

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2006

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. President Reilly, Councilor Boncore, Councilor Calla, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Ferrino, Councilor Gill, Councilor Letterie and Councilor Maggio were present. Vice President Sanford was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To approve the Town Council meeting minutes of March 7, 2006 & March 21, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Art Association has invited the Town Council to award a prize at the Art Festival on Saturday, May 10, 2006 at 10:00 am.

The Conservation Commission has reported the DCR contract work for the Winthrop Shore Drive beach project is complete; the inconvenience to the neighborhood has ended.

The meeting for the Boston Conservation Commission and the DCR regarding the sand beach project is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 6:45 PM on the 8th floor at Boston City Hall. Any citizens interested are encouraged to attend this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

After review of requests, back-up information and discussion with department heads present, the Finance Committee revised the February 13, 2006 Supplemental Budget request by Council President to amounts as follows:

Please note in this Supplemental Budget, the requested School amount is not included, we are waiting to review School information with school representatives at our next meeting,

Supplemental Budget

Accounting	Gas/Diesel	0113552-548105	\$30,000.00
	Heating Oil	0113552-521300	\$65,000.00
	Street Lights	0113552-521104	\$14,200.00
Town Manager Salary		0112451-511100	\$30,000.00
Property Maint. Utilities		0119252-521600	\$11,000.00
Council on Aging	Utilities	0154152-521600	\$ 3,000.00
DPW	Overtime	0142051-513100	\$ 1,000.00

Utilities	0142052-521600	\$ 3,500.00
Motor Vehicle Rep.	0142052-526600	\$ 2,500.00
<u>Admin.</u>	<u>0142052-542000</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total		\$160,700.00

MOTION by Finance Committee

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To recommend FY 2006 Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$160,700.00 to be distributed as shown on above funding schedule, funded with Massport Mitigation Funds, noting that the School request will be submitted at a later date as an amendment to this motion.

MOTION by Finance Committee

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the amount of \$68,351 is hereby appropriated for the Fire Department salary line items #01202051 funded from the Massport Mitigation Funds. This is to pay parts of the new Fire Department Union contract.

CAPITAL ASSETS COMMITTEE

Councilor Gill reported the Capital Assets Committee was called to order on March 27, 2006, Councilor Sanford and Councilor Ferrino was present. Discussion with Steve Jenkins, Kevin Meagher and Sean Driscoll regarding utilizing space in existing school buildings.

The Capital Assets Committee plans to have a full report regarding the Dalrymple School at the May 16, 2006 Town Council meeting.

Councilor Gill spoke to Veterans Agent Larry Holmes regarding the Legion building. Mr Holmes advised Councilor Gill that the Legion has indicated a willingness to hand the 31 Hermon Street building over to the Town as long as the Legion can maintain 2 rooms on the main floor for their use.

There was discussion regarding the study results for the proposed sale and/or leasing of Town owned property

Councilor Gill suggests having Attorney Stasio attend the next Town Council meeting to discuss the sale of Town owned property on River Road.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Gill

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To invite Attorney Stasio to attend the next meeting of the Town Council in executive session to discuss the sale of property on River Road.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Councilor Maggio reported the committee met with the Police Chief Goldstein to discuss the day-to-day operations of the Police Department. Councilor Maggio states the Police Department is under staffed and is facing budget restraints. Councilor Calla commented the committee would like to see community policing brought back to Winthrop. The committee would also like to reenact the DARE program back into the schools. Councilor Boncore states there is grant money out there to possibly help fund more officers.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reilly reports there will be appointment vacancies to the: Planning Board (5 year term & 1 year term to fill a vacancy), Board of Assessor, Cemetery Commission and the Board of Health which are advertised on the Town website and Town Hall bulletin board.

President Reilly also reported the Town Manager will start on Thursday, April 6, 2006. The first task of the Town Manager will be to review the budget, which is due May 1, 2006.

The Charter calls for 2 semi-annual public forums. The spring forum will coincide with the budget that will be presented to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Gill

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the appropriation of \$43,870.44 to fund contract settlements with the AFSCME Union, their employees, DPW, Library, Cemetery and Property Maintenance departments broken down as follows: \$21,699.42 from Massport Mitigation Funds, \$11,571.53 from Water Enterprise Fund and \$10,599.49 from Sewer Enterprise Fund to be referred to the Finance Committee for their review.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer the Disability Retirement benefits for Veterans, Section 1, Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2005 to the Rules & Ordinance Committee.

Councilor Maggio suggests having an open Town Council study session at a future date.

Councilor Letterie and President Reilly publicly thank Tom Groux, the Towns consultant for the Town Manger search committee.

MOTION by Councilor DelVento

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To request the Town Manager develops a street- sweeper parking plan, to report back to the Town Council by May 1, 2006.

The Council discussed getting a list of committees who filed annual reports and differentiating between the committees of those that are required and those that are optional.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Tobey, a resident of 14 Winthrop Shore Drive made public comment.

8:15 PM-ROLL CALL VOTE-EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND Councilor Boncore

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Councilor Boncore (yes), Councilor Calla (yes), Councilor DelVento (yes), Councilor Ferrino (yes), Councilor Gill (yes), Councilor Letterie (yes), Councilor Maggio (yes), President Reilly (yes) to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Town Manager's contract.

8:40 PM-ROLL CALL VOTE TO RE-CONVENE THE OPEN SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Councilor Boncore (yes), Councilor Calla (yes), Councilor DelVento (yes), Councilor Ferrino (yes), Councilor Gill (yes), Councilor Letterie (yes), Councilor Maggio (yes), President Reilly (yes) to re-convene the open-session Town Council meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE;

VOTED: To approve a 3 year employment contract as filed with the record of the April 4, 2006 Town Council meeting, between the Town of Winthrop and Richard J. White, to serve as Town Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk

