# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING January 16, 2007

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.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Duval made public comments.

# PUBLIC HEARING/NATIONAL GRID: CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC CONDUIT

Petitioner Reid Sprite, representative of National Grid filed a petition with the Town of Winthrop to install 30ft. of electric conduit from pole #803 on Pleasant St. into the property at 550 Pleasant St. for 2 4" conduits that will run under the sidewalk. There will be approximately a half-day interruption due to the construction of the conduit. Sidewalk work and planting will be done early spring once the ground thaws.

Attorney James Cipoletta and Dustin DeNunzio, representatives of Atlantis Marina spoke in favor of the petition. Helena Mullins, an immediate abutter spoke in opposition.

**MOTION** by Councilor DelVento

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

**VOICE VOTE:** 

**7:45 PM VOTED:** To approve the petition filed by National Grid to construct electric conduit pole # 803.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

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

**VOICE VOTE:** 

**VOTED:** To conduct a Council meeting relative to the Viking Oil property on Banks St., Winthrop to include the neighbors, Town Manager, Town Attorney, Building Inspector, Planning Board and Fire Prevention officer at 6:00 PM on January 30, 2007 in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Rules & Ordinance Committee** 

**MOTION** by Councilor Boncore

2<sup>ND</sup> by Councilor Maggio

**VOICE VOTE:** 

**VOTED:** To empower the Council President to appoint a special committee under Rule 9, The Rules & Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, named the Memorials Committee to recommend to the Council a set of Criteria and procedures to be utilized in naming any Town facility, property, public way or public space. Said committee shall be comprised of 7 members to include:

2 Members of the Town Council Veteran's Agent A member of the School Committee A member of the Historical Commission 2 citizen's at-large

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

Town Manager, Richard White reported there was a significant police arrest on January 8, 2007 involving a suspicious package containing \$6,000 in cash and \$33,000 worth of oxycontin. The Council commended detective Judy Racow for her dedication and hard work in solving this case.

White also reported thru the Council's actions 250 additional parking spaces have been created and the blue light no parking ban signs are in the process of been designed by the DPW to be installed around the Town to notify residents of a Town wide snow emergency no parking ban.

White said the Council would soon be receiving the mid year budget status report. A sweeper ordinance will be presented to the Council in February. White has been working on the budget all year with the Council trying to develop some a semblance of a professional product, living with revenue yet trying to address some of the Council's goals. Mr. White hopes to submit a budget to the Council sometime early May. The deadline to adopt the budget is on or about June 14, 2007.

Councilor DelVento recommends to Mr. White that the Council receive a copy of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee's final meeting outcome. President Reilly states the Council is looking for volunteers to serve on the new Alternative Energy and Fuel Use Committee, if anyone is interested to submit a committee application to the Council.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice President Sanford nominates Councilor Boncore as Vice President  $2^{nd}$  by Councilor Calla

Councilor Maggio nominates Vice President Sanford Vice President Sanford declines VOICE VOTE:

**VOTED:** Councilor Boncore is elected as the Council Vice President for a one-year term.

Vice President Sanford reported that the Council had the opportunity to attend the Massachusetts Municipal Association conference last week that was very informative and educational.

Vice President Sanford also stated the Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Awards Ceremony dinner on January 26, 2007 at the Hyatt at Logan Airport.

**MOTION** by Vice President Sanford **2**<sup>ND</sup> by Councilor Boncore

**VOICE VOTE:** 

**VOTED:** That the Council present citations to the award recipients at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Ceremony dinner.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Conal Foley, Helena Mullins and Timothy Fife made public comments.

**MOTION** by Councilor Letterie **2**<sup>ND</sup> by Councilor Boncore **VOICE VOTE:** 

**VOTED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**ATTEST:** 

Susan J. Duplin Council Clerk