



Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 6, 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 Ferrino, Councilor Maggio, Councilor Gill, Councilor Letterie, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Sanford, Vice President Boncore and President Reilly were present. Councilor Calla was absent.

President Reilly opened the meeting and stated that a transfer from the Council Reserve line item was necessary to fulfill the financial obligation to the Northeast Regional Vocational School and that a legal notice would be in the paper the following week and that action will be taken at the next Council Meeting.

Committee Reports

Vice President Boncore reported that recently the Rules & Ordinance Committee met and reviewed the ordinance revisions submitted by the Town Attorney.

Motion: by Vice President Boncore

Motion: to approve the proposed Ordinance changes as submitted by the Town Attorney.

Councilor Ferrino moved that the motion be postponed until the next business meeting of the Council so that further review could be performed.

Councilor Boncore continued on with his report and stated that recently a property owner in town that lives in another community petitioned for a parking sticker for when they use their Winthrop home.

Motion: by Vice President Boncore

2nd by: Councilor Ferrino

VOTED: to direct the Town Manager to write an Ordinance that allows for property owners, not just excise tax payers to be eligible for parking stickers.

In his closing remarks he wanted it stated on the record that the Town Manager, Rick White had not come to this meeting, or the meeting prior and that would not again meet with the Council before his last day and for that he was disappointed.

New Business

Motion:by Councilor Maggio

2nd by: Vice President Boncore

VOTED: to award a citation to Lloyd Lyons upon his resignation from the Winthrop Housing Authority. Mr. Lyons had given many years of dedicated service and was resigning as his daughter Peg Lyons had just been appointed Director of the Winthrop Housing Authority.

President Reilly stated his desire to refer the possibility of a Harbor Management and Planning Committee to the Rules & Ordinance Committee for review and discussion.

Councilor Ferrino asked that the Council choose a time to set some goals for 2010 and the decreased local aid funds will relate to cuts in personnel or services.

Councilor Maggio wanted to publicly thank the Town Manager, Rick White for the good work he did for the Town of Winthrop and wished him well in his new endeavors.

President Reilly then opened up nominations for the election of a new Vice President, while thanking Vice President Boncore for his two years of service in that capacity. Councilor Boncore thanked President Reilly and said that after two years he would not be a candidate this year for reelection and would like to see one of his fellow councilors enjoy that role.

Councilor Maggio called for a point of order and asked if the Council should wait until Councilor Calla's return before a vote is taken on the matter of the Vice Presidency. President Reilly stated that the Charter calls for a one year term and that at the first business meeting in January an election for Vice President will be held. He asked if there were nominations from the Council.

Motion:by Councilor DelVento

2nd by: Councilor Ferrino

VOTED: to nominate At Large Councilor Joseph Ferrino as the Vice President to the Council for the year 2010.

President Reilly asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none he asked for a voice vote to close the nomination process.

VOTED: to close nominations at this time with only one name, Joseph Ferrino presented.

Motion:by Councilor Boncore

2nd by: Councilor Letterie

VOTED: to elect At Large Councilor Joseph Ferrino as the Vice President to Council for the year 2010.

Public Comment

Tom McNiff and Lou Guarino spoke during public comment.

MOTION:by Councilor Letterie

2nd by: Councilor Sanford

VOTED: to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale