

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2021

Meeting begins after Executive Session

President Boncore Opens Meeting to order at 7:08 PM, with the Zoom information

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher, President Boncore

Absent: Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ruggiero

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Delores Hickey

MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Christopher to accept Minutes of August 3, 2021

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

General Info-President Boncore asks Director Hurley to give an update on Covid information

Town Manager states policy for all town employees, masked unless vaccinated and certified letter for medical reasoning of not wearing a mask. Result of two separate dept. having covid

Director Hurley:

We are where we were in August of 2020 already by today in August 2021, seeing increases...we are around 2.3%, we were in the 5% in the winter...not in crisis mode but has caught her attention. People needing tests are being sent to Beth Israel on Broadway....Project Beacon, Lynn still available, but small staff, long wait

East Boston NHC, results about 48 hrs...

Vaccines...CVS in Winthrop....no appt. think you can go on mass vax site for vaccine preference
There are plenty of locations around us...made request for a mobile vaccine unit last week of August, people more comfortable staying in community.

Age counts:

Not consistent trend in last couple months...differences by ages...

Vaccine % lowest 12-15 but just most recently eligible

50-64 yr. old lowest, why?? Resistance

35 cases are breakthrough, in later June seeing about 17% breakthrough

First was 3-29-21 in their 80's now seeing all ages some symptomatic, some asymptomatic

FDA will approve 3rd. dose, we are seeing fair amount 60-80 breaking through, question is why?

Councilor DeMarco states 40 + cases this month, 35% vaccinated

Councilor Flockhart asks, Are these people with underlying problems.

Director Hurley states, some are, and some are not, struggle has also been after May the commonwealth ramped down contact tracing and public health dept. not being made aware, they are beginning to revamp up again.

Councilor Letterie asks about 35 % are breakthrough so been vaccinated is there any percentage or is there 0 of people who have had covid before that have gotten again

Director Hurley states she has not seen any re-infection so that is why they call the subsequent testing of positive, there were some suspected during Covid, but there is no data on this.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Opened:

Councilor Letterie discusses this transfer and has been approved with a Positive Recommendation
FY21 Year End Budget Transfers

Public Hearing Closed

Transfer \$147,000 from Capital Stabilization to General Fund for Sidewalks and Police Car
This Motion has been tables

Public Hearing Opened:

Town Council Accept the SRF funding for \$ 9.9 million dollars for Ingleside Park Project

Councilor Letterie states that the Finance Committee did meet on this motion for the town to receive a loan for \$9.9 Million, it would address the flooding in Ingleside, it was looked at 3-5 yrs. ago, price is in \$11-\$13 Mil range...there were two projects at that time, Morton St., and Ingleside. The town not ready at time to go into SRF (Morton)project so chose the Ingleside Project. This would put a pumping station and 1-2-Million-gallon storage...the CBD new pipes have dramatically allowed water into Ingleside...we will always have a problem when tide full, the thought process this would store it.

Committee had questions on the rate increase on citizens.... this could increase 4-7 %

Another municipality chose not to do this, so it was passed to Winthrop

This \$9.9 will not be total cost of project, instead could be \$11-12 million dollar project.

The Finance Committee does not think currently the town has the money.

It came out of the Finance Committee with a Negative recommendation

Councilor Flockhart states given the report that was in the newspaper that within the next 10 years the tide will be considerably more...we will likely have more flooding...is this wise not to do this project?

Councilor Letterie believes it is wise not to do it, but does not speak for TC

Councilor Letterie states park will still flood, ocean tides or not

Councilor Letterie states he would have been more sympathetic with this loan if it had included Morton St. due to the homeowners that have been affected.

Interim Town Manager Comments to Councilor Flockhart that water in park and on Walden St. is not flood inundation, it's from the lack of being able to push the water through our drainage out of Donovan's Beach while

there's a high tide, unlike Morton St. and Pico where there is flood inundation, this was discussed and considered.

Councilor DeMarco asks Councilor Letterie that we have grant money of \$9.9 Million?

Councilor Letterie states no it is a loan and would require an additional \$1-2 Million.

Jack Dowd-works with engineer that designs projects...like this.... Ingleside is in a flood-controlled area., it is going to flood...an underground tank will not alleviate problem in this flood-controlled area

Eileen Collins asks if the CBD project is going to make park worse? Flood more?

Councilor Letterie answers that the thought process instead of 18" now 48" but they will also hold more water...depends on tides...not increased flooding...don't think it will affect homes....

Jack Dowd-states that people ask questions over the oversize pipes in question, the 2 million tank proposed new pipes in the CBD have nothing to do with Ingleside Park flooding...

****ARE NEW CBD PIPES CONNECTED DOWN TO DONOVAN BEACH, he would like this answered.**

Dianne Veins...this is not a grant, it is a loan, it may be low interest but will raise water bill, this will tack on more money to complete. This is not scoped out in present day. This needs hard evidence and engineering, other communities have passed on this loan, we should not take on this huge amount.

Wendy Page- States that behind middle school that consistently floods, will this effect RFP for this building?

Would this have alleviated some of this water.

Interim Town Manager, states Yes, this project would mitigate behind Middle School and Rink, but cannot specify how much...

\$9.9 cannot be used for applications do not do a full engineering cost...this will be an additional cost...you are not going to pay \$100-200,000 to apply.

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

Group Petition – Please see attached

Town Council must act on this petition

Council President sends this to the rules and Ordinance Committee for review

Council President asks if any petitioners want to be heard...

Miriam Regan Fiore petitioner comments on petition and the health and environment concerns and thanks the committee for their work on the Tree Ordinance

Jack Dowd comments on the Tree Wardens Handbook that this is out of the hands of the Tree Warden now, it is up to the Town Council prior to any tree removal.

Diana Veins, petitioner, comments on the petition and the importance of our trees

Kurt Millar comments on the tree canopy in town must be reviewed, but they are asking for an arborist which can put a strain on the town to be paid for.

Miriam Regan Fiore comments that she has asked for back information on Tree Committee meetings that shows that there are many trees that have been removed and she does not feel there was public transparency.

Kathleen Cappuccio comments that the town is not able to pay any money on trees

Marilyn Regan-Comments that spending money on consulting a tree is much cheaper than cutting down one.

Carol Homeyer would like to improve the transparency of the government especially with this petition and what is important for the community.

Council President refers this petition to the Rules and Ordinance Committee to return to the Town Council at the next meeting with a recommendation on whether to approve this petition.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd-hoping 151 Pauline St. would be addressed...discusses the town forum this was done by Town Council President and made public this night, the town owns 7.76 acres, Planning Board advocates selling 3.14 acres...WPB using GIS system to establish developers, yet the Front page on Assessor's website states this does not warranty these measurements.

Why can't we use the Master Plan....where is 10 acres laid out on map which was reduced from 13 acres from original because right of way of railroad was 30' law took another 40'

Master Plan has caused difficulties.... most notably the former Town Council President states screw in his tire, Tom Reilly had gotten threatened and at a different council meeting Mr. Boncore asked me what I would do with Ingleside Park:

Jack stated, take bldg. down and plant grass for the future of the community.

After meeting outside doors when then Mr. Boncore commented you and your grassy Knowle, Jack.

Jack asks for an apology for this comment.

States to Town Council President under your leadership the town has lost all top mgt., Assistant Town Manager Rodrigues, Town Manager Faison, CFO Freedman and Treasurer, and then Mr. Dowd comments no one left to get rid of, just you.

Town Council President asks if there are any more comments that are not political and have to do with the town.

Karin Chavis-comments that the Police Chief stated the \$147,000 police chief said cruiser could be omitted and understands the sidewalk money can come from ARPA. As far as Ingleside Project....if this bond is added to current water rate...puts us in a \$26-27 dollar rate...homeowners cannot afford this, it could add close to \$200 -\$300 increase on water bills. Please think about this project prior to approving.

Also had asked for bonding on new public safety building to be considered on the ballot, this time is done...this is a project that will just be discussed for another 30yrs., hates being negative, but it has been taking so long.

Tennis Courts should be under town control.... up to Town Council to decide on name...lock system same as Ingleside...schools have priority over town people using courts...signs will be posted...

Miller Field also under the town control...schools' priority.... maintenance funds must be set up

John Stanley wants no more funding to go towards the Ferry....whole idea we would get funding for new town pier...we have this...ran ferry for 2 years, if not successful, we could close ferry.... \$5,000 a week.... how much more in reserves left...bleeding money...

Ryan Bonassar recently moved to Winthrop....from Connecticut, he is having difficulty having parking pass

Town Manager asks him to contact Mike Diluio and ask for a Treasurer exemption...

Paul P1-Not really worried who might be responsible for towns problems...people come and go, not just this town...but we must get rid of Ferry, his real is the Flag issue. We do not need a flag policy, it's asking for trouble, fly our US Flag, state flag, official police, or fire...these are the flags to be flown.

Close Public Comment

CORRESPONDENCE

Julia Waller—Positive for the Sidewalk replacement

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Letterie reports on this meeting:

Dog Park and Golf Shed...still reviewing for additional funding needed

FY21 Y/E Budget Transfers-Positive Recommendation

\$147,000 Capital Stabilization....Table for further review

\$9.9 Million SRF Funding....Negative Recommendation

Rules & Ordinance

Vice President Christopher reports, there has not been a meeting but is still reviewing the Flag Policy and bring back a recommendation to the Town Council

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Thanks, public safety for their support and professionalism with another horrific event that happened in our community.

CBD schedule is going to run about 2 mos. beyond...will be back in March due to change orders that are the request of the town--Drainage & Sewer on Putnam-Pipe on Jefferson St.
Councilor Letterie was correct, the project that moving as fast as it should...

Waterfront overlay, asked town planner and ISD...where could we make improvement and build up revenue...

Will review and make recommendations so that the Town Council can refer to the Planning Board

RFP...Middle School-Bring a consultant on board that handles these commercial RFP

Sr. BBQ 8-25-21...Fire and police assisting, behind middle high school...still not congregating, it will be drive through.

Ferry-Talked to Senator Boncore and Mass DOT is awarding \$280,000 this will get through remainder of this year, but matter should stay in front of us as for future.

Trash Tonnage slightly lower this month than last year

Single stream slightly higher comparing to last year

Look at trends and check next month.

Watching month by month

Maintenance shed and dog park construction has begun. Changes in area are being worked on

There is a Strip land 413-415 Shirley St....please mark on agenda...seeker needs about 800 sq. ft. and requesting Town Council to approve. Town Manager prefers to bring this to the Town Council prior to doing an instrument survey, boundaries, etc. and approve funding.

Conservation Commission has emailed him about quorum issues and not having quorum...two members should be removed

Abrams Report, they not getting meter readings from MWRA, the Fire Chief has reached out to MWRA, and they now have this information to update report for Town Council

Interim CFO Steve Cirillo has recommended that he brings forward to the Town Council for their consideration and it is on our free cash allocations and this recommendation reverses the percentages to capital and general stabilization, reverse the 30/40 we are currently do.

Council President refers this memorandum from Interim Steve Cirillo to the Finance Committee so that they may prepare a motion, if necessary

Would like to schedule Interim CFO to review our FY23 in Sept.

Miller Field will return to school use on the August 20th

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

President Boncore reports on School Committee meeting that was a very long one....

Hot temperaments of people on both sides of mask issues

School Committee voted to put in a temporary differentiated policy, which means that they are following the DESI recommendations and the Mass Health Dept. of our Superintendent and our Health Director which includes the following:

Pre-K to Grade 6 Masks will be mandatory for all students, indoors

Grade 7-12, it's a mandated mask policy, but may be exempt if they are vaccinated, must show cards

Mandated masks in nurses' office, and all school buses

No masks needed outside

0 in school transition last year,

Employees currently wearing masks

155 out of 161 of employees are vaccinated

Rapid test if anyone shows symptoms.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion from the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council Vote FY21 Year End Budget Transfers... (See attached motion)

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL VOTE

Approve: Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Council Vice President Christopher, President Boncore

Absent: Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ruggiero

Motion Passed 7-2

Motion Tabled: Transfer \$147,000 from Capital Stabilization to General Fund for Sidewalks and Police Car

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Negative Recommendation that the Town Council Accept the SRF funding for \$ 9.9 million dollars for Ingleside Park Project.... (See Attached Motion)

No 2nd from any Councilors

Motion is defeated

Dog Park and Golf Shed, is remaining on the Finance Committee agenda

Tennis Courts have already been established and voted on that they would remain in town custody

Miller Field will continue the Finance Committee's agenda with the Superintendent invited to meeting as far as

this being turned over, Miller Field project is still ongoing until it depends on when the Dog Park and

Golf Shed are complete prior to it being transferred, it is important that we enter an MOU with the schools for the use of the facility during the school year, and maintenance must be discussed. He feels, town should maintain and upkeep property, but schools must have priority.

Interim Manager will enter into an agreement with the Superintendent on August 20th, field will be used for schools.

Councilor Ferrino requests meeting with the Finance Committee and Capital Assets as to review the maintenance plan for Miller Field

Tennis Courts punched list has been 99% completed, locks being put on, same as Ingleside Park locks...verbal commitment courts ready to open...want written authorization that courts are complete for use.

Council President would like a Grand Opening on these Tennis Courts....

Still in Rules and Ordinance Committee: Flag Policy & Trash Policy, drafts have been done and are in review.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor President refers motion to the Finance Committee that the Town Council authorize a 7-yr lease -purchase 2022 Seagrave Marauder Pumper Engine/\$689,996.00
Chief Flanagan discusses this motion

**Motion by Council President Boncore to appoint Leilani Bernal to the Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations
Passed Unanimously**

Real Property Disposition-Veterans Rd.

Interim Town Manager refers to the Town Ordinance that this must be advertised that the town is selling the property and a sealed bid will come in and up to Town Council to accept. Prior to this, the town manager is requesting the Town Council
Council Ferrino does not agree with agreeing with the requester unless they clean up the area and not use for a parking lot for construction.
Interim Town manager states it will not be used as a parking lot and this can be a condition of the sale. Town will need to do a survey, publicize, send out for bids and sealed bids will be reviewed by Town Council.

**Motion by Councilor Honan to allow Interim Town Manager to explore the selling of the Disposition of Real Property of about 800 sq. ft. on Veterans Rd. area that has been discussed
2nd by Councilor DeMarco
Passed Unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Michael DiMento discusses that the \$9.9 million dollars discussed to improve Ingleside Park drainage is still not enough to complete this project.

-Karin Chavis-Discusses the \$280,000 Grant from the DOT for the Ferry will carry us through this year., please keep in mind the Ferry needs to be privatized. Because funded publicly, FY22 does not mean we are out of woods, please don't let this go, someone must start looking into privatizing this. The Town cannot be in the Ferry business, we do not know how to run a Ferry Business.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Winthrop Meat Market Appreciation Day-Aug.4, 2021 (5:30-8:00 PM)

Arbor Party-Fundraisers for Trees/ E.B. Newton Cultural Center Aug. 7, 2021 (1-4 PM)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Letterie to adjourn at 8:55 PM

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Motion Passed

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT / www.youtube.com

Public Documents used in the meeting are available at Town Managers Office.

Documents Used in this Meeting: Handwritten Notes / Committee Openings Documents Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motion

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Denise Quist



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Terence Delehanty
Interim Town Manager

Town Council Motion

July 29, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021

Motion Summary

Title: Year-End General Fund Inter-Budgetary Transfers
Motion ID: TCM21-042

Motion Details

Motion Type: General Fund Inter-Budgetary Transfers
Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager
Date Submitted: 07/29/2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote modify the following General Fund Budgets to facilitate the June 30, 2021 closing of the FY2021 Fiscal Year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Funding Details

Budgetary Funding Source			Budgetary Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
0113151-511100	Personnel - Grants	30,000.00	0114151-511100	Personnel - Assessing	559.32
0132153-532400	ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL	6,934.00	0182053-532100	SCHOOL CHOICE SENDING TUITION	17,418.00
0191051-517520	Group Ins-School	60,000.00	0115153-530400	Legal Services - Town Attorney	8,340.95
0191051-517220	UNEMPLOYMENT SCHOOL	12,181.86	0129251-511100	Personnel - Animal Control	554.88
0121058-58710020	FY20 REPLACEMENT VEHICLES	2,511.79	0193058-584128	FY21 Police Cruiser Replacement	2511.79
0196052-588079	FY15 EB Newton East Elevation	664.86	0142351-512120	Snow/Ice Manpower	72,762.14
0196058-588188	FY20 HEARING ROOM RESTRUCTURING	1,675.12	0142355-553201	SNOW REMOVAL SUPPLIES	6,869.04
0196052-588163	FY18 SCHOOL DEPT CHROME BOOKS	136.02	0196058-588190	FY20 Risk Advisor Services	828.85
0196052-588171	FY19 COSTAL RES. COUGHLIN PARK	0.50	0196052-588175	FY19 MASTER PLAN PHII	3,145.18
0196052-588176	FY19 WEBSITE UPGRADE	4,000.00	0196052-588153	FY18 COUGHLIN PARK DESIGN & PE	5,170.00
0196058-588183	FY20 CEMETERY BUILDING DEMOLITION	56.00			
	Total	\$118,160.15		Total	\$118,160.15



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Terence Delehanty
Interim Town Manager

Town Council Motion

August 3, 2021

Fiscal Year 2022

Motion Summary

Title: Ingleside Park Drainage Loan Order

Motion ID: TCM22-003

Amount: \$9,940,005

Motion Details

Motion Type: Loan Authorization

Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager

Date Submitted: August 3, 2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to authorize the Town Council Loan Order; or take any other action thereto.

Town Council Loan Order

ORDERED: That the Town appropriates the sum of NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND FIVE DOLLARS (\$9,940,005) to pay costs of the Ingleside Park drainage project, including costs of upgrading undersized and aging storm drain infrastructure and constructing approximately 4,000 linear feet of 18-inch through 60-inch diameter drain pipe, an underground detention system to store storm water runoff during rising tides, a new pump station and force main, restoration of site amenities impacted by the proposed improvements and upgrades to an existing outfall and tide gate to meet current design standards and forecasted sea level rise, and all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1) and/or M.G.L. c.29C, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") established pursuant to M.G.L. c.29C of the General Laws and in connection therewith the Treasurer is authorized to enter into a loan agreement with the

Trust and the Town Manager is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any 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, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

8-3-21

Motion by Council President Boncore to refer this to the finance committee and advertise for a public hearing

ROLL CALL VOTE

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Council Vice President Christopher, President Boncore

Motion Passed 8-1 (Councilor LoConte, absent)



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Terence Delehanty
Interim Town Manager

Town Council Motion

July 29, 2021

Fiscal Year 2022

Motion Summary

Title: Transfer from Capital Stabilization to General Fund for Sidewalk Repair and Police Cruiser

Motion ID: TCM22-002

Amount: \$147,000

Funding Source: Capital Stabilization Fund

Motion Details

Motion Type: Transfer from Capital Stabilization

Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager

Date Submitted: July 29, 2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer \$147,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to General Fund for Sidewalk Repair and a Police Cruiser; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
964	Capital Stabilization Fund	\$147,000	0193058-584124	Sidewalk Repair	\$100,000
			0193058-584128	Police Cruiser Replacement	\$47,000

Capital Stabilization Balance before pending Motions: \$ 2,923,316.24

Motion Pending: 147,000.00

Balance: \$ 2,776,316.24