

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
September 3, 2019, Tuesday**

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

Absent: Michael Smart, President

Also Present: Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Vice 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. Vice President Mathews reported that President Smart is not feeling well and won't be present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Heffernan announced William P. O'Donnell, Norfolk County Registrar will hold office hours in Council Chambers on October 3, 2019, 10 AM-noon.

Councilor Heffernan also announced he will host a panel discussion with Paul Williams, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, and the North Weymouth Civic Association on September 11, 2019, 7-9 PM.

Councilor Kiely announced a blood drive Saturday at DPW, 9 AM-2 PM for Mighty Quinn to benefit Children's Hospital.

MINUTES

Annual Town Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2019 Annual Town Meeting and was seconded by Councilor Harrington. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2019 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2019

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2019 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2019

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2019 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2019

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2019 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

Amy Kabilian of 7 Kipling Road – Route 3 Billboard Issues

Ms. Kabilian was invited to the table. She spoke on behalf of the residents of the neighborhood directly affected by the placement of the bulletin board on land at the rear of 611 Pleasant St. She said notice and deliberation of the zoning changes were not given to her or the other residents. It was not discussed in detail, and not properly notified. Few residents received letters. It was supposed to have been 50 ft. in height, and it is 76 ft. She provided photographs. This affects their property values. Although it is shut off at 7PM, it is only a temporary measure. The billboard is a large physical structure directly across from their neighborhood. They met with the Mayor and Planning Director but only three residents were invited. The latest proposed resolution was to add light-blocking technology to eliminate the amount of light, but then the billboard would be on 24/7. The billboard reduction plan is no real reduction-it does not affect the residents of North Weymouth. There has been poor communication. Brightness study that was a requirement in the permit and town guidelines was requested by the residents and does not use light blocking technology. She asked the Council to review and take ownership, consider restructuring the agreement or relocate the billboard to 613 Pleasant Street.

Vice President Mathews reported that as the District Councilor, he attended the two meetings and has shared the concerns with the Mayor. The Council received a letter today from the Mayor. A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer the issue to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Harrington. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Michael Yavorsky -Single Use Plastic Bags

Mr. Yavorsky was invited to the table. He spoke in favor of eliminating single use bags in Weymouth and provided a packet of materials. He noted that 122 cities and towns have already passed legislation limiting the use. He polled Abington, Quincy and Rockland. Braintree has

drafted legislation and it is on hold pending the upcoming Mayoral race. Quincy has drafted legislation that is expected to be discussed this fall. Rockland has done nothing yet. The state is more likely to act once 50% of cities and towns enact their own policies. He encouraged the use of reusable bags, and provided examples of what is available. Although cultural change is difficult, he is asking the Council to take the lead to be more environmentally friendly. John Sullivan, School Committee, has taken on reducing the use of styrofoam in schools and he has spoken with Dan McCormack in the Health Department.

Vice President Mathews thanked him for the presentation.

Councilor Haugh noted that major retailers already know how to implement the policy. She suggested the Council write a letter to the Mayor and she is happy to support it.

A motion was made by Councilor Haugh supporting a letter to the Mayor and was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

Councilor Harrington suggested not delaying it. He made a substitute motion to refer the issue to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. Councilor DiFazio suggested they should be sure of what they want an ordinance to do. It should be referred to the Environmental Committee first. Councilor Harrington suggested there are sufficient cities and towns that have adopted a policy and it would not be too difficult to research the acceptable language. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19 092-National Grid/Verizon Pole Relocation-Laudervale Road- action under 2-9(b)

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 19 092 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Abutters were notified on August 23, 2019. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Simon Yeung, engineer for National Grid presented the measure.

Councilor DiFazio asked the distance between pole 1 and 84. Mr. Yeung responded that it was about 250 feet.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 19 092 and was seconded by Councilor Harrington. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to consider measure 19 092 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 092; that the Town of Weymouth grant National Grid/Verizon a location for and permission to install intermediate Pole

0-50 in order to raise telecommunication wires, in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:

Plan No. 28388664 Dated 5/22/19

The motion was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 093-National Grid/Verizon Utility Application-Pole Installations-Broad and Franklin Streets-Tufts Library- action under 2-9(b)

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 19 093 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Abutters were notified on August 23, 2019. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Simon Yeung presented the measure.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 19 093 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to consider measure 19 093 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 093; that the Town of Weymouth grant National Grid a location for and permission to install 4 new poles in order to remove 4 poles from the front of the new Tufts in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:

Plan No. 26225389 Dated 5/9/19

The motion was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 094-National Grid Gas Main Replacements-Summer Street (Walnut to Roseen)-action under 2-9(B)

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 19 094 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Abutters were notified on August 23, 2019. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Barbara Kelleher, National Grid Gas Division presented the measure.

Vice President Mathews asked if any of the abutters notified National Grid? Ms. Kelleher responded no.

Vice President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public, to which there were the following:

George Berg, 74 Summer Street, and representing his mother at 76 Summer Street. He asked if workers will come on to the property. Ms. Kelleher responded yes, to replace the service to the home only. Mr. Berg noted his mother's home is located to the back of 150 feet of his and an easement. He asked if they excavate if the driveway will be repaired at the utility's cost. He asked that restoration be made a condition of approval.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 19 094 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to consider measure 19 094 under 2-9(b), same night action and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to approve measure 19 094; that the Town of Weymouth grant National Grid a location for and permission to install and maintain approximately 800 feet more or less of 8 inch, 60#, gas main in Summer St., Weymouth from existing 8 inch 60# gas main in Walnut Ave. southerly to Roseen Ave. as part of the Summer St. main replacement project :

Plan No. WO1236050 Dated 7/26/19

The motion was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Vice President Mathews suggested the Council send correspondence to the DPW to explain the particular circumstances of the Bergs' property and he asked Ms. Kelleher to get in touch with Mr. Berg. Solicitor Callanan noted that it is National Grid's obligation to bring the property back to the same condition as prior to work being done and it doesn't need to be a condition of the petition. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

OLD BUSINESS

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

19 096-Acceptance of G.L. C. 60, §2 – Collection; Payment Over; Returns; Abatement

Solicitor Callanan requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council and with the approval of the Mayor, move to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, §2, which allows the Town, through its Collector of Taxes and Assessor, to abate any committed, unpaid taxes in amounts not to exceed \$25.00.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 096 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 097-Traffic Regulation- Bus Stop, Summer Street/Harland Road

Solicitor Callanan requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, § 22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-106(a), authorize the placement of markings and signs regulating motor vehicle movement and parking as follows:

Bus Stop

Street	Side	Location
Summer Street	West	Harland Road to 60' North of Harland Road

and cause the above restriction to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1 – Appendix A under Schedule VII, Bus Stop.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 097 to the Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 098- Legal Department - Unpaid Bills FY19

Solicitor Callanan requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, that the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$91,256.98 from the Reserve Fund (11325201 573100) for the purpose of paying the following FY19 unpaid bills:

Miyares & Harrington LLP	April 1-30, 2019	\$5,614.46
Miyares & Harrington LLP	May 1-31, 2019	\$50,097.90
Miyares & Harrington LLP	June 2-28, 2019	\$35,544.62

Furthermore, that the Town Accountant is authorized to pay such bills.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 098 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 099- Appointment to Construction Steering Committee- George Berg

Solicitor Callanan requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint George Berg of 74 Summer Street to the Construction Steering Committee for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 099 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 100- Appointment to Board of Assessors (Alternate)- Denice Alexander

Solicitor Callanan requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Denice Alexander of 30 Manatee Road to the Board of Assessors (Alternate) for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 100 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 101-Appointment to Youth Coalition-Kathryn Howard

Solicitor Callanan requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Kathryn Howard of 103 Rustic Drive to the Youth Coalition for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 101 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

19 102-Appointment to Scholarship Committee-Caitlin McInnes

Solicitor Callanan requested on behalf of Mayor Hedlund, that the Town of Weymouth, in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, appoint Caitlin McInnes to the Scholarship Committee for a three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilor Molisse to refer measure 19 101 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

19 095-Contract for Independent Audit of FY19 through FY21

That the Town Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-11 of the Town Charter, refer the responses to the Independent Audit RFP (number 2020-WTH-002) to the Budget/Management Committee, which has been designated the evaluating committee for this RFP and to recommend the successful proposer to the full Town Council for a formal vote for the award of a three (3) year contract for the independent audit services to be performed in FY20 through FY22.

Councilor Molisse reported that he was informed by the Solicitor and CPO that it was necessary to redo the process. Vice President Mathews reported that since they had already completed the review process, any issue should have been brought to the council's attention at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019. At 8:17 PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Michael Smart as President of the Town Council.
Voted unanimously on 16 September 2019