

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
Zoom # 889 1638 7603
October 19, 2020, Monday

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

Absent: Brian Dwyer, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

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 one member absent; President Mathews reported that Councilor Dwyer was unable to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Heffernan announced that early voting has begun. Over 14,000 ballots have been sent out by the Clerk's office and more are going out as they are requested. The deadline for requesting ballots is October 20, 2020 and for voter registration for this presidential election is October 24, 2020. He voted this weekend and found it a very positive experience.

He also announced the Flu Clinic for Weymouth residents, aged 5 and over, to be held at the Whipple Senior Center (182 Green Street) on the following dates:

- Tues. 10/20 3-7:30 PM
- Fri. 10/23 10 AM – 1 PM
- Wed. 10/28 3-7:30 PM

Appointments are required – call the Weymouth Health Department (781) 340-5080.

Councilor Kiely also commended the Town Clerk and her team for the efficiency at the early voting.

President Mathews announced the Mayor's office announced the trick or treat hours this year have been set for October 31st, from 4:30-7:30 PM. Social distancing, masks, etc. are recommended.

He also announced Hazardous Waste Collection Day is October 31st - at the DPW, Winter Street and requires pre-registration through the town website.

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

20 111- CPA Funding Request for Consulting Services for the Management Strategy of Whitmans Pond

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Solicitor Callanan requested that the town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,990 from the Community Preservation unreserved fund balance account for the purpose of funding consulting services for the management strategy of Whitmans Pond.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 111 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. Councilor Harrington noted he would request at the next Community Preservation Committee Meeting that the scope be expanded to include research on the swimmer's itch condition that exists so that the neighborhood, pond area and town residents could use the pond for recreational swimming.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, President Mathews-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2020, due to the Presidential Election. At 7:49 PM there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

Vice President Molisse withdrew his motion.

President Mathews reverted back to ANNOUNCEMENTS for the benefit of Councilor Burga, whose audio connection was interrupted briefly.

Councilor Burga announced the trick or treat hours set by the Mayor's Office will be 4:30-7:30 PM, Saturday, October 31, 2020. As a reminder, residents should follow all COVID-19 precautions- practice social distancing, wear masks and use hand sanitizer. Those who are not feeling well or who have any of the other risk factors, such as recent travel or exposure to someone who has tested positive, should refrain from handing out candy.

At 7:50, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Hackett-Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice President Molisse-Yes, President Mathews-Yes.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 9 November 2020