

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
MAY 16, 2006**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Middle School Auditorium. All members were present.

ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To accept the minutes of May 2, 2006 Town Council meeting.

FY 2007 BUDGET MESSAGE/HEARING

Town Manager Richard White proposes his Budget Recommendation for FY 2007 which includes expenditures of \$41,639,765 balanced by non-tax levy revenues totaling \$23,120,065, and an estimated tax levy of \$18,519,700 Revenue. Budget Recommendations include Budget Goals, Cash & Budget Policies, Budget Issues Addressed, General Fund Reconciliation and Revenue Reconciliation. The Finance Commission will review the proposed Budget Recommendation, which will be placed before the Council for consideration to be acted upon at the next Council meeting June 6, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Osborne, Paul Jesse Perrier and Winthrop Police Union President/Officer Feruccio Romeo made public comments.

Councilor DelVento announced that the Executive Office of Transportation informed the Council that the Town is receiving a 1.5 million grant to fund a new Town pier at the Public Landing. President Reilly thanks Virginia Wilder; Town Administrator, Barbara MacNeil; Procurement Coordinator, Charles Famolare; Harbormaster, Board of Selectmen; Ronald Vecchia, Richard DiMento, Susan Bolter, Martin O'Brien and Brian Perrin for their hard work on this project. President Reilly also thanks our 2 local legislators, Senate President Robert E. Travaglini and Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means Robert A. DeLeo for their great support. The Town is still awaiting a \$1.2 million grant from the Seaport Advisory Council in order to proceed with this project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Ferrino reported the Finance Commission met on May 8, 2006. School superintendent Steve Jenkins and Kevin Meagher gave a presentation on the school

budge. The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2006 to begin the final recommendations on their budget proceedings.

Capital Assets Committee

Councilor Gill reported the Capital Assets Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 to discuss and vote on the recommendation of the Council regarding the sale or intention of the Dalrymple School property. A letter from the Veteran's Agent Larry Holmes regarding the disposition of the American Legion building at 31 Hermon Street will also be discussed. The committee will also investigate the proposed By-Law for the sale of land, which will be before the By-Law Committee in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Boncore to Amend Rule 8 of the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council by adding (g) Appointments Committee, 3 members chaired by the Council Vice President and consisting of the two At-Large Councilors, if the Council Vice President is an At-Large Councilor he shall appoint the third member from the remaining councilors, who will investigate candidates for appointment in accordance with Sections 2-10 (a) and (b) of the Winthrop Town Charter, and make a recommendation to the full Council in session.

2ND by Councilor Letterie

AMENDMENT by President Reilly to strike all the words after "appointments"

2ND by Councilor Gill

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**NO**), Councilor Boncore (**NO**), Councilor Gill (**YES**), Councilor Letterie (**NO**), Councilor DelVento (**NO**), Councilor Maggio (**YES**), Councilor Calla (**YES**), Vice President Sanford (**NO**), President Reilly (**YES**).

NO 5*

YES 4

MOTION by Councilor Gill to refer the above motion to the Rules Committee to be studied and a recommendation be made to the entire Council.

2ND by President Reilly

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**NO**), Councilor Boncore (**NO**), Councilor Gill (**YES**), Councilor Letterie (**NO**), Councilor DelVento (**YES**), Councilor Maggio (**YES**), Councilor Calla (**NO**), Vice President Sanford (**NO**), President Reilly (**YES**).

NO 5*

YES 4

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**YES**), Councilor Boncore (**YES**), Councilor Gill (**NO**), Councilor Letterie (**YES**), Councilor DelVento (**YES**), Councilor Maggio (**NO**), Councilor Calla (**YES**), Vice President Sanford (**YES**), President Reilly (**NO**).

YES 6*
NO 3

VOTED: To Amend Rule 8 of the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council by adding (g) Appointments Committee, 3 members chaired by the Council Vice President and consisting of the two At-Large Councilors, if the Council Vice President is an At-Large Councilor he shall appoint the third member from the remaining councilors, who will investigate candidates for appointment in accordance with Sections 2-10 (a) and (b) of the Winthrop Town Charter, and make a recommendation to the full Council in session.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Vice President Sanford
2ND by Councilor Gill

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To suspend the Council Rules which mandate 2 meetings a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, that for the month of July 2006 there will be one meeting on July 11, 2006.

MOTION by Vice President Sanford to appropriate \$68,337. from General Revenue \$2,058. from Sewer Revenue \$2,058. from Water Revenue for non-aligned employees salaries.

2ND Councilor Boncore

MOTION by Councilor DelVento

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer the appropriation of \$68,337. from General Revenue \$2,058. from Sewer Revenue \$2,058. from Water Revenue for non-aligned employees salaries be referred to the Finance Committee.

MOTION by Vice President Sanford to approve FY 2006 & FY 2007 salaries for non-aligned employees.

2ND by Councilor Boncore

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer FY2006 & FY2007 salaries for non-aligned employees to the Finance Committee.

MOTION by Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Boncore

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To proclaim May 19, 2006 as ARBOR DAY.

Councilor Boncore commends Richard White for putting together the budget, secondly on declaring the Town in a state of emergency over the flooding the Town has endured over the past 3 or 4 days, commending also Chief Powers, Chief Goldstein and the DPW workers who went out in force day and night to alleviate the citizens of Winthrop who had problems with flooding. “The Town employees and the leadership of the Town employees did an outstanding job”.

MOTION by Vice President Sanford

2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To adjourn meeting at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk