



Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 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 Letterie, Councilor Powers, and Councilor Boncore and Vice President Calla were present.

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

Minutes

Motion by Councilor Letterie, Seconded by Councilor Maggio: to approve the Minutes of Town Council Meeting March 10, 2009.

Motion passed with only Councilors Letterie, DelVento, Maggio, Boncore, Sanford and Calla voting.

Motion by Councilor Varone, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to approve Minutes of April 6, 2010. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Councilor Letterie, Seconded by Councilor Powers: to approve Minutes of April 12, 2010. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Alex Alexanian spoke during public comment regarding the parameters of Executive Session and Open Meeting Law.

Correspondence

Letters from Cindy Levins & Maggie Morris, Mary Lou Osborne, and Patricia Milano were acknowledged. All were pertaining to the Brown Bag Ordinance before the Council.

Committee Reports

Vice President Calla read her minutes from the last Public Works Committee Meeting. Said minutes are attached to this document.

Councilor Sanford reported from the Economic Development Committee Meeting, said Minutes are attached.

Councilor Letterie reported from the last Finance Committee Meeting, said Minutes are attached.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager James McKenna reported on the following items:

- Required easement on Kennedy Drive as a major component to the Argyle Substation improvement project.
- Required School Committee vote to relinquish land around Kennedy Drive for Argyle project.
- Requested transfers
- Requested vote of support in regards to the Town asking National Grid to provide quote for Town to acquire streetlights
- Internal auditor's management letter
- Request to form a Public Spaces Committee
- Winthrop Police Department's recent grant to improve issues related to domestic violence cases
- Introduction of "Owner's Project Manual" for proposed Winthrop High School Renovation project
- Submission of a balanced budget for FY11

New Business

Motion by Councilor Varone, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to refer the Kennedy Drive easement issue to the Rules and Ordinance Committee for review. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Councilor Sanford, Seconded by Councilor Letterie: to refer proposed Home Rule Petition regarding above easement to Rules & Ordinance for review. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Councilor DelVento, Seconded by Councilor Letterie: to refer proposed transfers introduced during the Town Manager's Report for review. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Councilor Sanford, Seconded by Councilor Letterie: to accept the Town Manger's submission of the FY11 Budget, acknowledge the 45 day clock and refer said budget to the Finance Committee for review and hearings. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor DelVento informed the room that every Monday evening in May, the Finance Commission will be meeting at 630pm in Town Hall to review this budget and the public is encouraged to attend these meetings.

President Turco called a two minute recess so that members could get required documents in front of them.

Old Business

Councilor Boncore, reporting from the Rules & Ordinance Committee read the advertised proposed Ordinances and explained each subsection for the public, explaining that public hearings had been held on each Ordinance proposal. The proposed Ordinances are attached to these minutes. There was considerable discussion on the Brown Bag Ordinance and the fee associated with it.

Motion by Councilor DelVento, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to amend the Fee associated with the Brown Bag License to the following “for establishments with 25 seats or less \$250 and for establishments with 26 seats or more \$500”. There was considerable discussion regarding this motion. Councilor Letterie moved to close debate on this amendment, Councilor Boncore seconded that, motion passed by Voice Vote. This amendment was defeated as seen in the summary table below.

Motion by Vice President Calla, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to amend the Fee to \$400 for all Brown Bag Licenses. This motion passed in a roll call vote.

	Chapter 17.40.020 (Flood Zone)	Chapter 5.04.120 (Liquor Fees)	Chapter 5.40.150 (TIPS)	Chapter 5.40.400 (Brown Bag) Section A- Creation	Chapter 5.40.400 (split fee) Amendment	Chapter 5.40.400 (Brown Bag Fee \$400)
Councilor Varone	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Councilor Letterie	N	Y	Y	N	N	N
Councilor DelVento	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Councilor Maggio	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Councilor Sanford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Councilor Powers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Councilor Boncore	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Vice President Calla	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
President Turco	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Motion	Passes	Passes	Passes	Passes	Defeated	Passes

Motion by Vice President Calla, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to refer the MWRA Financial Aid Assistance Grant as well as the establishment of a MMDT relative to

funding the recent Putnam Street Sewer System improvements, to Public Works & Finance Committee for join review. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Councilor DelVento, Seconded by Vice President Calla: to confirm interest and request National Grid to compose a quote for the acquisition of Street Lights. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

At this time, President Turco passed the gavel to Vice President Calla so that he may make a motion. **Motion by President Turco, Seconded by Councilor Varone:** authorize Council President to inform the Winthrop School Committee, that in the absence of a mutually agreeable alternative, the Town of Winthrop will agree to accept the E.B. Newton School in mothballed condition on, or before August 31, 2010. There was considerable discussion on this issue. President Turco stated that although he did not want to see the building mothballed, he wanted to remove any obstacle the School Committee may have in turning over the building. **Amendment to above motion by Councilor Letterie, Seconded by Councilor DelVento:** to remove the word mothballed from original motion. There was again discussion on this issue. Councilor Varone, seconded by Councilor Boncore moved question to a vote. **This amendment passed on voice vote.**

Motion by President Turco, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to authorize the retaining of an outside firm to explore consolidation of administrative, financial, MIS, maintenance and other functions of the Town of Winthrop and its School Department. Further, that the outside firm be guided by a statement of principles set forth by the Council and that said firm report back to the Town Council. Motion by President Turco, Seconded by Councilor Sanford to refer this issue to the Rules & Ordinance Committee for further review.

Motion by President Turco, Seconded by Councilor Varone: to as soon as practicable, open Town Hall five days a week. There was discussion regarding how much the public would utilize another day, what was the cost savings to keep it closed. Councilor Boncore, seconded by Councilor Letterie asked that the matter be tabled. The Council President asked that both the employees as well as the general public be surveyed to get answers to questions raised during discussion.

Public Comment

Richard Dimes of Johnson Avenue spoke regarding legality of Ordinances passed tonite, and his desire to have a grant/planner in Town Hall. Barbara Survilas of Precinct One spoke out against the EB Newton School being in mothball condition.

Motion by Councilor Letterie, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to suspend Council Rules and hold Council Meetings on May 11 and May 18th at 7pm in the Harvey Room. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Varone asked the Town Manager and Police Chief if cameras could be placed in the Center to discourage the illegal dumping of trash. Town Manager announced that Metcalf Square was recently designated as a Historical Landmark and thanked the residents on the Historical Commission for their good work.

Motion by Councilor Boncore, Seconded by Councilor Calla: to adjourn for the evening at 10:15pm.

VOTE: Passed on Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carla Vitale".

Carla Vitale

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE
April 20, 2010

In Attendance:

DPW Director David Hickey
Chairperson Linda Calla
Council Vice President
Councilor Paul Verone
Absent Councilor Nick DelVento
Councilor at Lg. J. Larry Powers
Councilor Jean Maggio

Meeting was held at the DPW building on Kennedy Drive which started at 6:05pm and adjourned at 8:10pm.

Topics:

- 1. MWRA funding opportunities.**
- 2. Putnam Street Project, additional funding needed to complete the project.**
- 3. Walden Street water and sewer project with possible streetscape improvements.**

MWRA

Clarification of the two types of funding opportunities:

- 1. I/I (inflow and infiltration) funding is comprised of a 45% GRANT and a 55% low interest loan of 1 ¼ interest rate or lower with a 5 year payback (our share). These grants expire and are re-distributed throughout the MWRA communities if not allocated. The funds are for specific purposes for the replacement of sewer mains that have documentable I/I concerns. Winthrop's total allocation was \$1,926,400 of which \$999,800 has been distributed. As of December 2009, Winthrop is currently left with \$926,600 in MWRA I/I funding available. A grant portion of \$28,170 (requiring authorized spending of \$62,600) is at risk if it is not allocated before May 15, 2010.**
- 2. Pipeline assistance funding is a 0 % loan, deferred payment for 1 year with a 10 year payback. This fund is for replacement of unlined water pipes. Winthrop's total allocation was \$4,167,260 of which \$323,000 has been distributed through December 2009. Currently Winthrop has \$3.84M (\$3,844,260) in pipeline assistance funding available.**

PUTNAM STREET PROJECT

CONTRACT # 2

The ongoing "Contract 2" for water, sewer and drainage improvements in the Putnam Street area has encountered additional cost and delays associated with contamination. Contamination of soil and ground water has been detected (oil and gas contamination). Limitations associated with this program prohibit reimbursement of contamination items, however, other project changes and the costs associated with the delays, including police controls and construction management have been approved. The DPW and our consulting engineer (Woodard & Curran) are working with the MWRA to pursue additional funding to assure the project gets a timely completion. An application has been submitted (which had a deadline of April 15, 2010) to the MWRA for \$265,000 including a grant covering 45% or \$119,250. This application assures that \$62,600 (with a grant of \$28,170) will not get re-allocated to another community. The DPW's recommendation is that the Town Council appropriate funds from the Sewer Enterprise account for the matching amount of \$145,750 to be deposited in a MMDT (Mass Municipal Deposit Trust) account. The requisite MWRA Financial Assistance Agreement will follow.

WALDEN STREET WATER & SEWER PROJECT

CONTRACT # 3

The DPW has requested that the engineering firm of Woodard & Curran provide a proposal for the replacement of water & sewer mains on Walden Street (Main to Lincoln) and to re-route the sewer mains currently located in an easement behind the Pillar House apartments. This project is expected to go out to bid in the fall for a projected start date next spring. The DPW intends to file for the MWRA I/I (Inflow and Infiltration) grant, MWRA low interest loan and an EPA Stag Grant. We also discussed the streetscape opportunities of wide streets like Walden and Pauline, which have great possibilities for planting of trees, bike paths, sidewalks, etc.

Other Topics discussed:

Arbor Day - Special thanks to Carla Vitale and the Daisy Troup for helping the DPW place over 200 lilac saplings into potting soil which were given out to the school children. Additional thanks go to Trish Harrison (retiring school teacher) for running the Arbor Day Essay Contest and Principal Brian Gill for his continued support in the Arbor Day program.

Public Works Week - Monday, May 17th and Tuesday, May 18th times to be posted. This year's theme "Above, Below and Around Us." Bring the family and meet and greet the special visitor that will be dropping by the DPW. shhhhhhhh ! The special guest is a surprise, courtesy of Capital Waste. (Capital Waste's Robot)

Trash dumping issue in the center and the possibility of acquiring cameras either motion activated or what is known as a hunter's camera.

Realizing a Tree Program and the aesthetic rewards of dressing up the entrance of our town.

Chamber of Commerce recently purchased five barrels with rain guards for the center which will be installed by the DPW. The Council would like to give a special thank you to Eric and the Chamber for their continued support and generous contribution to our town.

Lastly we touched upon the next 5 year permitting process (2011-2016) regarding NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination Standards) the effects of discharge of rain, impaired water bodies, outfalls and dealing with the regulations of the EPA Clean Waters Act.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Calla", written in a cursive style.

Linda J. Calla V.P.

Councilor of Precinct 6

Chair of the DPW Sub - Committee

Winthrop Town Council

Finance Committee

Meeting: April 26, 2010

6:00 PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

Councilors, N. DelVento, Chair, R. Sanford, and J. L. Powers

Also attending: Councilors J. Turco, L. Calla, J. Maggio, and P. Varone. J. McKenna and M. Bertino.

Call to Order at 6:00pm

Discussion of Draft 2011 Fee Schedule.

Motion by Councilor Powers to "Send Draft Fee Schedule back to Town Manager to split out proposed New Fees needed for statutory compliance and existing Fee Schedule increases for further review". Second by Councilor Sanford. Unanimous yes vote.

Discussion of Verizon "PEG" funds distribution. (WCAT/ Schools cable funding)

Motion by Councilor Powers to "Refer back to Town Manager for legal and revenue income and distribution review." Second by Councilor Sanford. Unanimous yes vote.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15PM by Councilor Sanford second Councilor Powers. Unanimous yes vote.

Economic Development meeting

04-26-10

Economic Development Committee

Present: Vice President- Linda Calla

Councilor - Russ Sanford -Chairman

Councilor Jim Letterie (could not attend).

Also in attendance councilors Delvento- Powers- Verone – Boncore Council - President Turco

Chamber members and citizens.

Discussed Parking issues in various business districts including municipal parking lots.

Signage, parking meters, enforcement.

The committee recommended enforcement should be a start and will through Council President to recommend have the Town Manager discuss possibilities with Chief Delahanty and report back to Council.

Discussed upcoming fees and there impact on local businesses.

Some fee's will go back to Town Manager for review as recommended by Finance Committee.

Discussed the potential for Bed and Breakfast to be allowed in Winthrop.

As allowed in some other communities in the Commonwealth.

Meeting with the Building Commissioner sometime this week to discuss possibilities.