

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
Zoom # 862 4465 0811 and Council Chambers
October 4, 2021, Monday

Present: Arthur Mathews, President
Michael Molisse, Vice President
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Absent: Brian Dwyer, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner
Owen MacDonald, Traffic Engineer
Lt. Brian Morse, WPD

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 two Councilors absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citation Issuance to Ronan Mannke for Fundraising Efforts- Councilor Fred Happel

Councilor Happel recognized the young man who raised funds for causes. He read the citation, presented it, and acknowledged the Chesna family in attendance in the audience. Young Mr. Mannke thanked his friends and the first responders and soldiers who risk their lives.

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2021

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

OLD BUSINESS

Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee-Rule 34-Special Committees- Council President Arthur Mathews

President Mathews read Rule 34- *Special Committees may be authorized at any time by majority vote and shall be appointed by the President to consider such matters as the Council may refer to them.*

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

21 112- 2021 Reprecincting Plan- Town Clerk, Kathleen Deree – action requested under 2-9(b)

Town Clerk Deree requested that the Town of Weymouth through the Town Council, adopt the 2021 Reprecincting Plan for the Town of Weymouth as presented by the Town Clerk and as laid out on the map, and the census block listing provided by the Census Liaison of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said precincts to be effective December 31, 2021. First election will be November 2022. Amend to include the listings provided by email.

President Mathews pointed out that a realignment is completed every ten years following the federal census.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to consider measure 21 112 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the reprecincting plan, as amended, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Chair Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on October 4, 2021 to deliberate the following measure(s):

21 108-Appointment Board of Elder Services- Sally Furlong

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on September 7, 2021. The committee met and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action. Ms. Furlong was invited to the table to express her interest in the appointment.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 108; that That the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Sally Furlong of 564 Pine Street to the Board of Elder Services for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2024. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

21 109-Appointment Housing Authority- Patricia Lydon

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on September 7, 2021. The committee met on October 4, 2021 and voted to forward the measure to the full town council

with a recommendation for favorable action. Ms. Lydon was invited to the table to express her interest in the position.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 109; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Patricia Lydon of 25 Water Street to the Housing Authority for a 5-year term to expire on June 30, 2026. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

Ordinance Committee-Chair Ken DiFazio

Chair DiFazio reported that the Ordinance Committee met on to deliberate the following measure(s):

21 106- Traffic Regulations Ledgebrook Road – Merrymount Road Area

This measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on June 28, 2021. The committee met on July 27, 2021 and on September 28, 2021 voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on August 2, 2021.

On behalf of the Ordinance Committee, Councilor DiFazio made a motion to approve measure 21 106; that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-104(a) and (d), authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Restricted Turning Maneuvers			
Location	Direction	Restriction	Time
Pine Street at Merrymount Road	Northwest Bound	Right Turn Prohibited	6:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except holidays
Pine Street at Hickory Lane	Northwest Bound	Right Turn Prohibited	6:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except holidays

One-Way Street		
Street	Location	Direction
Old Pine Street	Between Ledgebrook Road and Pine Street	Westbound

And cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1, Appendix A under Schedule II, Restricted Turning Maneuvers, and Schedule XIII, One Way Streets.

He thanked Owen MacDonald and Lt. Morse. This measure was discussed at length; it will be monitored, and if needed, changes will be made. Councilors Kiely and Harrington both thanked the committee; this is a quiet little neighborhood. Unfortunately, GPS sends traffic into it and it's become a busy neighborhood. This is a good solution. Councilor DiFazio reported that the

committee voted to send a letter asking MassDOT for assistance with the state road. Councilor Haugh asked if they received any response from MassDOT, and if it comes in at a later time, would they take it up again? The letter went out, but there is no response yet. President Mathews said he hopes the state takes it seriously as it would help if they would widen and re-signalize that intersection. He asked it be continued to be monitored. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

21 111-Acceptance of Conservation Land-640 Union Street

This measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on September 20, 2021. The committee met on September 28, 2021 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 motion to approve measure 21 111; that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, hereby accept for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) a parcel of land shown as Lot 3, containing approximately 56,263 square feet of land, as shown on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Land, 640 Union Street, Weymouth, MA dated 5/28/2021 and prepared by Hoyt Land Surveying. Said Plan being recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 704, Page 46.”

This parcel is conveyed to said Town of Weymouth under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 8C, as it may and hereinafter be amended and of Amendment Article 49 of the Massachusetts Constitution to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Weymouth for the promotion and development of the natural resources and for the protection of the watershed resources of said Town of Weymouth. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for October 18, 2021. At 7:53 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse made a motion 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

Unanimously voted on 18 October 2021