

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 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. Councilor Ferrino, Councilor Gill, Councilor Letterie, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Maggio, Councilor Sanford, Vice President Boncore and President Reilly were present. Councilor Calla was absent.

ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Sanford

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To accept Town Council meeting minutes of May 15, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Osborne and Irma Levy made public comments

FY2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

President Reilly recognized Chairman, Robert Wynn of the Citizen's Advisory on Finance and members, Barbara Flavin and Karin Chavis. Mr. Wynn reported the Finance Commission is charged with reviewing the Town Manager's budget and making a recommendation to the Council.

The members of the Finance Commission met on Thursday, May 24, 2007 and voted to recommend the fiscal year 2008 Town Budget as proposed by Town Manager Richard White. The budget is balanced and projects revenues and expenditures of \$42,482,412.

In addition to the budget, there are several items that required a separate vote. For the most part these items were necessary in order to make the overall budget work. One item, the long-term capital plan, does not have immediate financial impact. However, an endorsement of the 5-year plan will allow the Town to begin a process of investigating financing options. The specific items that required a vote are: >>Adjustments in certain Town Fees. >>Creation of a Harbor Master Enterprise Fund. >>Cash Capital Expenditures of \$383,000 for specific projects, the purchase of materials and equipment and the purchase of several vehicles.

The Winthrop Finance Commission voted favorable action on each point.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the amounts of money recommended on behalf of the town managers proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 be appropriated. For the purposes of appropriations each budget shall be considered as two appropriations one for salary items and the other for expenses; except the school budget, which shall be considered as one appropriation.

To raise and appropriate from the following sources the amount \$42,099,412 for the purpose of funding the town of **Winthrop's operating budget for fiscal year 2008.**

The sources are as follows:

The raise and appropriate \$32,969,124 from the Tax Levy including debt exclusions, anticipated state aid and local receipts

To appropriate the sum of \$450,000 from free cash

To appropriate \$135,000 from overlay surplus

To appropriate \$900,000 from Massport Mitigation fund

To appropriate \$682,906 from the MWRA fund

To raise & appropriate \$25,750 from Cemetery Lots fund

To raise & appropriate \$2,181,219 from the Water Enterprise fund

To raise & appropriate \$3,462,907 from the Sewer Enterprise fund

To raise & appropriate \$391,028 from the Waterways fund

To raise & appropriate \$325,554 from the Recreation fund

To raise & appropriate \$258,124 from the Rink fund

To raise & appropriate \$317,800 from the indirect enterprise charge backs

To raise & appropriate from the following sources the amount of \$383,000 for the purpose of funding the town of **Winthrop's capital budget for fiscal year 2008.**

The sources are as follows:

To appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from free cash

To appropriate \$133,000 from sale of town property account

MOTION by Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Maggio

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53F ½ for the purposes of establishing an Enterprise Fund for the Harbor and Harbormaster activities.

ELECTION OF TOWN CLERK

Vice President Boncore, Chairman of the Rules & Ordinance Committee reported the Committee met on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 7PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. The discussion on the table was to determine a procedure for voting by the Council on the position of Town Clerk. Three motions came forward.

1. In order to be considered a candidate for an election held by the Town Council, a candidate must be nominated by a Council member and a Council member must second the nomination.
2. That in the election held by the Council, the result must be by an absolute majority (5 of the Council members voting in the affirmative)
3. In the event of three or more candidates, the candidate receiving the lowest amount of votes will be dropped and subsequent votes will be taken until a candidate receives an absolute majority.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND Councilor Maggio

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To adopt the rules voted by the Rules & Ordinance Committee to elect a Town Clerk.

Floor opened for nominations for candidates for Town Clerk.

MOTION by Councilor Gill to nominate Susan J. Duplin as a candidate for Town Clerk

2ND by Councilor Maggio

MOTION by Councilor DelVento to nominate Carla Vitale as a candidate for Town Clerk

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

MOTION by Councilor DelVento to nominate Kelly Anderson as a candidate for Town Clerk

2ND by Councilor Letterie

MOTION by Vice President Boncore to close nominations.

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To close nominations.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore to postpone election until the next Council meeting and to interview each candidate by Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

2ND by Councilor Sanford

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2ND by Councilor Sanford

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To interview the Town Clerk candidate nominations on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Councilor Gill reported the Memorials Committee will meet on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager, Richard White updated the Council on the rink construction. There has been significant progress, more than half of the frozen tundra that exists under the rink has been eliminated. A local contractor has donated State of the Art thawing materials for quicker thawing. The rink construction is scheduled to be completed by the original due date of October 2007.

White also announced Winthrop has been named as a 2006 Tree City USA Community by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Winthrop has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA Community; a tree committee, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance. "Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits," Arbor Day Foundation President Rosenow added. This award honors Winthrop's commitment to the community forestry. A plaque, which has been awarded to the town, will be proudly displayed in the Council Chambers.

White appreciates the Council's endorsement of the capital budget that includes for the first time a fairly sizable investment in what is known as our environmental infrastructure, the trees which will be matched by a grant from DCR. Winthrop will be investing significantly in its landscape this coming year. White publicly recognized the Tree Committee and DPW Director, Dave Hickey for their incredible work.

White also updated the Council on the Street Sweeping program. 80% of the community complies, 20% doesn't comply which adds a burden to the program. Since the Street Sweeping's conception the streets are much cleaner. There will be more focus on the parks in terms of the dog by-laws. There are "pick-up after your dog" dispensers distributed around the Town to encourage clean up. White stated we are proud of the way the community looks; the goal is to always make it look better he said.

Construction of the Skate Park should start sometime by the end June.

There was discussion regarding the Council's meeting with Massport last week. White stated that Chairman, DeLeo's representative made a commitment to the community and to the Council they would follow thru and demand a 2nd health monitor under the flight path. Vice President Boncore stated for the record that a Council letter be sent to the State agencies and our Representatives A.S.A.P. to pressure and insure that Winthrop gets a 2nd health monitor.

The DPW recycling days are back for the months of June & July which will be posted on the Town website & WCAT informing the citizens the hours of operation.

Councilor Maggio stated do not dump unused medications down the toilet system anymore because it is flushed out into the ocean. Residue is still being detected from the chemicals and medications.

Councilor Ferrino stated Winthrop use to be a great recycling community however over the years it has decreased it's recycling which is costing Winthrop considerable dollars. Ferrino recommends the DPW director and DPW sub committee look into ways of educating and outreaching the community thru WCAT and the local newspaper the importance of recycling and the cost savings that works for the Town.

NEW BUSINES

President Reilly stated there was a rate study analysis done that projected a 19% increase that has been referred to the Finance Committee for their review and to make a recommendation to the Council to be acted upon at the next Council meeting.

Under the provisions of Article 3, Section 2 of the Winthrop Home Rule Charter, President Reilly made the following appointments to the Conservation Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010. Under Article 2, Section 10(a) these appointments require Council approval. They are as follows: Mary A. Kelley, J. Calvin Farrand and John A. Crosby, Alternate Member.

Under the provisions of Article 3, Section 2 of the Winthrop Home Rule Charter, President Reilly made the following appointments to the Historical Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010. Under Article 2, Section 10(a) these appointments require Council approval. They are as follows: Richard H. Ferrino, Judith Buono and Donald Simonini.

President Reilly stated the report of the Planning Board: Review of Request to Amend Town of Winthrop Zoning map, former Winthrop Community Hospital dated May 16, 2007 will be reviewed by the Economic Development Committee. The Council will schedule a public hearing accordingly as required by the Charter to be acted upon by the Council.

MOTION by Councilor DelVento that the salary for the Town Clerk for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 be \$63,845.45. That the salary for the Clerk of the Council for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 be \$2,839.27.

2ND by Councilor Gill

AMENDMENT by Councilor DelVento to act separately on the salary of the Town Clerk and the salary of the Clerk of the Council.

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To act separately on the salary of the Town Clerk and the salary of the Clerk of the Council.

MOTION by Councilor DelVento

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To raise the salary for the Clerk of the Council reflecting a 4-½ % increase for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 to \$2,839.27.

Motion made to end debate

Chair passed to Vice President Boncore for discussion

MOTION WITHDRAWN by Councilor DelVento that the salary for the Town Clerk for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 be \$63,845.45. That the salary for the Clerk of the Council for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 be \$2,839.27.

2ND WITHDRAWN by Councilor Gill regrettably

MOTION by Councilor Gill that the salary for the Town Clerk for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 be \$63,845.45.

2ND by Councilor Maggio

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE:

Councilor Gill (**Yes**), Councilor Maggio (**Yes**), President Reilly (**Yes**).

Councilor DelVento (**NO**), Councilor Ferrino (**NO**), Councilor Letterie (**NO**), Councilor Sanford (**NO**)

***5 NO 3 YES**

Motion defeated

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino that the Town Clerk salary remain level funded at \$60,596.12

2ND by Councilor Sanford

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**YES**), Councilor Letterie (**YES**), Councilor Sanford (**YES**)

President Reilly (**NO**), Councilor Gill (**NO**), Councilor Maggio (**NO**), Councilor DelVento (**NO**)

***4 NO 3 YES**

Motion defeated

Councilor Maggio announced the Annual rabies clinic will be held Saturday, June 9, 2007 in the old DPW garage from 9:00 AM to 11 A.M. The attending veterinarian will be from North Shore Animal Hospital in Lynn.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Sanford

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To postpone the July 3, 2007 Council meeting to July 10, 2007.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore that the Council President creates a temporary Appointments Committee.

2ND by Councilor DelVento

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

*** 5 YES 3 NO**

Motion carries

MOTION by Councilor Maggio

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin

Council Clerk

