



Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2010

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Turco called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Harvey Room of Town Hall. Councilor Varone, Councilor DeVento, Councilor Sanford, and Councilor Boncore, Councilor Maggio, Councilor Powers and Vice President Calla were present. Councilor Letterie had a prior engagement and could not attend.

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

President Turco, hearing no objection, took the introduction of our new Superintendent Dr. Lisi as the first order of business. Dr. Lisi told the Council he is a former Superintendent in Nahant, longtime Principal of Westford Academy and a former Selectman.

Minutes

Council President asked the Council if there was a motion for the approval of Minutes that had been distributed electronically. Councilor Maggio offered that the Minutes of August 17, 2010 needed to be amended to reflect the Town Clerk's reappointment thru the year 2013 rather than the stated 2010.

Motion by Councilor Powers, seconded by Councilor Boncore to approve the amended minutes of August 17, 2010 as submitted. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Councilor Varone, seconded by Councilor Powers to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010 as submitted by the Clerk. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Bill Stafford of 58 Tafts Avenue spoke regarding conditions of Tafts Avenue and Pratt Street relative to sidewalk damage and flooding.

President Turco read a letter into the record from Laura & Gary Lopez relative to the Ferry as well as an invitation from WCAT.

Committee Reports

Councilor Maggio reported on the recent meeting of the Committee on Committees stating the intent was to be a resource for committees and invite committees to come up periodically to report on their progress.

Conservation Committee Briefing

As mentioned above the first group to come before the Council was the Conservation Commission headed up by Chairwoman Mary Kelly. She along with other members of the Commission gave updates on Short Beach, and Yirrell Beach. There was also a discussion of different types of applications that the Conservation Commission accepts as well as a discussion relative to the appointment process.

Council President Turco gave a School Committee Update on the following:

- First Viking Pride Bus is in service
- School Committee has made a request to the Winthrop Teacher's Association to negotiate their contract in public session

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager James McKenna reported on the following items:

- The Manager introduced to the Council an Order of Taking relative to the Belle Isle Bridge Renovation Project and asked that the Council please execute the Order so that the project can be considered "Shovel Ready".

Councilor Boncore asked that the Council vote this before the Manager continues his report. Councilor DelVento excused himself from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilor Boncore, seconded by Councilor to authorize Order of Taking in those easement premises depicted as such on the Plan as Parcels W-TE-1 to W-TE-3 inclusive for all purposes incidental to the bridge replacement over Belle Isle Inlet (Federal Aid Project No. 002S(182)X. Said Order is attached to these minutes. Motion passed with 7 affirmative votes and one abstention.

The Manager then asked Police Chief Delehanty to give a brief overview of the Drug Take Back Event to be held in conjunction with Emergency Preparedness Day on September 25, 2010.

Town Manager's Report Continued:

- Radio Frequency Report from the FCC
- Proposal to increase traffic enforcement officer hours
- Proposal to move Council meetings to Cummings School
- Roof repair cost on EB Newton School update
- Wadsworth Building Safety Status Update
- Cable Contract hearing to take place September 28, 2010
- Transfer request of \$175 – request to refer to Finance Committee

- Community Gardens and Farmer's Market Proposal
- Status of Center construction project near completion

Old Business

Council President Turco asked for a motion to accept his appointment of Christine Dow to the Conservation Commission.

Motion by Councilor Boncore, seconded by Councilor Powers to approve Christine Dow to the Conservation Commission. President asked the Clerk to call the role:

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Letterie	Absent
Councilor DelVento	Present
Councilor Maggio	No
Councilor Sanford	Abstain
Councilor Boncore	Yes
Councilor Powers	Yes
Vice President Calla	Yes
President Turco	Yes

Motion passes 5 affirmative.

New Business

Council President asked if there was any objection to laying on the table until the next meeting the ongoing discussion of fiscal policies and a discussion on the Water / Sewer Rate Hearing none he proceeded to next order of business.

Motion by Councilor Boncore, seconded by Councilor Varone to appoint Peter Roche to the Planning Board for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Maggio reminded the public to be neat with their trash so as not to feed wild animals. She also reminded everyone to attend the Emergency Preparedness Day to be held on September 25, 2010 at the Cummings School.

Councilor Sanford invited the public to attend the "Friends Helping Friends" Event to be held on Saturday, September 11 at Ingleside Park to raise awareness of substance abuse.

Public Comment

Resident Peter Gill spoke relative to the appointment process going forward. Resident Marsha Allen of Forrest Street spoke relative to Conservation

Motion by Councilor Varone, seconded by Councilor DelVento to enter into Executive Session at 11pm to discuss contract negotiations with a non union employee. President stated the Council would adjourn for the evening after Executive Session and asked the Clerk to call the Roll.

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor DelVento	Yes
Councilor Maggio	Yes
Councilor Sanford	Yes
Councilor Boncore	No
Councilor Powers	Yes
Vice President Calla	Yes
President Turco	Yes

Motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale

Documents Used in this meeting are as follows:

1. Town Manager's Council Meeting Packet dated September 7, 2010
2. Committee Appointment Letters for all above appointments.
3. MWRA Mtg Posting
4. Letter from Joan Downey, Washington Ave
5. Letter from Laura Lopez of Gary's Restaurant
6. Invitation from WCAT
7. Letter from Conservation Committee Clerk, Marsha Allen
8. FCC Radio Frequency Report
9. Wadsworth Building Engineering Report

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