



Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 3 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 Maggio, Councilor Calla, Councilor Ferrino, Councilor Gill, Councilor Letterie, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Sanford, Vice President Boncore and President Reilly were present.

Public Comment

Library Trustee, James Matarazzo gave a presentation to the Council regarding his plan to keep the library open 32 hours per week, maintaining accreditation this fiscal year, despite the recent mid year cuts to the Library budget. Council President Reilly thanked Mr. Matarazzo for his efforts to keep the library open without an appropriation from the Council and suggested he meet with Finance Director Michael Bertino to work out the details.

Dave Osborne, Todd Sacco, Cindy DiLoreto, Alex Alexanian, Lee Dzedulionis and Steve Dalton spoke during public comment.

There was a long discussion amongst the Council about the need for an override due to mid year 9C cuts as well as the loss in local aid for Fiscal Year 10.

Committee Reports

Councilor Gill reported that at the recent Finance Sub-cmt meeting it was unanimously voted to hold an override election on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 as a menu style ballot with four departments with their own question and one bundled question for a total of five questions.

MOTION:by Councilor Gill as stated above.
2nd by Councilor Sanford

There was a long discussion regarding the type of override: menu, pyramid and standalone questions as well as the number of questions.

Motion Amended by Councilor Gill: to vote the date of May 19, 2009 only
2nd by Councilor Maggio

Motion Amended by Councilor Gill: to vote for a maximum of five questions.
2nd by Councilor DelVento

Councilor Boncore stated his desire and reasoning for a pyramid option saying a menu could potentially limit services with no recourse. Councilor Maggio stated her strong desire to have only one question with one amount. Councilor Gill stated his support for the menu style to allow the public choices in the services they want to keep. Councilor Ferrino would like to see further discussion of a pyramid style as well as deeper discussion and review of a potential Pay As You Throw Program for trash service. Councilor Letterie stated support for aa menu style to allow for the transparency that citizens have requested. Councilor Sanford stated support for a menu style.

Motion Amended by Councilor Ferrino: to vote Councilor Gill's motion without the trash component.

Hearing no second, Councilor Calla stated her desire to see every department stand alone and each have a question with no bundling. Councilor Maggio suggested a working session to hear more about each available option. Councilor DelVento reminded the Council that this issue had been vetted in at least four sub-cmt meetings and feels a decision should be made at this meeting. Councilor Gill agreed that a decision should be made at this meeting and then requested a five minute recess since the Council had been meeting two hours straight without a break. Council President Reilly called for a five minute recess.

Once reconvened, Councilor Sanford asked President Reilly for clarity to restate the motion before the Council at this point. Motion before the Council is to vote to have a menu style ballot question with the number of questions to be determined at a later date. Councilor Letterie stated that this was decided in sub-cmt and that the original five question style prevail.

MOTION:by Councilor Sanford

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Motion: to vote to have a menu style ballot question with the number of questions to be determined at a later date.

President Reilly asked the Clerk to call the Roll:

Councilor Gill –	No
Councilor Letterie -	No
Councilor DelVento-	Yes
Councilor Maggio –	Yes
Councilor Sanford –	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Ferrino –	Yes
Vice President Boncore –	No
President Reilly -	Yes

Voted: is to vote to have a menu style ballot question with the number of questions to be determined at a later date.

MOTION:by Councilor DelVento

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Voice Vote: To hold a Council Meeting on March 10, 2009 with the only matter on agenda to be the development of the Override Question.

Town Manager's Report

Interim Manager Holmes reported briefly on the following topics:

- Planning Board & Hospital Developer are close to agreement
- Dalrymple School Sale will be rebid
- Public Landing project is on schedule
- Pleasant Street Water Main Break Repair

New Business

MOTION:by Councilor Letterie

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

VOTED: to accept President Reilly's appointment of the following people to the Harbor Management & Planning Committee.

Lawrence Bradley Three year term thru June 30, 2012

John Crosby Three year term thru June 30, 2012

Alan Shore Three year term thru June 30, 2012

Richard Lawton Two year term thru June 30, 2011

Donald Colpak Two year term thru June 30, 2011

J. Calvin Farrand Two year term thru June 30, 2011

Michael Carney One year term thru June 30, 2010

Joseph R. Duplin One year term thru June 30, 2010

President Reilly then announced his intention on holding the Spring Finance Forum on March 24, 2009 at the Senior Center. He then asked the Town Manager to put an election transfer request on the agenda for the next meeting in the amount of approximately 16K.

MOTION:by Councilor Ferrino

2nd by Councilor Letterie

VOTED: to accept the outstanding minutes as provided by the Council Clerk.

President Reilly then requested going forward that the Council be provided with monthly year-to-date financials as well as a monthly cash flow analysis so that the Council can be aware of how we are managing our financial situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Dalton and Patricia Harrison spoke during public comment.

MOTION:by Councilor Ferrino

2nd by Councilor Gill

VOTED: to adjourn for the evening at 10:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale