

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday January 21, 2020**

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  
Michael Smart, Councilor

Absent: Maureen Kiely, Councilor

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

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

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 noted that Councilor Kiely had a work commitment and is unable to attend this evening.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Haugh announced that the Town of Weymouth Scholarship applications are available in town hall and the libraries and are due by March 15. Scholarships are awarded at annual town meeting in May.

Councilor Smart announced that there is an informational meeting on changes to Chauncy Street in Columbian Square. Mayor has scheduled the meeting for January 30 at 7PM at Old South Union Church.

President Mathews announced the 4th Annual Weymouth Winter Classic Charity Hockey Game between the Weymouth Police Association and Weymouth Firefighters Local 1616; to be held on January 26 @ 7:15PM at the Connell Memorial Rink.

**Town Council Committee Appointments for 2020-2022**  
**-President Arthur Mathews**

President Mathews read the following committee assignments into the record for 2020-2022

**Budget/Management**

**Chair**-Michael Molisse  
**Vice Chair**-Jane Hackett  
Pascale Burga  
Maureen Kiely  
Christopher Heffernan

**Ordinance**

**Chair**-Kenneth DiFazio  
**Vice Chair**-Michael Smart  
Arthur Mathews  
Rebecca Haugh  
Christopher Heffernan

**Economic Development**

**Chair**-Ed Harrington  
**Vice Chair**-Christopher Heffernan  
Kenneth DiFazio  
Rebecca Haugh  
Fred Happel

**Public Safety**

**Chair**- Fred Happel  
**Vice Chair**-Maureen Kiely  
Pascale Burga  
Ed Harrington  
Michael Smart

**Public Works**

**Chair**-Michael Smart  
**Vice Chair**-Ed Harrington  
Jane Hackett  
Christopher Heffernan  
Arthur Mathews

**Public Parks and Recreation**

**Chair**-Jane Hackett  
**Vice Chair**-Michael Molisse  
Pascale Burga  
Ed Harrington  
Kenneth DiFazio

**Rules**

**Chair**-Pascale Burga  
**Vice Chair**-Kenneth DiFazio  
Jane Hackett  
Michael Molisse  
Arthur Mathews

**Senior Citizens**

**Chair**-Maureen Kiely  
**Vice Chair**-Pascale Burga  
Michael Molisse  
Rebecca Haugh  
Fred Happel

**Education**

**Chair**- Rebecca Haugh  
**Vice Chair**-Jane Hackett  
Christopher Heffernan  
Fred Happel  
Michael Molisse

**Environmental**

**Chair**-Rebecca Haugh  
**Vice Chair**- Ed Harrington  
Ken DiFazio  
Fred Happel  
Christopher Heffernan

**Mental Health & Substance Abuse**

**Chair**-Chris Heffernan  
**Vice Chair**- Fred Happel  
Maureen Kiely  
Michael Molisse  
Michael Smart

**Long Range Planning**

**Chair**-Ed Harrington  
**Vice Chair**-Fred Happel  
Kenneth DiFazio  
Rebecca Haugh  
Michael Smart

**Community Preservation Committee**-Ed Harrington  
**Memorial Committee**-Michael Molisse  
**Energy Advisory Committee**-Ed Harrington  
**Medical Marijuana Dispensary Review Committee**-Christopher Heffernan  
**Emery Advisory Committee**-Kenneth DiFazio  
**School Building Committee**-Michael Molisse  
**Columbian Square Traffic Advisory Committee**-Michael Smart  
**Library Construction Committee**-Maureen Kiely  
**Chapman Educational Visionary Team**-Jane Hackett, Rebecca Haugh  
**Pilot Advisory Committee**-Michael Smart

**MINUTES**

**Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2019 Ordinance Committee meeting, and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2019 Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2019 Town Council Meeting and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Ordinance Committee Meeting minutes of December 9, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2019 Ordinance Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2019**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 Town Council Meeting and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2020**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the Town Council Meeting of January 6, 2020 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**19 114-Utility Petition- NGRID Pole Relocation- Madison Street, held December 2, 2019, continued to December 16, 2019 to January 21, 2020**

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to reopen the public hearing on measure 19 114 and was seconded by Councilor Smart. Abutters were notified on November 15, 2019. This was continued from December 2, 2019 and again until December 16, 2019. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Simon Yeung, engineer at NGRID, presented the petition, to install a new pole on Madison Street.

President Mathews noted that the DPW has sent an email, since the last public hearing, stating that there is sufficient space for the pole relocation.

President Mathews asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, to which there was the following response:

Arthur Sharp of Regatta Road-noted that pole P1, located in front of Madison, is leaning into the street and he spoke with Jim Pierson (Simon's boss) who said they are hoping to replace that pole with a taller one. Additionally, NGRID would like to put outriggers facing one side of the pole into the street. The other side of the street (Ryder property) is 135 feet from the proposed pole location and Mr. Sharp suggests eliminating the P1 pole and do a straight run into Broad Street. He believes this would save money as well and he asked that Simon take this proposal back to NGRID.

President Mathews asked Mr. Sharp if he had an issue if the Town Council approved this petition or would he prefer that NGRID investigate his alternative. Mr. Sharp acknowledged that he understands that the project needs to go forward, but would like this option explored.

President Mathews confirmed that this was Simon's first time speaking with Mr. Sharp. He would like a conclusion this evening but if NGRID is willing to consider this alternative, he would be amenable to continuing the hearing.

Simon stated that NGRID was focused on the wishes of 668 and this suggestion would result in additional costs that he doesn't feel should be borne by them.

President Mathews noted that he is willing to continue the hearing but for the record-Mr. Sharp attended the initial public hearing and no one showed from NGRID; the second hearing Mr. Sharp's concerns were not addressed. If he continues this—this must be resolved.

Councilor Harrington inquired if this is an emergency situation and whether this action would need to be approved that evening. He also asked who the current owner of 668 Broad Street is. Simon responded that although this isn't an emergent situation, 668 is waiting on construction and it is unknown if the Town Council approved this and the suggestion is accepted by NGRID, if new paperwork would be required.

Councilor Haugh asked a procedural question regarding if NGRID was amendable to Mr. Sharp's proposal of removing P1, if they would have to come back before the Council to accomplish this or could they just remove it as part of the project-- if the Council voted to approve. She noted that Mr. Sharp stated he was content with the proposal NGRID gave him but would prefer the removal of the pole.

Councilor Smart asked Simon to put some effort into addressing the outstanding issues and be prepared for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to continue the public hearing on 19 114 to February 3, 2020, and was seconded by Councilor Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Joe Callanan presented measures on behalf of the Mayor's Office.

### **20 002- Reserve Fund Transfer for Copiers**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the reserve fto the asset management equipment account for the purposes of funding costs associated with purchasing two (2) copiers, one each for the Town Clerk and DPW departments. The lease on these has expired. Purchasing copiers, including maintenance and supplies, is less expensive than leasing.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 003- Free Cash Transfer to the Stabilization Fund**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$1,000,000 from free cash to the stabilization fund.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 004- Free Cash for Field and Park Improvements**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$375,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the construction of a utility building (with restrooms and concession and storage space), and the installation and repair of batting cages at Libby Field, and all other costs incidental and related thereto.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 005- Free Cash for New Tufts Library Collection**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of new materials for the new Tufts Library Opening Day Collection.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 006- Free Cash for New Tufts Library Playground**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$410,656 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the construction of a new accessible playground at the site of the New Tufts Library, including equipment, installation and all other costs incidental and related thereto.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 007- Free Cash for Matching Funds for Columbian Square Grant**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding the town's share of costs associated with the completion of a survey and preliminary engineering plans (25% design) for the revitalization and reconstruction of Columbian Square, and all other costs incidental and related thereto.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 008- Free Cash Transfer for Electric Vehicles**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$48,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the town's share of leasing five electric vehicles through the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (Mass EVIP).

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 009- Free Cash for Road and Sidewalk Improvements**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$2,000,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with road and sidewalk improvements.

President Mathews requested that backup documentation is supplied to the Council. Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 010-Borrowing Authorization for Road and Sidewalk Repairs and Reconstruction**

Joe Callanan noted waiving of the reading of the measure, per Bond Counsel ruling, so long as entire measure is recorded in the minutes.

Ordered: That the Town of Weymouth appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs associated with repairing and reconstructing Town roads and sidewalks, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town of Weymouth Construction Steering Committee, and to meet said appropriation of the Town of Weymouth's Chief Financial Officer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less and such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. C.44, ss20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

This measure requires a legal notice, public hearing, and 2/3 vote of all members of the Council, as required by M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 1.

Language subject to Bond Counsel review.

President Mathews requested that backup documentation is supplied to the Council.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 011- Borrowing for Cost Associated with Replacing the Ralph Talbot Primary School's Boiler System**

Joe Callanan noted waiving of the reading of the measure, per Bond Counsel ruling, so long as entire measure is recorded in the minutes.

Ordered: that the Town appropriates the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of the complete removal and replacement of the Ralph Talbot Primary School's original boiler system located at 277 Ralph Talbot Street, South Weymouth Massachusetts 02190, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve and asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town of Weymouth Steering Committee, and to meet said appropriation of the Town of Weymouth's Chief Financial Officer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and that the town of Weymouth acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town of Weymouth incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Weymouth; provided that any grant that the Town of Weymouth may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Six point Two Percent (56.26%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA; or (2) the total grant amount determined by the MSBA and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Weymouth and the MSBA.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less and such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. C.44, ss20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

This measure requires a legal notice, public hearing, and 2/3 vote of all members of the Council, as required by M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 1.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 012-Reserve Fund Transfer-Funding of Measure 18 126**

That the Town of Weymouth transfer \$30,875 from the general fund reserve to the following line items:

\$14,750.00	to the	Town Council Salaries Account	11114110-510001
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\$15,000.00	to the	Mayor Office Salaries Account	11214115-510001
\$625.00	to the	Municipal Finance Assessment Salaries Account	11754163-510001
\$1875.00	to the	Planning Department Salaries Account	11334135-510001
\$9000.00	to the	School Committee Stipend Account	12001110-510170
\$625.00	to the	Health Department Salaries Account	15104105-510001

For the purpose of funding the amended annual salary of various elected and appointed officials-- as approved on June 4, 2019, via Measure 18 126.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Budget/Management Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**20 013-Traffic Regulations for Chauncy Street**

That the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, §22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Sections 13-103(b)m 13-103€, and 13-104(d), authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

<b>Parking Restricted</b>			
<b>Street</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Regulation Type</b>
Chauncy Street	Northeast	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	Angle Parking
Chauncy Street	Southwest	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	No Parking Any Time
<b>One-Way Street</b>			
<b>Street</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Direction</b>	
Chauncy Street	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	Southeast Bound	

And cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1- Appendix A under, Schedule III, Parking Restricted, and under a new heading, Schedule XIII, One Way Streets.

A report from the Traffic Engineer and the Police Department on this subject is attached.

Vice President Molisse motioned for referral to the Ordinance Committee, motion seconded by Councilor Smart. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **20 001-Town Clerk-Call of the Presidential Primary Election**

-action requested under 2-9(b)

-Vice President Michael Molisse

Vice President Molisse motioned for consideration under 2-9(b), same night action, motion seconded by Councilor Smart and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice President Molisse motioned on behalf of the Commonwealth, that the Town of Weymouth is hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in the Presidential Primary Election to vote on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Motion seconded by Councilor Smart and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020.

At 8:16 PM; there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary.

Approved by President Arthur Mathews  
Voted unanimously on 18 February 2020