



Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2009

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 Calla, Councilor Maggio, Councilor Ferrino, Councilor Gill, Councilor Letterie, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Sanford, Vice President Boncore and President Reilly were present.

Public Comment

Guy Brandenstein, Dave Osborne spoke during public comment.

Committee Reports

Councilor Gill reported on the financial budget of the Vocational School.

MOTION: to accept the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District budget of \$651, 819 which requires a transfer of funds from the Operational Stabilization account of \$54, 367. **Motion Defeated.**

MOTION:by Councilor Letterie

2nd by: Councilor Calla

MOTION: that the Town of Winthrop appropriates the sum of three hundred and ninety thousand (\$390,000) for a feasibility study of Winthrop High School. The Winthrop High School is located at 400 Main Street, Winthrop, Ma 02152, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Business Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Town Manager, with approval of the Town Council is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority: that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Winthrop incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Winthrop, upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L 59, section 21C (proposition 2 ½ and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study agreement that may be executed between the town of Winthrop and the MSBA

President Reilly asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Councilor Gill – abstained from voting

Councilor Letterie Yes

Councilor DelVento Yes

Councilor Maggio Yes

Councilor Sanford Yes

Councilor Calla Yes

Councilor Boncore Yes

Vice President Ferrino Yes

President Reilly Yes

Motion Passes.

Councilor Boncore updated the Council on the Rules & Ordinance Committee's work on the proposed ordinances submitted by Police Chief Terence Delehanty and the "Brown Bag Policy" regarding liquor regulations as it pertains to restaurants in town.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager McKenna discussed the following items:

- Board of Health Restructuring is in discussion
- Recent meeting with MWRA to discuss neighborhood concerns

Old Business

MOTION:by Councilor DelVento

2nd by: Vice President Ferrino

VOTED: to approve the four pending National Grid petitions before the Council.

Note: Councilor Gill would like it noted a vote of No.

MOTION:by Councilor Letterie

2nd by Vice President Ferrino

Motion: to designate Town Clerk Carla Vitale as the Ethics Liason to the State.

MOTION:by Councilor Gill

2nd by Councilor Maggio

Motion: approve the following appointments for three years

Joseph Clark Board of License Commissioners

Karin Chavis

Citizen Advisory Finance Committee

MOTION:by Councilor Calla

2nd by: Vice President Ferrino

VOTED: to award a citation to retiring police officer Ronald Vitale, Sr. for his thirty-eight years of service to the Town of Winthrop as a Patrol Officer.

MOTION:by Councilor Calla

2nd by: Vice President Ferrino

VOTED: to adjourn for the evening at approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale