

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Zoom # 845 3231 6209**  
**April 20, 2021**

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: Robert Hedlund, Mayor  
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President Mathews reported that Councilor Dwyer had a prior commitment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Burga introduced the following proclamation submitted by resident Peter Delano of 56 Thomas Road:

**Proclamation in Recognition of Earth Day- April 22, 2021**

*Whereas: Around the world, Earth Day is observed on April 22nd*

*Whereas: The theme of Earth Day in 2021 is Restore our Earth.*

*Whereas: The Town of Weymouth is a community that cares about the natural environment and its ability to support life.*

*Whereas: The Fore River Residents against the Compressor is a non-profit group that advocates to prevent Weymouth from pollution that harms the environment and our community.*

*Now therefore: We, the Weymouth Town Council, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 22, 2021 as FRRACS Day for Earth Day in the Town of Weymouth and urge all residents of this community to join us in recognizing the risks of air pollution on our earth and recognizing the work of FRRACS towards better air quality in Weymouth.*

## **MINUTES**

### **Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021**

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 Special Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken: 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.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **21 028-Community Preservation Fund Transfer for the Replacement of Windows at Pope Towers**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 21 028 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. This was advertised on April 9, 2021.

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.

Michael Flaherty, Director of Housing presented the measure. The measure was approved by Budget Management. First half is in process; second will be delayed few years. This is a request for CPA funding to complete it at this time, at a cost of \$150,000. Planning Luongo pointed out that CPA funded the windows on the senior housing building on Essex street as well, with assistance from DCHD.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 21 028 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken: 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.

### **21 051-Borrowing Authorization for Road and Sidewalk Repairs and Reconstruction**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 21 051 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. This was advertised on April 9, 2021.

Kenan Connell, DPW Director, presented the measure. He provided a schedule during the Budget/Management meeting earlier. The town has actively sought funding through several sources to aggressively approach the paving schedule. There is a lot more to go, but there are a thousand roadways and infrastructure to repair. Traffic calming, striping, and ADA measures are also incorporated in the program.

Vice President Molisse reported that the backup materials were submitted late. Councilor DiFazio asked if completing the roads would lead to street acceptance of private ways. Mr. Connell responded that the DPW is researching it.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

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.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 21 051 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.

**21 052-Amend Measure 20 072- (Adams Middle School Renovation as Part of the New Chapman Middle School Project**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 21 052 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. This was advertised on April 9, 2021. When Chapman School opens, the Adams will need to be retrofitted as a primary school.

Councilor Heffernan pointed out that it's exciting to see this point. They have been talking about for a long time. The transportation building is in state of decay. Updating will include ADA requirements. The schools will be set to carry Weymouth through the next decades.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 21 051 and was seconded by Councilor Harrington.

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.

**21 054-Water Retained Earnings-Libbey Park Replacement Well Implementation**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 21 054 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.

David Tower, Business Manager, presented the measure. The well has been offline for 3 years. A new one has been drilled to hook up to the existing line connecting to the Bilodeau plant Presented the measure.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 21 054 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken: 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.

**21 055-Community Preservation Fund Transfer for the Preservation of the First Church**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 21 055 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken: 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.

Tom Wilburn, First Church, presented the measure for funding in advance of the church's 400 anniversary. Funds are sought for the restoration work- replacing 45 year old vinyl siding with clapboard shingles and replacement of exterior molding as necessary. The firm of McKinnell, McKinnell & Taylor completed restoration engineering. First Church will contribute \$30,000 to the cost of the project.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 21 055 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

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.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **21 079-Charter Review Committee Report-Council President Arthur Mathews**

President Mathews reported that this was placed on the agenda last meeting. All members have signed the report and it was distributed electronically. A review is required every ten years, per the charter. The committee has completed its review, and he is seeking a referral to the Ordinance Committee, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 21 079 to the Ordinance Committee 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.

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

### **21 056- Authorization to Expend CDBG & HOME Funds FY 2021-2022**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth accepts the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 HUD grants in the amounts of \$729,350 for CDBG and \$168,105.60 in HOME Investment Partnership Grant Funds; both are allocations from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Furthermore, that the Director of Planning and Community Development, having received the approval of the Mayor, be permitted to expend said grants in their entirety as described on the attached funding allocation lists.

Both are allocations from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

These amounts are estimated as HUD will not have actual award amounts until a later date, however, approval is needed prior to the date of notification of the actual grant.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 21 to the Budget/Management Committee 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.

**21 057- Legal Department Line Item Transfer / Supplement Appropriation Request**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested the Town of Weymouth make the following two financial transactions, in an effort to pay existing legal bills through the end of FY2021, almost exclusively for the opposition to the natural gas companies' expansion plans in Weymouth:

1. A Supplemental Appropriation from Free Cash to the Town Solicitor-Litigation-Special Counsel line item in the amount of \$122,582.75;
2. Line Item Transfer from Town Solicitor-Judgment, Claims and Damages line item to the Town Solicitor-Litigations-Special Counsel line item in the amount of \$25,000.00.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 21 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-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.

**21 058-Reserve Fund Transfer- 53<sup>rd</sup> Payroll**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$562,801 from the FY21 Reserve Fund to an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding the 53<sup>rd</sup> payroll in FY21, covering Sunday, Jun 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 21 to the Budget/Management Committee 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.

**21 059-Reappointment Recreation Commission-Mark Kilban**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the Town Charter, reappoint Mark Kilban of 12 Clinton Road to the Recreation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2024

**21 060-Reappointment Conservation Commission-Alexander Donovan**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Director of Municipal Finance James Malary requested the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, reappoint Alexander Donovan of 4 Payne Avenue to the Conservation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2024

## **21 061-Reappointment to Third of July Committee-Ronald Rizzo**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, reappoint Ronald Rizzo of 164 Pearl Street to the Third of July Committee for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2024

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to adopt the reappointment list, as amended, for measures 21 059-through 21 061 adopt the reappointment list, as amended and 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.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget- Mayor Robert Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill- Chief of Staff Langill gave a PowerPoint presentation:

Mayor Hedlund gave brief comments. Operating budget represents 3.4% increase with debt exclusion, and in line with the budget pre-COVID one. 1.8% with COVID. Road to recovery not happening by accident-they took action immediately with a freeze on hiring and discretionary spending, furloughs, and froze non-union raises in FY22. Conservatively budgeted realistically, without relying on one-time revenues for operating budget. Lower fixed expenses, employee health ins lower than expected. Robust new growth 1.8M and not suffered reduction in state aid. COVID management allowed them to present a solid budget that includes an increase for non-union positions, honoring all cba, and represents a great collaboration with school administration- Acting Supt. K. Smith and Asst. Supt. B. Smith – good process funding incl full day Kindergarten. FY22 warnings include the tax levy accounts that for 100% and 95% of FY21 and 22, so is reliant on local receipts. State aid is somewhat flat. They are unsure yet how they may use the Rescue Plan Act funds. Not util non-recurring for operational costs, unless it can be sustained in future. He thanked the financial team, and the cooperating departments.

Chief of Staff Langill gave a PowerPoint presentation showing how the town arrived at this point, starting with FY20 and COVID last year.

Fiscal Impact of COVID-19 impacts

- Prioritizing revenue collection
- Incentivize and simplify the paying of certain bills
- Expense management
  - Hiring freeze
  - Furloughed
  - Freeze discretionary spending
  - Freeze salary increases for nonunion employees for FY21

FY22 Budget- Cautiously Optimistic

Tax Levy Factors to keep in Mind

- FY21 levy limit more than budgeted
- FY20 New growth adjusted
- New growth Estimated \$1.8M

## FY22 Budget

- Fixed expenses
- Departments
- Net Change
- Progress Returns
- Debt Service
- Schools
- Expense Factors
  - Non-union and COLA increases
  - 2 yrs. CBA Agreement Obligations
  - Additional needed
  - Expenses - Utilities
- Safety Nets
  - Stabilization Fund
  - Relief from American Rescue Plan Act
  - Estimated County Allocation
  - Estimated WPS funding
- Water/Sewer Budget
- CPC Budget
- Facilities and Fields Enterprise Funds
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Councilor Happel thanked Ted and asked if there is any information on the meals tax comparisons between last and this year. Mr. Langill responded that there isn't so far, not a huge decrease over the year, because of conservative budgeting. Mayor Hedlund noted one of the reasons is the nature of the town's restaurants- there are more of the smaller type. Councilor Heffernan commented that a year ago didn't know what would be happening because COVID and were expecting a deep recession. There is a lot of positive news. Still a lot of unknowns. In strong financial shape. Vice President Molisse thanked the administration for the presentation. He met with office staff and will be reviewing, kicking off May 10 with the review of the budgets. Councilor Haugh followed up with Councilor Happel's question and asked if outside dining will continue? Mayor Hedlund responded that it will be with state guidelines, to give as much flexibility as possible and support to all small businesses. It will continue this year. Planning got a grant to set up in Columbian Square. He thanked the police, and Planning and DPW staff. Health Department is cooperating to allow it to continue. They made available other areas in town of town-owned land for restaurants that didn't have outdoor capacity- such as Ma Reilly's. Councilor Hackett added that she is thrilled to see the level of cooperation. She will have a ton of questions, as does Auditor Swanson. It was a great presentation, with progress for Weymouth. Councilor DiFazio asked if the budget allows for the opening of Station 2? Mayor Hedlund responded that renovations, gear, 3 new pieces of apparatus, have been acquired, and they have started discussions. The remaining hang up is CBA, around added staff. There are some job descriptions or staffing issues with the union. The building is ready to go, but it revolves around bargaining. Mr. Langill added that discussion continues. Councilor Kiely thanked the administration for efforts related to Station 2 and all of the small businesses hurting right now. Mayor Hedlund highlighted that during COVID, they were able to keep progress going with the paving program. Cost to do Green Street exceeds Ch 90 funding. Unsung story on progress is roads. Mr. Langill pointed out that one of the actions taken was \$200,000 small

business grants- sending \$1500 - \$10,000 to 53 small business with employees totaling over 400 to help keep them in business.

**21 062-General Government Annual Appropriation**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,054,770 to provide for all the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town’s several departments and activities for the fiscal year 2022, 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.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 063-Revolving Accounts Annual Authorization**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2022 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
5209	Parks and Recreation	\$920,000	\$880,000
5210	Law Enforcement (federal)	\$100,000	\$100,000
5216	Community Services	\$150,000	\$150,000
5221	Police Cruiser	\$91,500	\$91,500
5224	Field Permit	\$400,000	\$350,000
5225	Comcast Capital	\$50,000	\$150,000
5235	Harbor Master	\$85,000	\$85,000

**21 064-Gift Accounts Annual Authorization**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill that the Town of Weymouth authorizes the creation of the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2022 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	\$15,000	\$15,000
5403	Community Policing	\$10,000	\$10,000
5406	Fourth of July	\$25,000	\$25,000

5407	Beautification	\$150,000	\$250,000
5408	Library	\$5,000	\$3,000
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
5423	Veteran's Donations	\$1,000	\$5,000
5431	Weymouth Day	\$20,000	\$60,000
5435	Canine Donations	\$5,000	\$7,000
8324	Franklin Pratt A	None required	\$15,000
8338	James Humphrey Bequest	None required	\$12,000
8339	Christine Sweetser	None required	\$17,000

**21 065- Sewer Enterprise Fund Annual Appropriation**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,698,098 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation, and expenses during the fiscal year 2022 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, an expenditure from the Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Town Council.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 066- Sewer Department – Pump Station Improvements, Borrowing Request**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requests that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of planning, construction, and reconstruction of its sewerage pump station facilities; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$3,000,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; 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.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 067- Sewer Retained Earnings – Pump Station Improvements**

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

See item #54 in the Capital Improvements Plan.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 068-Sewer Retained Earnings – Capital Equipment**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vehicles and associated equipment.

See item #57 in the Capital Improvements Plan- Vehicles Requested.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 069-Water Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 22 Appropriation**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,898,655 from the Water Enterprise Fund receipts and appropriate for salaries, operation and expenses during fiscal year 2022 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.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 070-Water Retained Earnings – Capital Equipment**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the purchase of new vehicles and associated equipment.

See item #57 in the Capital Improvements Plan – Vehicles Requested.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 071- Water Retained Earnings – Water Treatment Plant Upgrades & Improvements**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted 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 Plan improvements.

See item #60 in the Capital Improvements Plan – Building, Grounds and Equipment.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 072- Community Preservation Fund Annual Appropriation**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth adopt the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2022 Community Preservation Budget in the amount of \$1,059,000. The estimated revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2022 are as identified:

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

<u>Estimated Revenue</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	
1% Surcharge	\$ 800,000	860,000	
State Match	\$ 114,000	195,000	
Investment Income	\$ 2,000	2,000	
Interest & Penalties	\$ 2,000	2,000	
Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 918,000	1,059,000	
 <u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>			
Administrative Costs (max 5%)	\$ 45,900	52,950	
Total Open Space & Recreation	\$ 91,800	105,900	*
Total Historic Resources	\$ 91,800	105,900	
Total Housing	\$ 91,800	105,900	
 <u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal & Interest	\$ 111,500	88,850	*
Total General Revenue	\$ 485,200	599,500	
Total Appropriation Request	\$ 918,000	1,059,000	

\*The Total Open Space & Recreation Budgeted Expenditure plus the Total Debt Service Budgeted Expenditure equal the Total Principal and Interest of the King Oak Hill Acquisition Bond Payment. Payoff is FY22 in the amount of \$194,750.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 073- Free Cash for FY21 Snow Removal Deficit**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$1,445,097 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2021 snow and ice removal budget

This amount will be placed in an 02 fund account and used for transferring deficit expenses as outlined in an attached memo.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 074-Free Cash Transfer to OPEB Trust Fund**

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

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 075-Free Cash Transfer for School IT Leases**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$256,817.79 from the balances of the following nine (9) 02 accounts:

<u>ORG</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AVAILABLE BALANCE</u>
02200016	02200016 16-109 FY17 SCHL MAIN	\$ 2,232.00
02200017	02200017 16-110 FY17 CURRICULU	\$ 5,921.23
02200018	02200018 17-070 EXPANSION JOIN	\$ 29,939.83
02200019	02200019 17-066 FY18 SCHOOL I.	\$ 937.44
02200023	02200023 18-100 FY19 WTA-UNIT	\$ 5,983.21
02200024	02200024 19-057 FY20 SCHOOL I.	\$ 51,660.00
02200025	02200025 19-058 FY20 SCHOOL ED	\$ 156,069.27
02200026	02200026 19-059 CHAIR LIFTS MU	\$ 1,371.00
02200027	02200027 19-060 CTE EDUCATIONA	\$ 2,703.81
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		\$ 256,817.79

and transfer the sum of \$429,182.00 from Free Cash, for a total of \$685,999.79, into a newly created 02 account for the purpose of funding costs associated with school IT leases.

This is item #51 on the FY22-FY26 Capital Improvement Plan.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 076-Free Cash for New Police Cruisers**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of new police cruisers for the Weymouth Police Department.

This need is #25 on the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 077-Establishment Facilities & Fields Enterprise Fund**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that to see if the Town of Weymouth will accept the provisions of Chapter 44 §53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, and Act authorizing the establishment of Enterprise Funds, for the purpose of establishing and Enterprise Fund for Facilities and Fields pursuant to the Act beginning July 1, 2021.

This measure requires a legal notice and public hearing.

**21 078- Transfer to Facilities and Fields Enterprise Fund**

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Ted Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth will transfer the remaining balance of Fund 5224 Field Permitting Revenue as of June 30, 2021 to the Facilities and Field Enterprise Fund to provide for the maintenance, repair, replacement and associated costs at various town facilities and fields listed below. Additional facilities and fields may be included in the future and can be added through submission of subsequent measures and with the approval of the Town Council.

Facilities and Fields to be included as of June 30, 2021:

- A. Legion Memorial Field
- B. Lovell Field
- C. Libbey Field
- D. Weston Park (Field)
- E. Sgt. Jeffrey Mullin Field (WHS)
- F. Stella Tirrell Park

It was noted that no public hearing or legal notice is required.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measures 21 062 through 21 078, inclusive, to the Budget/Management Committee 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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse**

Chair Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on April 20, 2021 to deliberate the following measure(s):

**21 028-Funding the Replacement of Windows at Pope Towers**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on March 15, 2021. The committee met on April 21, 2021 and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on April 20, 2021.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve measure 21 028; that the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Housing Fund for the replacement of 54 windows at Pope Towers as approved by the Community Preservation Committee.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-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.

**21 050-Appointment Planning Board-Carston Snow Eikelberg**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 5, 2021. The committee met on April 20, 2021 and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve measure 21 050; that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the town charter, appoint Carston Snow-Eikelberg of 19 Blossom Lane to the Planning Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2024. This is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of George Berg. Vice President Molisse thanked Mr. Berg for his years of service.

The motion 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.

**21 051-Borrowing Authorization for Road and Sidewalk Repairs and Reconstruction**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 5, 2021. The committee met on April 20, 2021 and voted to forward the measure to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on April 20, 2021.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve measure 21051; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$4,000,000 to pay costs associated with repairing and reconstructing Town roads and sidewalks, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L.c.44,§7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid, or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary of convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L.c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

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.

**21 052-Amend Measure 20 072 (Adams MS Renovation as Part of the New Chapman MS Project)**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 5, 2021. The committee met on April 20, 2021 and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on April 20, 2021.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve measure 21 052; that the Town of Weymouth amend Measure 20 072:

Strike the amount of \$3,000,000 and replace it with the amount of \$4,525,000, so the amended paragraph reads:

“Ordered, that the sum of \$4,525,000 is appropriated to pay costs associated with renovation and furnishing of the Abigail Adams Middle School including but not limited to, the school building, any existing or new ancillary buildings, garages, workshops, and any infrastructure or related site-work necessary to complete the associated project, located at 89 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02189, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants aid or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.”

The motion 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.

**21 054-Water Retained Earnings-Libbey Park Replacement Well Implementation**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 5, 2021. The committee met on April 20, 2021 and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on April 20, 2021.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve measure 21 054; that the Town of Weymouth raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund’s Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the Libbey park Replacement Well Implementation. This is item #60 in the FY22-26 Capital Improvements Plan.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

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.

**21 055-Community Preservation Fund Transfer for the Preservation of the First Church**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 5, 2021. The committee met on April 20, 2021 and voted to forward the measure to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on April 20, 2021.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve measure 21 055; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$178,738 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Fund and \$254,262 from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of \$433,000, for historic architectural services for the restoration and preservation of the exterior of First Church as approved by the Community Preservation Committee.

The motion 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council will be Monday, May 3, 2021. At 9:22 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Harrington.

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.

Attachments:

1. Town of Weymouth Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Presentation- PPP
2. Sidewalks

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council  
Voted unanimously on 17 May 2021