

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 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.

**ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION** by Vice President Boncore

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

**VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To accept Town Council meeting minutes of December 19, 2006 and January 16, 2007.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Osborne made public comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Councilor Gill publicly acknowledged receipt of a petition signed by several citizens regarding an incident with geese at the Winthrop Gold Club.

**MOTION** by Councilor Gill

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

**VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** That the Rules & Ordinance Committee review the existing ordinances regarding firearms.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager, Richard White reported on a fire at 67 Wilshire St. There were no injuries; no one was hurt however the home was lost. White extended his thanks for a heroic achievement for the Fire Dept. who performed admirably for fire professionals on an incredibly cold evening. Chief Powers and Richard White recognized the incredible logistical support received from our Police and Public Works Dept. Together the 3 entities worked as a team managing a situation-working arm and arm each playing a fairly significant role as well as the Fire Dept. of Chelsea, Revere and Massport who were fighting the fire with Winthrop as well as Boston and Everett who covered our stations.

The status of most budgets has not changed since the last report of the first quarter, still maintaining the existing staff levels. Generally it has been a pleasant, successful year managing the budget with a 125,000. Reserve Fund being at the halfway point. Mr. White will update the Council in March specifically with the Police and Fire before anything is done in terms of staffing levels.

Mr. White also reports after some protracted and contentious negotiations he has finalized and signed a 5-year contract between the Town of Winthrop and Comcast, 1% going to the schools and 4% to WCAT.

Mr. White also updated the Council on the RFP responses for the Dalrymple School. Three viable bids worth a fairly thorough examination can take place between now and one of the March Council meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** by Vice President Boncore

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

#### **VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** That the Council designate its Capital Assets sub committee to work with the Town Manager and the Dalrymple School Reuse Committee to review and evaluate the proposals for reuse of the A.W. Dalrymple School consistent with the provisions set forward by the RFP as well as the Town's land disposition ordinance.

Councilor Gill states, "he is an employee of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and he will reclude himself from discussion and the vote on the School Building Assistance. When and if the Council votes to submit a statement of interest to the School Building Authority it will be handled by another or other people at the Authority rather than Councilor Gill in order to put aside any even appearance of conflict of interest".

**MOTION** by Councilor Letterie

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

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilor Ferrino (**YES**), Councilor Letterie (**YES**), Councilor DelVento (**YES**), Councilor Maggio (**YES**), Councilor Sanford (**YES**), Councilor Calla (**YES**), Vice President Boncore (**YES**), President Reilly (**YES**).

**8 YES**

**VOTED: Resolved:** Having convened in an open meeting on 2/6/2007, the Town Council of The Town of Winthrop, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated 1/25/2007 for the Winthrop Middle School located at 151 Pauline Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which the Winthrop Public Schools may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to address SBA Priority #1 for the Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists and also to address SBA Priority #5 for the Replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system in a schoolhouse to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in the schoolhouse; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the

**City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.**

**MOTION** by Councilor Letterie

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilor Ferrino (**YES**), Councilor Letterie (**YES**), Councilor DelVento (**YES**), Councilor Maggio (**YES**), Councilor Sanford (**YES**), Councilor Calla (**YES**), Vice President Boncore (**YES**), President Reilly (**YES**).

**8 YES**

**VOTED: Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on 02/06/2007 by the Town Council of the Town of Winthrop, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated 01/25/2007 for the Winthrop High School located at 400 Main Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which the Winthrop Public Schools may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to address SBA Priority #3 for the prevention of the loss of accreditation and also to address SBA Priority #5 for the Replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system in a schoolhouse to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in the schoolhouse and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Boncore

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

**VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** That the Council refer the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee that Billows Street be added to § 275-38 as follows: Billows Street, east, from the intersection of Triton Avenue to a point 38 feet from the intersection to the Councils Rules and Ordinance Sub Committee.

**MOTION** by Vice President Boncore

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

**VOICE VOTE:**

**VOTED:** To approve a 3 year Audit contract with Roselli, Clark & Associates.

Councilor Letterie states he would like the Council to hold a public hearing regarding vacant property in the Town.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Hudd, Robert Hudd and Timothy Fife made public comments.

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

**VOICE VOTE:**

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

**ATTEST:**

**Susan J. Duplin**  
**Council Clerk**