

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2007**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Cummings School. All members were present.

ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Calla

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To accept Town Council meeting minutes of April 25, 2007 and May 1, 2007.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by Councilor Gill. To remove from the table the appointments of Allen E. Maruzzi, 3yr-term to the Board of Assessors and Richard D. Dimes, 2yr-term to the Planning Board.

2ND by Councilor Maggio

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**NO**), Councilor Gill (**YES**), Councilor Letterie (**NO**), Councilor DelVento (**NO**), Councilor Maggio (**YES**), Councilor Sanford (**NO**), Councilor Calla (**YES**), Vice President Boncore (**NO**), President Reilly (**YES**).

***5 NO 4 YES**

Motion defeated

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peg Riley, Gina Cerulli and Marge Dimes made public comments.

Councilor Maggio stated for the record she resents the vote of the Council that did not give her as a Councilperson and a citizen the right to speak.

7:00 PM: PUBLIC HEARING/2008 BUDGET

Under the provisions of the Home Rule Charter, Section 7-8(a), Town Manager Richard J. White presented to the Council his FY2008 Budget Recommendation. Mr. White's recommendation included expenditures of \$42, 482.412 balanced by a non-tax levy revenues totaling \$23, 164.430 and an estimated tax levy of \$19, 354,460. Tax rate for FY2007 \$9.04 per \$1,000 for residential and for commercial property. Average property tax bill will increase \$80 or 2.5% increase. A comprehensive copy of the FY2008 Budget recommendation is available in the Town Manager's Office, Library, and Town Clerk's Office and on the Town website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karin Chavis, Frank Daloia, David Osborne and Officer Ferruccio Romeo made public comments.

President Reilly publicly thanks Claire Sheltry for all her great work and wishes her well in her retirement

8:40 PM: Public Hearing concluded. Council in Recess.

8:50 PM: MEETING RECONVENES

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager, Richard White has filed to the Council a Finance Reorganization plan as required under Article 6:Administrative Organization, Section 6-1: Organization of Town Agencies. President Reilly states the reorganization plan will be published and as required the Council will hold a public hearing to be acted upon in 60 days or if the Council takes no action in 60 days then the reorganization plan would go into effect. The reorganization plan will be scheduled to be on either the June 5th or June 19th Council agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

President Reilly states he would like to act expeditiously to elect a Town Clerk at the June 5th Council meeting.

President Reilly states Massport contacted him at the Council's request to hold a public hearing regarding the Centerfield Taxiway and a public health study. The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To discontinue the use of the current Optect 111P voting machines after the completion of the current fiscal year.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To change the electronic voting system from the current Optect111P and to purchase the Accu-Vote Optical Scan System.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To instruct the Town Manager to create an appropriate tribute and a token of appreciation to Town Clerk Claire Sheltry for her years of service to the Town.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To instruct the Town Manager to create an appropriate tribute and a token of appreciation to Paul Camilli for his service to the Town.

President Reilly noted Vice President Boncore will be installed into office May 19, 2007 as the President of the National Association of Italian-American Attorneys.

MOTION by Councilor Letterie
2ND by Councilor Ferrino

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk