

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 19, 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. All members were present.

A moment of silence in memory of John VanDalinda

ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Action on minutes postponed until next Town Council meeting, July 10, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Osborne, Lee Dzedulionis and Paul Jesse Perrier made public comments.

ELECTION OF TOWN CLERK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**Carla Vitale**), Councilor Gill (**Susan J. Duplin**), Councilor Letterie (**Carla Vitale**), Councilor DelVento (**Carla Vitale**), Councilor Maggio (**Susan J. Duplin**), Councilor Sanford (**Carla Vitale**), Councilor Calla (**Susan J. Duplin**), Vice President Boncore (**Carla Vitale**), President Reilly (**Susan J. Duplin**).

Carla Vitale 5

Susan J. Duplin 4

VOTED: Carla Vitale as Town Clerk.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That effective July 8, 2007, Carla Vitale as Town Clerk will commence her 3-year term.

7:30 PM Recess

7:40 PM Meeting Reconvened

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Calla

VOICE VOTE"

VOTED: To send a letter to Massport relative to the non-use of runway #9 on July 4, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Ferrino reported the Finance Committee met briefly to discuss the water rate increase. The next scheduled Finance Committee meeting will be held on June 25, 2007.

Councilor Gill reported the Committee on Memorials held its inaugural meeting on June 7, 2007. The committee will establish guidelines for the naming of public spaces buildings, etc. The guidelines established by the committee will be presented to the Town Council and upon adoption will serve as a means of allowing a citizen to bring a proposal for naming to the appropriate body in the Town. The next Committee on Memorials meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2007 @ 7:00 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room.

Councilor DelVento reported the 2007 Appointments Committee will meet on July 20, 2007 @ 6:00 PM to review candidates.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager, Richard White reported while he is recruiting for a new Building Commissioner to replace Michael Croft, arrangements have been made to have an interim inspector available as a resource two days a week.

There has been some production delivery and logistic problems as it relates to the marina materials. The Pier will be completed as scheduled but the contractor is having some difficulties getting some deliverables, giving a late summer, early fall completion date.

White reported the ice rink is now completely defrosted to the ground. Construction is scheduled to start tomorrow, June 20, 2007. The rink will be opened on scheduled as predicted, October 1, 2007.

White also reported after meeting with the representatives of EquiVise today, has a basic outline of a development agreement and a sale contract outline including items such as due diligence, and a timeline for beginning demolition and starting construction. There will be legal review of the agreement and contract.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Vice President Boncore

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer the matter of fees to the Finance Committee.

8:15 PM-PUBLIC HEARING/FINANCE REORGANIZATION

President Reilly stated the Charter allows the Town Manager to organize Town departments in a fashion that the Town Manager sees fit. If the Town departments are going to be reorganized, the Town Manager must file the reorganization plan with the Town Council to be acted upon within 60 days. This proposal was submitted to the Council on May 1, 2007. It is required that the Council hold a public hearing on the matter, if the Council doesn't act on the reorganization it automatically goes into affect.

Placing the Accounting, Purchasing, Treasury, Collection and Accounting departments under one department umbrella named as a Finance Department and investing in the current Town Accountant the Title of Finance Director will allow for a centralized

operational leader with the authority to effectuate changes in systems, procedures and operational practices that will result in better accountability and stronger internal controls and procedures. In addition, it is not unreasonable to expect a uniform performance threshold that should result in higher productivity.

8:40 PM PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the Town Manager's proposal to reorganize and combine the Accounting, Purchasing, Treasury, Collection and Assessing Departments into one consolidated Finance Department be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Letterie

2ND by Councilor Maggio

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the sum of \$198,850 be transferred from the Veterans Expense, Employee Benefits, General Insurance, Town Attorney's, Town Managers, Shared Expense, Health Department, Fire Department, Police Department, & Vocational School, to the Public Works Expense snow and ice budget, & other departments needing funds for unseen expenditures with the balance being placed in the Workers Comp/111F Medical Fund.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Sanford

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the transfer from the Town Council Reserve Fund to the School Department matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the parcel known as 24 Temple Avenue Rear located on Map 68, and part of Block 29, covering approximately 4,580 square feet and assessed at \$55,000 be declared available for sale. And, that the Town Manager begin the disposition process outlined in Town Ordinance § 5-67: Real Property: sale of land easement or right disposition; and in accordance with MGL, Chapter 30B § 16.

President Reilly has filed appointments for the Town Council's approval as follows: Conservation Commission: Norma Hyett, Lewis Tedisco, Alternate member, and Board of Appeals-Richard Lynds.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Sanford

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: That the appointments be referred to the newly formed Appointments Committee to report back at the next Council meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Maggio

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To schedule a special meeting of the Council on June 27, 2007.

MOTION by Vice President Boncore

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To suspend Council rules to postpone August 7, 2007 Council meeting to August 14, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Jesse Perrier made public comments.

MOTION by Councilor Maggio

2ND by Councilor Letterie

VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk