

Winthrop Town Council  
Meeting III  
December 6, 2005  
Winthrop Town Hall – Harvey Hearing Room

Council members present:

Tom Reilly     Council President  
Joe Ferrino    At-Large Councilor  
Phil Boncore   At-Large Councilor  
Richard Gill   Councilor P-1  
Jim Letterie   Councilor P-2  
Nick DelVento Councilor P-3  
Jeannie Maggio Councilor P-4  
Russ Sanford   Councilor P-5  
Linda Call     Councilor P-6

Call to order 7:05PM

- Approval of November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting motion by J Maggio, with amendment of R Gills motion to include Attorney Noonan at this meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Letterie, unanimous vote.
- Introduction of Bob Noonan who explained his interpretation of the Charter stating that he felt the Council could not act as the Board of Selectman during the transition. The Town Council can in no way have administrative powers according to Mr. Noonan.
- The council then discussed the measure submitted by President Reilly at the November 30, 2005 meeting.
- After further debate P Boncore makes a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Maggio to amend Reillys motion as follows:
  - Replace the word “Town Administrator” in item one to Council President.
  - Add the word “President”after Town Council in item 3
  - Add the words “employment & retention” in item 4
- The main motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously

**Under the provisions of Article 10 Section 5 (0) of the Winthrop Home Rule Charter, 2005, (“the Charter”), the Town Council hereby adopts the following transitional provisions. These provisions shall expire upon the appointment and assumption of office by a Town Manager pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 Section 5 (d) of the Charter or by February 15, 2006, unless extended or modified by the Town Council.**

- 1)     The powers, duties, authorities and responsibilities now resting with the Board of Selectmen shall be granted to the Town Council President..**

- 2) **All other elected and appointed boards, committees not abolished by the Charter shall retain their pre-existing powers, duties, authorities and responsibilities.**
- 3) **Any contract lease or purchase in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall require the approval of the Town Council President.**
- 4) **Any permanent appointments, employments, retention or designations require the approval of the Town Council.**
- 5) **This measure is not applicable to any powers and duties of the Board of License Commissioners pursuant to Article 6 Section 3 of the Charter.**
- 6) **This measure is not applicable to any of the powers, duties, authorities and responsibilities of the Council President or the members of the Town Council as provided by this Charter.**

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- Public Comment - D Osborne & E DiMento make comments
- Finance Committee Report – J Ferrino reports that the 07 Budget process is ongoing, and department heads have been sent their initial packages.
- Rules Committee Report – P Boncore suggests the following be considered for the final rules.

- VP position should be a 1 year term

- Meeting schedule should be the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Town Hall 7:30PM

- Standing & Special Comm. Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday before Council Mtg

- Order of business for meetings would be as follows:

- Call to Order

- Pledge of Alligence

- Roll Call

- Action on minutes

- Public Comment

- Correspondence

- Committee Reports

- Town Manager Report

- Old Business

- New Business

- Public Comment

- Adjournment

- Follow Roberts Rules of Order

- Vote by voice or roll call by ant Councilor

- Open Meeting laws / Executive session

- Standing Committees & Special Committees

- Decorum

- P Boncore suggests we further discuss these rules at our next meeting
- Motion by J Ferrino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Maggio to appoint N. DelVento & L Calla to Facility Committee to join R Sanford. Unanimous vote
- Discussion on Swearing in Ceremony
- Discussion on Councilor orientation

- Discussion on MMA conference to be held on 1/13/06 at Hynes Convention Center. J Ferrino & J Letterie inform President Reilly of their desire to attend conference.
- Council Clerk position to be posted until Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- D Gill & J Letterie mention Towns website and encourage citizens to visit it.
- Motion by P Boncore 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Sanford to adjourn. Voted Unanimous

Minutes Submitted by:

Jim Letterie