



Town Council Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2010

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Turco called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Multipurpose Room of the Cummings School, Councilor Varone, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Sanford, Councilor Powers, and Councilor Boncore, Councilor Maggio and Vice President Calla were present. Councilor Letterie had a prior commitment and was not able to attend.

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

Council President asked for Public Comment, hearing none, he asked the Clerk for Correspondence and Minutes, having none he asked for Committee Reports.

Finance Committee Report

Councilor DelVento read from the minutes of the June 21, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting. Said Minutes are attached.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager James McKenna reported on the following items:

- Introduced the new Grants Manager Peter Lombardi
- Town Hall Hours beginning July 1 are not yet in place, negotiations are ongoing
- Departments in Town Hall are preparing the the move this summer
- Public Landing is coming along
- Ferry Pilot Program is in final stages of MEPA Application
- Recent meeting with MWRA relative to Yirrell Beach

Councilor Boncore asked for status of speedbumps on Tafts Avenue. Mr. McKenna stated he is waiting for Mass Highway to send criteria and will report back.

Councilor Sanford asked for progress of water project in the Center. DPW Director Dave Hickey reported that there have been some small hurdles but that Jefferson and Freemont streets are moving forward and the Putnam Street area should be completed by the end of July.

Councilor Maggio asked if the Tennis Courts have been locked? Mr. McKenna said not at this time, but that he expected Parks & Recreation Director Sean Driscoll to be locking them soon to prevent vandalism.

President Turco asked for status relative to purchasing streetlights from National Grid. Mr. McKenna will follow up and report back.

Mr. McKenna then introduced David Hickey, Department of Public Works Director, and asked that he give his presentation on Walk Winthrop. There was an informative slide show and commentary. Copy of slides are attached to this message and copies are available on the Town Website, in the Town Clerk's Office, in the Library and at the DPW Office. In summary, the presentation discussed ways to connect Winthrop's neighborhoods, beaches and parks to each other in a planned cohesive way to allow for residents to walk and bike our natural resources.

New Business

The Town Manager placed before the Council a ten year lease agreement with Clear Wireless to be housed on the Water Tower. There was brief discussion relative to the possibility of rejecting upgrade equipment and staying in the existing footprint.

Motion by Councilor Boncore, seconded by Councilor Varone to approve the lease agreement with Clear Wireless. Motion passed with only Councilor DelVento voting against motion. Said agreement is attached to these minutes.

Motion by Councilor DelVento, seconded by Councilor Boncore that the sum of \$205,968 be transferred from the following accounts to close out the town's fiscal year 2010 budget:

From Council Reserve \$125,000

From various unexpended operating budget line items:\$80,968;

And, further that the following budget line items be supplemented as follows:

Town Council: \$ 2,393

Town Manager: \$13,277

Veteran's: \$ 3,602

Retirement Reserve \$16,744

Stabilization \$47,141

Unemployment \$43,755

General Insurance \$24,122

Larsen Rink Debt \$55,815

Said amounts to be used for unforeseen expenditures and reserves for future expenditures as noted.

Motion by Councilor Varone, seconded by Vice President Calla to approve the temporary appointments of Mary Jane Goodearl and Jane Gliserman to the Winthrop Cultural Council to expire June 30, 2013.

Motion by Councilor DelVento, seconded by Vice President Calla to approve the appointments of Marc Wallerice and John Macero to the Finance Commission, appointments are thru June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012 respectively.

Councilor DelVento asked that the Council consider moving forward with the Charter Review process. President Turco stated that he was in agreement and would bring names forward at the next meeting.

Councilor Maggio asked that residents consider joining the Point Shirley Association.

Public Comment

Guy Brandenstein asked about fishing at the Town Pier.

The Fire Chief and the Police Chief informed the Council of a planned power outage that was in the Metcalf Square area expected to effect 110 customers and be back online by midnight.

Motion by Councilor Sanford, seconded by Vice President Calla to adjourn at 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale