

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
Zoom # 838 8205 3087
October 3, 2022, Monday

Present: Arthur Mathews, President
Michael Molisse, Vice President
John Abbott, Councilor
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Gary MacDougall, Councilor
Greg Shanahan, Councilor

Absent: Lisa Belmarsh, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor
Kathy Deree, Town Clerk
Brian Connolly, Town Auditor

Also Present: Lee Hultin, Asst. Town Clerk
Richard McLeod, Town Solicitor
Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Heather Backman, Asst. Library Director

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Assistant Town Clerk Lee Hultin called the roll, with both Councilors Belmarsh and Kiely absent due to family commitments.

MINUTES

Budget/Management Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Unanimously voted.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Unanimously voted.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2022

Vice President Molisse motioned to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Unanimously voted.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

22 124- CPA Funding Request-Crypts at Village Cemetery

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measure 22 124 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. This was advertised on September 23, 2022. Unanimously voted.

Planning Director Luongo and introduced Ms. Annis Remsen and Mr. Eric Remsen, President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Village Cemetery Association, Inc., who presented the measure; a request from the cemetery association to restore two crypts that collapsed last year with funds from the historic preservation of the CPA. The cemetery is providing supporting funding. Mr. Remsen explained that the two crypts collapsed with heavy rain on the roof over the last year. They were last used for burial in 1957. Repairs will include a concrete reinforced wall, and then replacement of the front granite. The intent is to put it back to way it was. The cemetery is part of the Front Street Historic District. President Mathews reported that the Budget/Management Committee met earlier and supported it.

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

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on measure 22 124 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Unanimously voted.

22 125- CPA Funding Request- Stained Glass Windows at Fogg Library

Vice President Molisse motioned to open the public hearing on measure 22 125 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Unanimously voted.

Director Luongo and Heather Backman, Asst. Director of the Weymouth Libraries presented the measure; requesting funds for the conservation and preservation of two stained glass windows at Fogg. These are two of twelve windows original to the building. Each has a printer's mark in the center pane, and two were broken. There was an attempt to recreate what was there. The funds will provide professional repair to the two windows and maintenance on the rest.

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

Vice President Molisse motioned to close the public hearing on measure 22 125 and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Unanimously voted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Vice President Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met to deliberate the following:

22 123- Reserve Fund Transfer-Legal

This measure was referred to the committee on September 12, 2022. The committee met on October 3, 2022 and voted to forward to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve measure 22 123; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the FY23 Reserve Fund to the Town Solicitor-Labor Relations-Special Counsel line item for the purpose of paying costs associated with legal labor services

Councilor DiFazio seconded the motion. Unanimously voted

22 124- CPA Funding Request- Crypts at Village Cemetery

This measure was referred to the committee on September 19, 2022. The committee met on October 3, 2022 and voted to forward to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was conducted on October 3, 2022.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve measure 22 124; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$19,000 from the CPA Historic Resources Fund Balance, for the conservation and preservation of two (2) crypts at Village Cemetery. Vice President Molisse thanked the president and treasurer of the Village Cemetery Association, Inc., for the condition of the Village Cemetery.

Councilor DiFazio seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

22 125- CPA Funding Request- Stained Glass Windows at Fogg Library

This measure was referred to the committee on September 19, 2022. The committee met on October 3, 2022 and voted to forward to the full town council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was conducted on October 3, 2022.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse motioned to approve measure 22 125; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$6,500 from the CPA Historic Resources Fund Balance for the conservation and preservation of two (2) stained glass windows at Fogg Library.

Councilor DiFazio seconded the motion. Unanimously voted.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council is Monday, October 17, 2022. At 7:47 PM; there being no further business, Vice President Molisse motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor DiFazio. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 17 October 2022