Street	8:15 AM to 9:00 AM and 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday, Except Holidays, September 1 through June 30
Washington Street	Between Commercial Street and a point 50 feet southeast of Prospect Street	8:15 AM to 9:00 AM and 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday, Except Holidays, September 1 through June 30

And cause the above restriction to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1 0 Appendix A under Schedule X, School Zones.

Vice President Molisse motioned to refer the measure to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

23 071- FY23 DPW Budget Transfer Request

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the Department of Public Works Salaries Account to the Grounds Maintenance Overtime Account for the purpose of funding overtime costs needed for spring projects and events.

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

23 072- FY23 Water Enterprise Fund Budget Transfer Request

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$200,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Reserve Account and \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Salaries Account to the Water Treatment Chemicals Account for the purpose of funding escalating chemical costs.

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

23 073- Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget Transfer Request

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Reserve Account to the Sewer Collection Overtime Account for the purpose of funding the on-call overtime costs through the remainder of FY23.

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

23 074- FY23 Fuel Depot Supplemental Funding

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Free Cash and \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to the DPW Gasoline Expense Account for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of fuel.

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

23 075- Reappointment to Waterfront Committee- Karen Graham

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the town Charter, reappoint Karen Graham of 514 Pleasant Street for reappointment to the Waterfront Committee for a 3-year term due to expire on June 30, 2026

23 076- Reappointment to Cemetery Commission- Liz Cicchese

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the town Charter, reappoint Liz Cicchese of 1015 Front Street to the Cemetery Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.

23 077- Reappointment to Board of Library Trustees- Casey Tocchio

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the town Charter, reappoint Casey Tocchio of 44 Wharf Street to the Board of Library Trustees for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Vice President Molisse motioned to accept the reappointment list- Measures 23 075, 23 076, 23 077 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

23 078- Appointment to Board of Library Trustees- Mary Mahoney

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the town Charter, appoint Mary Mahoney of 109 Candia Street to the

Board of Library Trustees for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026. This is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Matthew Tallon.

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

23 079- Appointment to Scholarship Fund Committee- Cynthia Page

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the town Charter, appoint Cynthia Page of 34 Grampian Way to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026. This is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Donna Shea.

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

23 080- Appointment to Fourth of July Committee- Lisa Webb

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the town Charter, appoint Lisa Webb of 23 Church Street to the Fourth of July Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2026. This is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Peter Webb, Jr.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Vice President Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on April 24, 2023 to deliberate the following:

23 035-FY23 Opioid Settlement – Special Purpose Stabilization Fund

This measure was referred to the committee on April 3, 2023. The committee met on April 24, 2023. A public hearing was conducted on April 24, 2023.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the measure; that the Town of Weymouth accept the provisions of MGL c.40 § 5B and establish an Opioid Settlement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund as a special reserve to appropriate fund received from the statewide opioid settlements, for prevention education, treatment, and support of recovery services to those impacted by opioid use disorder.

Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

23 036- Free Cash Transfer to Fire Department Overtime

This measure was referred to the committee on April 3, 2023. The committee met on April 24, 2023 and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Councilor Molisse motioned to approve the measure; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Sick Incentive Pay account, \$40,000 from Fire Out-of-Grade Pay account, \$35,000 from Fire Salaries Account, \$50,000 from Fire Details Account and \$680,000 from Free Cash for a total of \$820,000 to the Fire Department Overtime account.

Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

Instituting Zoom/WETC Filming of Town Council Committee Meetings- Councilor Belmarsh
Councilor Belmarsh number of conversations. More accessibility to subcommittee meetings. allow budget/ordinance/public works/ modification by Governor. Open. Request to refer to the Rules Committee – number of issues important to public that should be considered. Meetings would be over by then.

Am – as proponent, can refer. WETC does not have the budgetary staff to cover meetings. afford them the opp to respond first.

Councilor Belmarsh motioned to refer the matter to the Rules Committee and Councilor MacDougall seconded. Councilor Abbott – who manages WETC budget? M Heinrich, the funding is subject to subscriptions. Afford them the opportunity. Vice president Molisse- mayor signed a contract with WETC. See what's in that. Councilor Burga- contractual obligations streaming or zoom? What able to do or not. AM invite solicitor McLeod. Councilor MacDougall- any town's committee. Extraordinary that Weymouth does not allow for that transparency. Unanimously voted.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is May 1, 2023. At 9:16 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council

Voted unanimously on 5 June 2023