

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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 were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Ferrino reported the Finance Committee voted unanimously to accept the Winthrop Clerical Association Teamsters Union Local 25 contract however this was not published in the Transcript therefore this motion will be on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting. Councilor Ferrino and the Council thanked Senator Travaglini and Representative DeLeo for their hard work and a job well done pursuing the 1.5 million Capital Improvements money. This community truly appreciates their hard.

Rules & Ordinance Committee

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To accept and adopt the increase to the death benefit for surviving children under G.L. c32 9(2)(ii), to an amount that is equal to the benefit provided for G.L. c32 7(2)(a)(iii). To date no one is eligible.

The Rules & Ordinance Committee moved and seconded that the language of Chapter 5, Article XIV, Section 5-67 be amended. This recommendation will be published and placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The committee also moved and seconded to amend Chapter 145 by adding Article XIII, A Site Plan Review Committee.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To publish for and place the above matter on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

MOTION by Vice President Sanford

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To suspend the Rule for the second meeting in August subject of the ability of the Council President to convene a meeting if deemed necessary.

Economic Development Committee

Councilor Letterie reported the committee met on July 26, 2006 to discuss Councilor DelVento's motion to amend the Zoning By-Law, Chapter 145, Waterfront District. The meeting was attended by over 30 residents voicing their concerns, questions and support. The issue discussed was to reduce the maximum height restriction of the Shirley Street Waterfront district from 55ft to 45ft and the setback from an average of 5ft to a minimum

of 5ft. The committee will hold another meeting and make a recommendation to the Council at the September 5th meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager, Richard White reported he has filed a proposed reorganization plan, for which there will be a Public Hearing in September. President Reilly states Article 6 of the Charter says the Town Manager has the ability to reorganize Town agencies by filing a report with the Council. The Council is obligated to hold a Public Hearing on that proposal. That reorganization will go into effect when the Council votes for it or within 60 days if no action is taken. At the next Council meeting there will be a Public Hearing regarding the DPW reorganization.

The town manager sets Water and sewer rates after the council adopts the budget. The new rate will result in a 19% increase. The previous method used to set the rates was based on the volume of water received by the MWRA and not the lower amount of water that is billed to customers. Mr. White plans to send the water and sewer bills out this week. The water meters are an average of 20 years old and there is an appropriation to replace them.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To place the issue of litigation in Executive Session on the Agenda for the next Council meeting and invite the Town Manager and Town Attorney to appear before the Council for that discussion.

Councilor Calla reports that the Local Emergency Planning Committee has put together designed and published an informational brochure on what to do in case of various emergencies. Four different brochures will be published which the first of the four will be inserted in the upcoming water/sewer bill. This brochure is very informative and educational and hopes and encourages everyone to take the time to read. There also will be a follow-up program on WCAT.

Councilor Maggio reports the Emergency trailer has arrived which needs to be stocked with supplies in order to be ready for an emergency. Chef Powers sought after and received a Grant of \$238,000 from Homeland Security to set-up an operational emergency center at the American Legion building. Once the building is stocked with supplies and people to operate, the building will be able to be utilized on a 24-hour basis in case of an emergency. The committee has been working diligently to get the Town in a secure situation in case of an emergency.

Councilor DelVento states Nick Frasso is sponsoring along with the Winthrop Lodge of Elks the Second Annual Hook A Cure for Parkinson's Disease Striper Tournament on August 19, 2006. Last year Nick Frasso raised almost \$10,000 for the National Parkinson's Foundation. This year he has a target of \$20,000. The tournament is child friendly and there is a \$25,000 prize if the State record is broken.

Councilor Maggio announces the 6th Annual Chamber Sunset Cruise on Wednesday, August 2, 2006. The cost is \$30. per person which includes food and entertainment. The proceeds will help fund the Holiday Lighting and Back to the Beach.

MOTION by Vice President Sanford
2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To adjourn meeting at 8:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk