

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 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.

ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Action postponed to December 19, 2006 Council meeting.

Councilor Gill presented Gerald DiFranza with a Council citation in recognition of his work with Massachusetts Commission of the Blind.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Osborne, David Phipps and Gerald DiFranza made public comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Motion by Councilor Ferrino

2nd by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To transfer \$15,000. from the Town Council Expense Budget Reserve Fund to the Emergency Management Expense to fund the Emergency Management Center.

Public Health & Safety Committee

Councilor Maggio reported the first group of volunteers from the Medical Response Core assisted with the Annual Flu clinic vaccinating over 225 citizens. Over 300 Town employees have also been vaccinated.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager, Richard White reported at the Town Council's request, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee met and discussed the Winter Parking regulations. Discussion included existing streets; better use of Town property, Municipal lots, stress to residents to use their driveways, new streets to list that will not hinder public safety, signage, blue lights, programmable signs, 911 and the Town Website.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2nd by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer to the Rules & Ordinance Committee the amendment of Chapter 282, Winter Parking § 282-2. Removal of vehicles from streets; excepted streets by adding River Road even side of roadway and Waldemar Avenue odd side of roadway.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Calla

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To approve the Town Manager's recommendations of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee regarding winter parking.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Boncore

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Under the provisions of Article 7-2(b) of the Winthrop Home Rule Charter, the Winthrop Town Council hereby adopts and submits to the Town Manager the following goals and objectives for the Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget and Capital Outlay Program.

1. ADA compliance at the Winthrop High School and Middle School.
2. Central civilian dispatch for Police and Fire with improved allocation of police officers, for example to community policing, and firefighters.
3. Continuation of sidewalk and other infrastructure repairs.
4. The overall improvements to the quality of education, youth and community services.
5. Review and correct any salary inequities.
6. Water and Sewer rate methodology study.
7. Seek collaboration with other governmental agencies in providing cost effective delivery of services.
8. Pursuit of efficient alternative energy.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Maggio

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To meet with the Board of Assessors on December 12, 2006 to hold a public hearing on Real Estate Tax Classification.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to sell the 2525 square feet of land located on Forrest Street, Map 55 Block 94 for the bid price of \$10,000 and that the Town Manager is authorized to execute and sign all deeds and other documents to effectuate the sale of the property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerald DiFranza made public comments.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Gill

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk

