



## **Town Council Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2010

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Turco called the meeting to order at 7:02PM in the Cummings School Multipurpose Room.

In attendance, the following Council Members:

Roll call:

1. Councilor Maggio - present
2. Councilor Powers - present
3. Councilor DeLvento - present
4. Councilor Varone - present
5. Councilor Boncore - present
6. Councilor Sanford - present
7. Councilor Letterie - present
8. Council Vice-President Calla - present
9. Council President Turco - present

### **Public Comment:**

Counsel for owner of 142 Pleasant Street was present to request property be placed in the Special Development Overlay District and inquired as to process.

The Council president asked that all relevant information be submitted to the Town Clerk so that it may be placed on next agenda for referral to the Planning Board.

### **Committee Reports**

Councilor Letterie reported on the EB Newton Reuse Committee stating that there would be more information forthcoming at the first meeting in August.

Councilor Maggio reported from the Health & Safety Committee saying that during the recent water break area businesses were assisted through the Board of Health.

### **Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager James McKenna reported on the following items:

- Town Hall relocating offices to make room for the School Department is going well
  - Many documents being archived
  - Offices are being carpeted and repainted
  - Veteran's Office is being relocated to American Legion building
  - Building Department has moved to DPW Office at Kennedy Drive
  - Purchased weather proof containers for storage that will be permanently housed in the town hall lot for storage.
  - We need a complete archival system.
  
- We just closed the Fiscal Year 2010 and began Fiscal Year 2011
- Upcoming Cable Contract with Comcast – there will be a public hearing in August
- Recent meeting with HUDD
- Recent meeting with Winthrop Housing Authority
- Status of Dalrymple School redevelopment
- Recent meeting with Harbor Committee relative to a host of issues like fishing and finger piers at the Landing
- Finalist soon to be selected for High School Renovation project
- Ongoing meetings and discussions with MWRA as it relates to public safety in and around Deer Island
- Status of Harbor Master Office in Landing
- Ongoing inquiries and information gathering relative to wind turbine installation and possible purchase of the Town's streetlights
- Ribbon Cutting and Ferry Launch Event Details

The Department of Public Works Director Dave Hickey answered questions on the following:

- Status of Putnam Street project and its expected impact on the schools.
- Trash routes and pick up procedures
- Sinkholes and storm drains
- Ingleside Park flood litigation
- Street sweeping enforcement and schedule

## **OLD BUSINESS**

President Turco outlined the process to be used in the annual evaluation of the Town Manager, distributed the evaluations and asked that they be returned at the next Council Meeting.

Discussion on Fiscal policies going forward the following topics were mentioned:

- Ideas of new revenue growth
- Capital plan five years out
- Health and utility costs going forward
- Funding collective bargaining going forward

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore, seconded by Councilor Letterie: to approve Council President's appointment of Francis P. Carberry, to the Winthrop Retirement Board Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford, seconded by Councilor Letterie: to approve Council President's appointment of Vice President Calla, Councilor Boncore and Councilor Varone as Chair, to the Town Manager Review. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford, seconded by Councilor Letterie: to approve Council President's appointment of Joseph P. Dow to the Planning Board for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie, seconded by Councilor Powers: to approve Council President's appointment of Marie Wynne to the Board of Registrars of Voters for a term to expire March 31, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Councilor Varone, seconded by Councilor Boncore: to approve Council President's appointment of Richard Ferrino to the Historical Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie, seconded by Councilor Boncore: to approve Council President's appointment of Nancy Pulson to the Council on Aging for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford, seconded by Councilor Letterie: to approve Council President's appointment of Mary Kelley to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford, seconded by Councilor Letterie: to approve Council President's appointment of Scott Bocchio to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

President Turco then distributed a memo outlining his appointments for the Charter Review Committee stating that no one in the Community had applied. Councilor Maggio asked that the appointments be postponed citing that this was the first time the Council had seen the list of appointments. Councilor Powers suggested that the Council move forward in light of the fact that after discussion at prior Council Meetings and posting to the Web, no applicants came forward. President Turco stated that he would hold appointments until the next meeting in case a citizen had interest.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Turco asked members to review Open Meeting Law, with increased guidelines on posting and agenda notification. He also reported from the School Committee that Viking Pride recently presented a check for \$50K to the school department and commended that organization for their good work.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guy Brandenstein of Trident Ave thanked the Town Manager for response to pier questions.

**Motion by Councilor Letterie, seconded by Councilor DelVento to adjourn for the evening at approximately 9pm. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.**

Meeting Notes Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Karas

Prepared for Council Vote: Clerk Carla Vitale

### **Documents Used in this meeting are as follows:**

1. Town Manager's Council Meeting Packet dated July 20,2010
2. Petition of 142 Pleasant Street to be placed in Special Development Overlay District
3. Committee Appointment Letters for all above appointments.
4. Powerpoint presentation on fiscal policy.

**These documents can be found in the Town Clerk's Office upon request.**