

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2007**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. Councilor Sanford arrived late.

ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Vice President Boncore

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To accept Town Council meeting minutes, March 6, 2007, March 20, 2007 and April 3, 2007.

President Reilly recommended the Council designate Equivise as the preferred developer for the former Dalrymple School. The matter will be before the Council May 1, 2007 for a vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alex Mavrakas, Henry Dane, Judy Bono, Dan McInnis, John Murphy and David Dwork made public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Gill

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the Council sends a letter to Massport regarding the implementation of a comprehensive health study in connection with the Centerfield taxiway. That the Town of Winthrop requests a meeting with Massport to discuss the potential hazards to the Town. That the Airports Hazards Committee receives a copy of the letter and attend a future Council meeting to discuss Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the Centerfield taxiway. That Massport respond that they are in full compliance with the R.O.D.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Sanford

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer the matter of vacant buildings to the Economic Development Committee.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND Councilor Ferrino

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the Code of the Town of Winthrop be hereby amended by inserting a new Section, Chapter 273, Section 1 through 7; Town Wide Street Sweeping Program.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore
2ND by Councilor Maggio

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the Code of the Town of Winthrop be hereby amended by inserting a new Section as follows, Chapter 271, Section 1 through 12; Resident Parking Sticker Program.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore
2ND by Councilor Maggio

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To approve President Reilly's appointment recommendation as Constables to Steven R. Acone, James Gus Foley and Pasquale DeFeo, Jr. for a 3 year term effective May 1, 2007.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager, Richard White reported the rink reconstruction bid exceeded appropriation therefore the bleachers and the dehumidifier will be excluded from the bid. However the May 1, 2007 budget proposal will include an appropriation for the bleachers and a dehumidifier. Demolition is on schedule and expected to be completed October 1, 2007. The Town will have a state of the art rink to be used all year round.

White reported on the April 14th weekend Nor'easter. Mr. White publicly thanked Chief Powers, Captain Flanagan, the Winthrop Police Department and the Department of public works for their strategy and preparedness based on their experience on similar storms responding by making the right choices at the right time. Rick White declared a state of an emergency, documents have been sent to the State He is hoping the State will make a finding giving Winthrop some reimbursement.

White also reported on some construction issues, one being a sewer repair at the Point, estimated cost was \$15,000-\$20,000. There were 2 sinkholes on Otis St. & Maryland Ave with a \$2,000 expenditure. White asked DPW Director, David Hickey to begin to develop a study strategy so that Mr. White can form a proposal on how to manage the sand at Point Shirley.

Councilor Maggio elaborated on all the comments Rick White made about the emergency services in the Town. Emergency preparation is all about beginning the action way before the emergency has to take place. Maggio said 90% of emergency planning is people preparing for themselves and their families.

Vice President Boncore inquired about efforts to restore the streets and manage the sand build up on the Point Shirley beach.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino
2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To sell 40 Temple Ave Rear for the bid price of \$35,000.

President Reilly placed before the Council 3 appointments to be voted on at the May 1, 2007 Council meeting. Reilly's recommendations are as follows: Richard Dimes 2yr-term, Planning Board, Peter Roche 3yr-term, Planning Board and Allen E. Maruzzi 3yr-term, Board of Assessors.

President Reilly reported the language for the sale of all alcoholic beverages by restaurants has been referred to Chairman Letterie of the Economic Development Committee to proceed with their disposition of that matter.

President Reilly reported Town Clerk, Claire Sheltry will be retiring early July. The Charter indicates that the Council will elect a Town Clerk with a fixed term of 3 years.

MOTION by Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Maggio

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To draft a resolution from the Council honoring Beverly Phipps on the occasion of all her work and dedication to the Food Pantry for the Town Winthrop.

Councilor Maggio recognized Bea Farnham who was our Public Health nurse for over 23 years who has retired. She will be sorely missed; she has been a great asset to this community and to the public.

MOTION by Councilor Maggio

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To issue a Council citation to Bea Farnham in thanks for her years of service to the Town of Winthrop.

Councilor Gill stated that it was brought to his attention on a recent WCAT program, there was some fear expressed by a commentator that the council had the potential for collecting health insurance. Gill assures the citizens of Winthrop that the Charter specifically states the councilors shall not be eligible for health benefits.

President Reilly announced the public hearing on the FY08 Budget will be May 15, 2007.

Councilor Calla reported that CASA will be participating in a conference on alcohol advertising on May 3, 2007 at UMASS. CASA Director, Pat Milano reported CASA is working with a number of coalitions across the Commonwealth to ban alcohol advertising in some public places which sends the wrong message to young people.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alex Mavrakas, Cindy DiLoreto and Pat Milano made public comments.

MOTION by Councilor Letterie
2ND by Councilor Calla

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk