



Town Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 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 Maggio 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 Sanford, Seconded by Councilor Letterie: to approve Minutes of April 27, 2010. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Lee Dzedulionis of Nahant Avenue spoke on Handicap Accessibility at the Town Landing and a request to have the School Budget posted on the Town Website. Brian Dalton of Ocean Avenue, thanked the Council and the Police Department for rectifying the traffic issues in his neighborhood.

Committee Reports

Councilor Maggio provided an in-depth detail of the recent Boil Water Order from the MWRA that impacted over 30 communities in the Commonwealth. She stated that over 30K gallons of water was distributed over the three day period and gave thanks to WCAT, WFD, WPD, DPW, Auxiliary Police, MRC as well as Vice President Calla, Councilor Varone, Councilor Powers, MIS Department, Harbor Master Office, Housing Authority and the School Department for their efforts.

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

Councilor Boncore reported on the recent Rules & Ordinance subcommittee meeting.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager James McKenna reported on the following items:

- Congratulations to our Council President on the birth of his fourth child.

- Condolences to former Town Manager Richard White, whose mother passed away last week.
- Encourage citizens to register for the Town's Emergency Phone System named Code Red.
- Several water main breaks on Main Street and Hermon Street over the past weekend.
- Acknowledgement of Public Works employee Eric Esposito for giving up his vacation to work during the water main break and boil water order.
- Offering the Town Auditor's Roselli & Clark to visit an upcoming Council Meeting to review the recently submitted Audit Report.
- May 26 luncheon at the Senior Center local elected officials
- Recent meeting with MSBA relative to the Fort Banks Gorman School being recognized as a model school with regards to integration and utilization
- Recent attendance at Operation Ready at the invitation of the Harbormaster to learn how Winthrop and Massport work together in a crisis drill
- Attorneys for Governor Winthrop Nursing Home have applied to go thru the Site Review Process
- Schedule bidder's conference being held on May 12 relative to the pilot ferry program.
- Recent administrative prohibiting employees from smoking and parking in certain areas near and adjacent to Town Hall

New Business

The Council asked the Town Manager to shed light on the following:

- Recently requested Rink Enterprise Fund report
- Authorizations from State and Federal government relative to the Ferry Project
- Update on Putnam Street water project
- Ways for citizen's to sign up for the Code Red Alert system

Pursuant to the Town of Winthrop's Town Charter, Section 7-9(b) – Interdepartmental Transfer, the below memorandum was a formal request to the Town Council to transfer from the operational stabilization fund, to the following:

Motion is to transfer \$101,014 (balance after transfer \$4,986 in operational stabilization fund) from the operational stabilization fund to the follow line items and/or departments to cover the aforementioned expenses:

- a) \$54,367 to cover the Town's fourth quarter payment to the Vocational School
- b) \$10,000 to cover the Town's contribution to the MAPC for Metro Mayor Coalition regionalization of services
- c) \$30,000 as a retainer and legal fees related to Larsen Rink litigation
- d) \$6,647 as Town portion of a grant to upgrade lighting fixtures at Larsen Rink

Public notice and advertisement was given and complete details of transfer were on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Motion by Councilor DelVento, coming from Finance Committee needing no second: to accept the 101K transfer as requested from the operational line item to pay outstanding bills. Council President moved that the motion be separated into four individual votes for matters of clarification.

Motion is to transfer from the operational stabilization fund to the follow line items and/or departments to cover the aforementioned expenses:

- e) **\$54,367 to cover the Town's fourth quarter payment to the Vocational School – Passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- f) **\$10,000 to cover the Town's contribution to the MAPC for Metro Mayor Coalition regionalization of services- Passed Unanimously by voice vote.**
- g) **\$30,000 as a retainer and legal fees related to Larsen Rink litigation Passed Unanimously by voice vote -**
- h) **\$6,647 as Town portion of a grant to upgrade lighting fixtures at Larsen Rink- Motion by President Turco, seconded by Councilor DelVento to table this until the Council Meeting of May 18th, pending more information.**

In support of a recently submitted grant application to the MWRA associated with the Putnam Street sewer system improvements project (Contract 2), the Town Manager requested that the Town Council authorize an additional amount \$265,000, of which \$145,750 will be paid in equal install over five years from the sewer enterprise account and the remaining \$119,250, will be a grant from the MWRA. These funds and the grant will be deposited in a Massachusetts Municipal Deposit Trust (MMDT) account to be established by the Treasurer and used to reimburse project expenditures. An MWRA collateral agreement outlining same will be prepared and forwarded for authorization before May 15th, 2010.

The above matter was made into a **Motion by Councilor DelVento, coming from Finance Committee needing no second: to authorization the Town Manager to enter into a grant and loan agreement with the MWRA for \$265,000, of which \$145,750 will repaid over five years (no interest) and the remaining \$119,250 will be in the form of a grant. An MWRA collateral agreement outlining same will be prepared and forwarded for authorization before May 15th, 2010.**

Motion by Councilor Boncore, coming from Rules & Ordinance Committee needing no second: to amend Section 10.16.100 Parking Limited on Certain Streets during certain times of 8am to 5pm – one hour parking. By adding words” Harvard Street East – From the Intersection of Revere Street to a point 70 feet southerly.”

Motion by Councilor Boncore, coming from Rules & Ordinance Committee needing no second: to amend Section 10.16.090 Parking Prohibited upon certain Streets By adding

words “Harvard Street East from the Intersection of Revere Street to a point of 10’ southerly”

Motion by President Turco, seconded by Councilor DelVento: to appoint Brian Dalton of Ocean Avenue to Constable in the Town of Winthrop, pursuant to Section 2-10(a) of the Winthrop Town Charter. Said appointment will expire on June 30, 2011.

Motion by Councilor Varone, seconded by Councilor Powers: to refer the Historical Commission’s Application regarding acquiring a Historical Designation for the Water Tower to the Capital Assets Committee for further review and discussion with the Historical Commission regarding said application.

Councilor Sanford announced there would be a Precinct Five Neighborhood Meeting on May 19, at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, all residents invited to attend.

Noting that there was no interest in a second round of Public Comment, the President asked the Town Manager if in the near future could Public Works Director David Hickey come before the Council to brief and update the Council and the Community about recently unfunded state mandates relative to stormwater.

Motion by Councilor Boncore, Seconded by Councilor Sanford: to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing deployment of security personnel.

Roll Call:

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Letterie	Yes
Councilor DelVento	Yes
Councilor Maggio	Yes
Councilor Sanford	Yes
Councilor Powers	Yes
Councilor Boncore	Yes
Vice President Calla	Yes
President Turco –	Yes

It was stated that the Council would adjourn from Executive Session and that the next meeting would be Tuesday, May 18 at 7pm in the Harvey Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale