

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 21, 2006

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To table the minutes of March 7, 2006 Town Council meeting until March 21, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Ferrino reported the Finance committee met on March 13, 2006 with members of the Finance Commission to review the supplemental budget. Upon further review there is not enough back-up information to substantiate some of the supplemental budget requests therefore this will be on hold until the next Finance Committee meeting.

Councilor Ferrino submits 2 motions, which will cover the costs associated with the Read St. emergency repairs. Any monies up to \$50,000 recovered from the MWRA Assistance Program are to be reallocated equally to the Water and Sewer Reserve Funds through another transfer request from this Council.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Maggio

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To transfer twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,00.00) from the Sewer Reserve Fund to Sewer Expenses.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Vice President Sanford

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To transfer twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Water Reserve Fund to the Water Expenses.

Capital Assets Committee

Councilor Gill reported the Capital Assets Committee met on March 9 with Attorney David Stasio of Falbo, Stasio & Solari. Mr. Stasio has done extensive work in the past years on town owned property that abuts privately owned property on River Road. He has a complete inventory of that property with evaluations of approximately 2 years old. The Capital Assets committee suggests Attorney Stasio meet with the Town Council, given the delicate financial nature of the situation in executive session as soon as possible.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MOTION by Vice President Sanford
2nd by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To adopt the appointment by the Council President, Richard White as Winthrop's first Town Manager.

MOTION by Councilor Gill
2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To authorize the Council President to negotiate an employment contract with Richard White subject to Town Council approval.

MOTION by Vice President Sanford
2ND Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: That the Town Council approve Richard White's residence outside the Town of Winthrop while serving as Winthrop's first Town Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Reilly is working with the Airport Hazards Committee on a letter to Massport Authority regarding the Centerfield Taxiway at Logan Airport.

The Finance Committee plans to amend the Supplemental budget with the additional funds to do the Facilities project to be submitted at the next Town Council meeting.

The renewal of Comcast's license to provide cable services to the Town of Winthrop will become the responsibility of the Town Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Letterie has received correspondence regarding an ongoing project requesting an update on the access road from the Fort Banks School. Council President reported that this would be one of the first issues the Town Manager.

Councilor Ferrino states that it is a historic night in appointing the first Town Manager of Winthrop and thanks Council President for all his hard work since November and that everyone is looking forward to working with Richard White.

Council Vice President Sanford takes a moment to thank Virginia Wilder for doing a monumental job and dedicating many years of service running the Town as smoothly as it has.

Councilor DelVento reported that the street sweeper came in last week and a plan needs to be presented to the Council regarding the street sweeping operation. Councilor Calla reported that the Public Health & Safety committee is working on this issue.

Councilor DelVento requests that someone from DCR come in and update the Council regarding the beach project on Winthrop Shore Drive.

Council President Reilly reported there is an application on the Town website for anyone interested on serving on a Committee.

Councilor Maggio reported that Winthrop is in the process of receiving a 22' trailer that will be set up as an emergency station that can be transported throughout the Town in case of a hurricane, etc... Councilor Maggio reminds the Council of the CASA meeting on April 4, 2006.

MOTION by Councilor Maggio

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To award James Wallace with a citation for the occasion of his retirement of School Committee member of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: To list the names of the entire Council on any citations issued by the Council.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: to refer 31 Hermon Street to the Capital Assets Committee.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Vice President Sanford

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

VOTED: That the amount of \$91,130.00 is hereby appropriated for Fire Department salary line items to be referred to the Finance Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments made by Steven Zaidman and Frank Daloia.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

ATTEST

**Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk**