

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 7, 2006

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. All members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To approve February 7, 2006 & February 21, 2006 Town Council meeting minutes.

AIRPORT HAZARDS COMMITTEE

Airport Hazard Committee members, Robert Driscoll, Chairman, Jerome Falbo, Vice Chairman, Harvey Maybor and Brian Dumser express to the Town Council their concerns regarding the Massport Centerfield Taxiway. The purpose of the Massport Centerfield Taxiway is to taxi the planes off the tarmac to the runways in order to expedite the flight process at Logan Airport, which means additional noise, toxic pollutants and health risks to the surrounding communities. The Airport Hazards Committee can't express enough to the Council that Winthrop must take action regarding this matter.

Jerome Falbo suggests sending a formal letter from the Town Council opposing the construction of the Centerfield Taxiway until such time as the required studies under the state certificate are released with the opportunity to be reviewed and analyzed.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2nd by Councilor Boncore

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: That the Winthrop Town Council prepare letters to the FAA, Massport and the Secretary of Environmental Affairs opposing the plans for the Massport Centerfield Taxiway.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Lou Osborne commented on CASA, Community Against Substance Abuse. Ms. Osborne invites the Town Council to attend CASA's next meeting on April 4, 2006

David Osborne comments on behalf of the Citizen's For Fair and Balanced Government regarding the Centerfield Taxiway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Ferrino, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the Finance Commission met on February 27, 2006 to discuss the FY/2007 budget and their views on the supplemental budget. The Finance Committee will meet on March 13, 2006 to discuss this matter further. The Committee has also received the bill from the Read Street project repairs that were done which will be reviewed in detail at their next meeting.

Rules/Ordinances Committee

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Vice President Sanford

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: RULE 12 Measures-Ordinances Appropriations

- a) A measure may be passed through all stages at any one meeting of the Town Council provided that no appropriation is needed for its implementation.
- b) Ordinances and measures which require an appropriation which is (\$25,000.00 twenty five thousand dollars or less shall be sent to the Finance Committee, and any other appropriate committees for review and action to report back to the Town Council with recommendations before debate and vote of the Council.
- c) All appropriation orders and loan authorizations over twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) must be introduced and sent to the Finance Committee For recommendation, after recommendation is made said order must be published in accordance with Section 2, 9c of the Winthrop Town Charter, before a vote may be taken by the Town Council.

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vice President Sanford to the Council:

Esteem Councilors:

This committee known as the Facilities Planning Committee understands the need for the Council to have a permanent and dedicated space. As with the past form of government in most cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth this space will be used to hold our meetings, allow potential workspace for carrying out individual councilors work and to secure space to hold and store pertinent documents needed during the course of the councilors term in office as well as future Town Council. With multiple visits to Town Hall with Councilor Calla and Councilor DelVento and with input from many of the councilors it is this committees recommendation that the Council occupy this space now known as the Business Office. That office would relocate to room #14 known as the Procurement and Grants Writer Office with the Procurement and Grant writers office relocating to room #17 formerly known as the Selectmen's Office. This would leave room #11 known as the Conference Room and Room #18 known as the Executive Secretary's office for use of the Town Managers and the Council Presidents office still allowing the use of the Harvey Hearing Room as a conference room and a meeting room along with the Council Chambers if needed. There are also considerations for the Veteran's Affairs office to relocate however we feel that relocation may not be needed at

this time but may be considered in the future. There was some concern about storage including files and documents. Thru our multiple visits thru Town Hall, we were able to identify potential areas for storage for those items. In the near future there will also be potential space located adjacent to Town Hall at 31 Hermon Street which may be used for office space and or other departments and staff located in Town Hall now. When that space is secured this committee working along with the Town Manager can make further recommendations. The estimated cost including preparation of the Council Chambers, relocation of the offices described above should be below \$10,000. Respectfully Submitted, Councilor Calla, Councilor DelVento and Councilor Sanford.

MOTION by Vice President Sanford

2ND by Councilor Calla

To allow the Council to occupy the space now known as the Business Office and relocate the other offices as mentioned in the above document and described for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Councilor Boncore recommends under the Rule 12 that was just passed this be sent to the Finance Committee.

President Reilly asks Vice President to take the meeting over as Chair for a few minutes, Vice President Sanford accepts Chair.

President Reilly states he has serious reservations on going forward with this motion at this time. Reilly thinks the Council should wait until a Town Manager is in place and to wait to spend \$10,000. Knowing that there isn't a budget in place for the FY 2007 budget.

Councilor Boncore states that Vice President Sanford cannot Chair the meeting therefore Councilor Letterie is handed the Chair for this motion.

Councilor Gill states he is in favor of utilizing this space but not until the budgetary figures are in place for the FY 2007 budget he would just as soon to operate under the present situation.

MOTION to refer the above matter to the Finance Committee and bring forward a recommendation to the Town Council.

VOICE VOTE

7 IN FAVOR, 2 NOT IN FAVOR

FOR THE RECORD PRESIDENT REILLY AND COUNCILOR GILL NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION.

Capital Assets Committee

Councilor Gill reported the committee met with Gus Martucci and Mike Goldberg from the School Committee who answered some questions regarding the ADA Compliance issues. Paul Marks and Harold Holgersen from the Capital Improvements Committee presented the committee with there studies including a list of 20 properties that they have identified as possible surplus and should be considered for sale, lease, etc... Joe Clark represented the Chamber of Commerce to speak about the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Community Development Plan that was formulated in 2004. The committee also discussed the Dalrymple School Re-Use Committee meeting that took place recently. Councilor Gill said the committee got some very good information from each of the representatives addressing each of the issues. Some suggestions that came out of the

meeting were to look at a community development plan and increase the Capital Improvements Committee by one to continue. Gus Martucci and Mike Goldberg wish to continue serving on the ADA Compliance Committee. The next Capital Assets committee will meet on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Councilor Maggio reported the committee met on February 28, 2006. The committee had a general discussion of what some of their objectives are and things that they would like to see accomplished. The committee has attended the Emergency Planning Committee meetings with the Police and Fire Chief and the other Safety Department heads. The Committee is in the process of preparing a volunteer medical team and citizen team in case of a Town wide emergency. Councilor Maggio states that everything is a work in progress attentive to our location, waterfront, hurricanes, snowstorms etc... The committee will continue to keep the Council and the citizen's updated on any health and safety issues that should arise in the Town.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reilly reported the negotiations with the Fire and DPW unions have concluded and there will be a motion at the next Town Council meeting to amend the contracts and appropriate the money needed.

President Reilly reported the Town Manager search has concluded however 1 candidate has withdrawn which leaves 2 candidates for consideration.

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Vice President Sanford

VOTED: To have the Council interview Richard White as a candidate for Town Manager.

MOTION by President Reilly to approve an amendment to the contract between the Town of Winthrop and Capital Waste Services, Inc. extending the contract from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, in the amount of nine hundred and forty-nine thousand, three hundred and forty dollars (\$949,340) subject to the continued availability of funds

SO MOVED by Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Maggio

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: to refer the motion to the Public Works Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Vice President Sanford

2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Norman Hyatt to the Conservation Commission.

MOTION Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Boncore

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To support the CASA meeting on April 4, 2006.

Councilor DelVento requests that the neighborhood petition concerning the property located at: 59 Cottage Ave. be on record with the minutes of this Town Council meeting.

There being no objection, the document was filed with the record of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Osborne made public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin

Council Clerk

