

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order, Executive Session at 6:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 7:00 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. All members were present.

6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:00 PM ROLL CALL VOTE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RE-CONVEIN FOR AN OPEN SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCILOR BONCORE	YEA
COUNCILOR CALLA	YEA
COUNCILOR DELVENTO	YEA
COUNCILOR FERRINO	YEA
COUNCILOR GILL	YEA
COUNCILOR LETTERIE	YEA
COUNCILOR MAGGIO	YEA
VICE PRESIDENT SANFORD	YEA
PRESIDENT REILLY	YEA

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino
2nd by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To approve the minutes of Town Council Meeting January 17, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Osborne, Donald Simonini and Frank Costantino made public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ferrino, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the Finance Committee voted unanimously to appropriate the \$351,315 for the purpose of renovating Massa Playground. These are funds that will be reimbursed to the community by way of a grant.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Vice President Sanford

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the Town Council vote to appropriate the sum of \$351,315 for the purpose of renovating for recreational purposes Massa Playground, to be managed and controlled by the Town and that the Town Council President and/or the Town Manager be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Winthrop any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Urban Self Help Act (Chapter 933 Acts of 1977 as amended) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this vote, and the Town Council President and/or Town Manager be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Winthrop to affect said renovation.

Councilor Gill, Chairman of the Capital Assets Committee reported the Committee met for the first time on January 30, 2006. The Committee put on the table what their mission and vision is. Discussion of inventory of Town properties, the Dalrymple School and the ADA Compliance question that was discussed at the last full Council Meeting. The committee decided their mission in general terms was to develop a plan that is coherent; logical that meets the needs of the community, which takes care of current assets. That there be a master plan for immediate as well as long-term future of the Town. The committee felt it would be in the best interest of the Capital Assets Committee to meet with the already existing Capital Improvement Committee to find out where they were at so the Capital Assets Committee doesn't reinvent the wheel. The committee would like to have a brainstorming session for a vision of the Town. The Capital Assets Committee would like to invite at their next meeting the Capital Improvements Committee, Historical Society and a representative or representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. A lengthy discussion about the Daltrymple school and decided to meet with the already existing Dalrymple School Study Committee in the hopes of benefiting on the research that committee has already done. Councilor Gill appreciates the documentation that has been put forth by Frank Costantino's Committee, which will be taken into consideration.

Councilor Boncore, Chairman of the Rules and Ordinances Committee reported their first meeting had to be cancelled tonight because of the Town Council's meeting with the Collective Bargaining Attorney. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 5:00 PM.

Councilor Letterie, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee reported over 30 citizens of the town attended their first meeting Monday, February 6, 2006. Frank Mahatti from FXM Associates, Paul Ruff the Town consultant on the pier project along with Virginia Wilder and Barbara MacNeil tried to fill the committee in on the pier project and the economic development of the Shirley Street area. Councilor Letterie is pleased to report that all these situations seems to be slightly delayed but from all indications received that these projects will go forward. He also states that all comments from Mr. Mahatti seems like it will be a very exciting project for the town and a very economic stimulating project for the Shirley Street area and immediately in the town in

general. The committee was very happy to see the attendance at the meeting and to see the interest and the passion from the citizens of the town

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reilly reported that under New Business the Council will propose transfers from the water and sewer reserves fund. Much of the transfers will cover expenditures of a major water/sewer pipe break on Read Street.

The Council will be submitting for the next meeting a supplemental budget, which the majority will be for the unanticipated utility costs the town has endured over the last year. The utility bills of the town have gone up highly which has been a great drain on the Town budget.

President Reilly states the Charter says that there should be publication of appropriations but that the term on how that is done should be the result of the ordinances that are passed by the council. Any financial matters that the council is acting upon there should be a public notice of those items. President Reilly has asked the Rules and Ordinances Committee to take a look at that portion of the Charter and report back to the Council with a recommendation for an ordinance that would comply with that item.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Vice President Sanford

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To Re-Appoint the previous By-Law Study Committee to continue their task to re-write and re-codify the Rules and Regulations of the Town to be completed in one year.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino to approve the sale of the Dalrymple School to be referred to the Capital Assets Committee for review.

2ND by Councilor Maggio

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

AMENDMENT by Councilor Calla when the Dalrymple School gets referred to the Capital Assets Committee not to come back for at least 90 days.

2ND Councilor Boncore

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To approve the sale of the Dalrymple School to be referred to the Capital Assets Committee for their review, to not come back to the Council for at least 90 days.

MOTION by Councilor Letterie
2ND By Councilor Calla

To transfer twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Sewer Department Reserve Account to the Sewer Department Operating Budget.

To transfer twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Water Department Reserve Account to the Water Department Operating Budget.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer the two transfers to be referred to the Finance Committee.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino
2ND by Vice President Sanford

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: 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.

- 1) The powers, duties, authorities and responsibilities now resting with the Board of Selectmen shall be granted to the 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.
- 4) Any permanent appointments, employments, designations and retentions 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.

MOTION by Councilor DelVento

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To request that the Wind Turbine Study Committee appear at the February 21, 2006 Council meeting to update the Council on the status of their findings to date, brief the Council on the current status of the project, and explore with the Council that the Wind Turbine Study Committee have its scope expanded to include development of an efficient energy and alternate fuel use plan for the Town's buildings and vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Costantino, Joanne Hillman made public comments.

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Clerk

