

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**Zoom # 813 4973 4443**  
**May 3, 2021, Monday**

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

Absent: Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present: Robert Hedlund, Mayor  
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
James Malary, Chief Financial Officer  
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with one member absent. President Mathews reported that Councilor Hackett was absent due to a work commitment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice President Molisse announced that the Adopt a Green program has begun and islands are available this year. Information is available on the Town Council page of the Weymouth website.

President Mathews announced the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021, via Zoom.

## **MINUTES**

### **Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021**

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

**Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021**

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-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**

**21 080 Free Cash for Fire Department Dispatch / Record Systems**

On behalf of Mayor Robert Hedlund, Municipal Finance Director James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$210,000 from Free Cash into an 02 fund account for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of a new dispatch and records management system for the Weymouth Fire Department

This is item #20 on the FY22-26 Capital Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 21 080 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

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

**21 081- Reappointment to the Cultural Council-Dominic Paulo**

On behalf of Mayor Robert Hedlund, Municipal Finance Director James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with section 2-10 of the town charter, reappoint Dominic Paulo of 64 Webster Street to the Cultural Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to adopt the reappointment list and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

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.

**21 082-Proposed Amendments to the Town’s Tax Title Payment Agreements Ordinance**

On behalf of Mayor Robert Hedlund, Municipal Finance Director James Malary requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council and with the approval of the Mayor, hereby amends the Town of Weymouth Ordinances in the following manner:

“**Section 1.** Section 5-307a of the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 60, § 62A, the Treasurer may enter into payment agreements with the owner of an eligible property in tax title. The eligibility criteria and terms are as follows:
1. Eligible categories. The category of eligible tax titles shall include any property taxes as either commercial or residential property;
  2. Payment agreement. The agreement shall be in writing, dated, and signed by the taxpayer and Treasurer, and shall include a schedule of payments;
  3. Initial payment. Taxpayers must pay at least twenty five percent (25%) of the total amount due at the inception of the Agreement;
  4. Interest waiver. The Treasurer, after receipt of the initial payment, and all terms of the Agreement have been complied with, may waive up to fifty percent (50%) of the interest accrued in the tax title account. No taxes or collection costs may be waived.
  5. Term of payment agreements. Payment agreements shall be offered for a maximum of five (5) years. All current taxes and fees owed to the Town must be current and accounts in good standing. Nonadherence to the terms of the plan will nullify the agreement and a new agreement cannot be started in the same fiscal year.

**Section 2.** Section 5-307a of the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety.

This measure requires legal notice and a public hearing.”

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 21 082 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

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.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

Chair Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on May 3, 2021 to deliberate the following measure(s):

#### **21 053- Independent Audit Fee**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 5, 2021. The committee met on May 3, 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, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 21 053; that Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$4,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Town Council Audit Fees for the purpose of funding an additional \$4,000 expense from the Independent Auditors (Melanson). Councilor Kiely seconded the motion.

Town Auditor Swanson informed the administration that Melanson was required to perform additional audit work for the Federal Single Audit FY20 that was not budgeted in FY21. Melanson's Engagement Letter for FY21 stipulates "Additional fees may apply if more than two federal programs must be audited." Three federal programs were required to be audited.

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

#### **21 056- Council Authorization to Expend CDBG/HOME Funds FY21-22**

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met on May 3, 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, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 21 056; 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), as amended (to included revised backup).

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. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion.

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

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on April 20, 2021. The committee met on May 3, 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, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 21 058; that 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 53rd payroll in FY21, covering Sunday, Jun 27th through Saturday, July 3rd. Councilor Kiely seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-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 meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021. The Annual Town Meeting has been scheduled for May 24, 2021. At 7:52 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council  
Approved unanimously on 7 June 2021