



Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2010

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Turco called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room., Councilor Varone, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Maggio, Councilor Sanford, Councilor Powers, and Councilor Boncore and were present. Councilor Calla and Councilor Letterie were absent.

President Turco led the Council in the pledge of allegiance and asked the Council Clerk to call the roll for the record.

Public Comment

Guy Brandenstein spoke during public comment.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager McKenna provided and discussed briefly a cost snapshot of the weekend snow storm to the Council. He then introduced members of our new legal counsel, Kopelman & Paige. Elizabeth Lane, Managing Director, highlighted the services that her firm will be providing to the Town, as well as some discussion relative to the transition from prior counsel and their fee philosophy.

Committee Reports

Councilor Maggio again reported on the status of H1N1 and reminded residents of a January 9th clinic for Winthrop residents.

New Business

President Turco asked for a motion to open nominations for the election of Vice President for the next year.

MOTION:by Councilor Sanford

2nd by: Councilor DelVento

VOTED: to open nominations for the election of Vice President for the next calendar year.

MOTION:by Councilor Boncore

2nd by: Councilor Powers

VOTED: to nominate Councilor Calla as the Vice President of the Council for 2010. As Councilor Calla was not present, Councilor Boncore read a letter from her stating that she would accept the nomination.

President Turco called for other nominations from the floor, or discussion on the nomination.

MOTION:by Councilor Maggio

2nd by: Councilor DelVento

VOTED: to approve the nomination of Councilor Calla as the Vice President of the Town Council for 2010.

President Turco noted that it was a unanimous voice vote as there was only one nomination. He then polled the Council to see if there was interest in reviewing Council Rules. Councilor Sanford offered that he felt there was interest and suggested the matter be referred to the Rules & Ordinance Subcommittee for a report sometime in February. President Turco referred the matter as suggested.

MOTION:by Councilor DelVento

2nd by: Councilor Sanford

VOTED: to suspend Council Rules due to the Special Election on January 19, 2010 and have the next meeting of the Council on January 26, 2010.

Public Comment

Barbara Survilas spoke during public comment.

MOTION:by Councilor DelVento

2nd by: Councilor Boncore

VOTED: to adjourn for the evening at approximately 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale