

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
September 20, 2021, Monday**

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

Absent: Pascale Burga, Councilor  
Jane Hackett, Councilor

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk  
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor  
James Malary, Director of Municipal Finance

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 Councilor Hackett and Burga absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Happel announced the upcoming Irish Heritage Parade and festivities taking place on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

President Mathews announced the hybrid meeting process for Council meetings and tested out the process with WETC. He also reported that the SRA was invited to come to this meeting to provide an update on Union Point development; however, the SRA board members asked for a continuance to a future unspecified time.

**MINUTES**

**Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2021**

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget/Management Committee meeting of August 30, 2021 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

**Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2021**

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Town Council meeting of August 30, 2021 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021**

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the minutes from the Town Council meeting of September 7, 2021 and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

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

**21 110-Early Voting Hours for Nov. 2, 2021 Election**

Town Clerk Kathleen Deree requested that the Town Council set the early Voting Hours for the November 2, 2021 Town General Election as follows:

Monday October 25, 2021 through Friday October 29, 2021 8:30 AM – 4 PM at the Town Clerk’s Office 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA

It was noted that action is requested under 2-9 (b).

Vice President Molisse made a motion to consider measure 21 110 under 2-9(b), same night action, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Town Clerk and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

**21 111-Acceptance of Conservation Land – 640 Union Street**

On behalf of Mayor Robert Hedlund, Municipal Finance Director James Malary requested 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.

This measure requires a legal notice, a majority two-thirds vote, and a joint public hearing of the Town Council and Planning Board.

Vice President Molisse made a motion to refer measure 21 111 to the Ordinance Committee, and Planning Board, and was seconded by Councilor Kiely. Unanimously voted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of Town Auditor Position- Council President Arthur Mathews**

President Mathews reported that Auditor Swanson will be retiring and he thanked the Auditor for his years of service. A 5-member committee will be set up to consider the town auditor position and replacement. He appointed Vice Chair Molisse to chair the committee and asked Councilors who are interested in serving on the committee to let Vice President Molisse know. The committee will determine qualifications and hours for the replacement and bring their recommendation back to the full Town Council.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is October 4, 2021. At 7:45 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

Voted unanimously on 18 October 2021