

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2006**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. All members were present.

**ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION** by Councilor Gill

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Letterie

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To accept the minutes of April 4, 2006 Town Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Vitagliano made public comment..

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilor Ferrino reported on April 13, 2006 the Finance Committee met with the School Finance Committee. Kevin Meagher, Director of Finance & Operations of the Winthrop School Department also attended the meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to review the back-up information provided for the school portion of the supplemental budget. This money will be used for unforeseen utility expenses.

**MOTION** by Finance Committee

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Boncore

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To appropriate \$108,000.00 for the Winthrop School Department Utilities Expenses funded with Massport Mitigation Funds.

**RULES & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MOTION** by Councilor Boncore

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Ferrino

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To accept Section 1, Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2005.

Councilor Boncore reported the Rules & Ordinance Committee was asked to look at a way to dispose of real property in the Town of Winthrop. Chapter 40, Section 3, MGL gives the power to hold and convey property to the governing board in the Town now being the Winthrop Town Council. In the past Winthrop has worked under a By-Law which was adopted in 1971 by Town Meeting, By-Law #5, Section 67 in results to the sale of land, easements or rights. The Rules & Ordinances Committee looked at the By-Law a recommends repealing the By-Law and replacing it with a By-Law that reads: The

Town Council may sell and convey upon such terms and conditions as said Council may determine. Upon the recommendation of the Capital Assets Committee any and all vacant land, easements or rights of land or any part thereof which said Council shall determine to be no longer required for public purposes provided however the minimum amount to be paid for such conveyance or abandonment of easement or right shall not be less than the fair market value of said vacant land or of the land areas to which such easement or right applies. The Rules and Ordinance Committee voted unanimously to recommend a repeal of the old By-Law, #5, Section 67 with this new By-Law.

**MOTION** by Councilor Letterie

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Gill

**UNANIMOIS VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To authorize the Rules & Ordinance Committee to continue the study the matter of sale of Town owned land and to refer the Ordinance introduced by the Council President to the Rules and Ordinance Committee for that purpose.

Councilor Boncore reported the committee also discussed appointments that need to be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilor Boncore refers to the Town Charter Section 2-10 (a) & (b).

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilor Gill reported the committee discussed the use of the Dalrymple School as a cultural center. The Committee has received several hundred signatures and postcards advocating preserving the Dalrymple School building for mixed community use and a cultural center. Councilor Ferrino attended the Dalrymple Re-Use Study Committee meeting and reported that this committee is in the process of drafting an RFP which will need Legal Counsel's review before being brought back to the Council.

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager, Richard F. White reported that he will have a budget ready by May 1, 2006. Mr. White submitted to the Council a 2007 Revenue/Expense Summary. The 2007 available revenue's greatest difference is free cash from 2.1 million to \$420,000.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

President Reilly submitted his appointment recommendations to the Council as follows:

Planning Board (5yr term)	Richard D. Dimes
Planning Board (1yr to fill a vacancy)	Peter Roche
Board of Health (3yr term)	Aldo Amatucci
Board of Assessors (3yr term)	Peter T. Gill

President Reilly also stated there are 3 vacancies for Cemetery Commissioner. These recommendations will be acted upon at the next Town Council meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** by Councilor Gill

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Letterie

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To award a Council citation to John A. Canavan, III on the occasion of being appointed a judge on April 21, 2006.

**MOTION** by Councilor Ferrino

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Vice President Sanford

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To draft a letter to Massport directors that the Town of Winthrop opposes any plan for the further expansion of Logan Airport.

**MOTION** by Councilor Boncore

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Ferrino

**ADOPTED on a VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To appoint a temporary special committee made up of 4 members of the Council to follow the procedure of the Town Charter, Section 2-10A and investigate and review the appointments made by the Council President by May 2, 2006. This temporary committee to be in existence until May 2, 2006.

**MOTION** by Councilor Letterie

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Boncore

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To refer to the Finance Committee a transfer of \$5,000 from the Veteran's Claims account to the DPW expense budget.

**8:40 MOTION** by Vice President Sanford

**2<sup>ND</sup>** by Councilor Letterie

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Councilor Boncore (Yes), Councilor Calla (Yes), Councilor DelVento (Yes), Councilor Ferrino (Yes), Councilor Gill (Yes), Councilor Letterie (Yes), Councilor Maggio (Yes), Vice President Sanford (Yes), President Reilly (Yes).

**9:20 PM ROLL CALL VOTE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Councilor Boncore (Yes), Councilor Calla (Yes), Councilor DelVento (Yes), Councilor Ferrino (Yes), Councilor Gill (Yes), Councilor Letterie (Yes), Councilor Maggio (Yes), Vice President Sanford (Yes), President Reilly (Yes).

**MOTION to ADJOURN**

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:**

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:20 PM**

**ATTEST:**

**Susan J. Duplin**

**Council Clerk**

