



Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 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 DelVento, Councilor Sanford, and Councilor Boncore, Councilor Maggio, Councilor Powers and Councilor Letterie were present. Vice President Calla had a prior engagement and could not 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.

Public Comment

Guy Brandenstein of Trident Avenue spoke on the Water/Sewer Rate for FY11.

Committee Reports

Councilor Maggio reported on the recent meeting of the Committee on Committees and that this Committee was continuing in its work.

Councilor Letterie reported on the progress of the Capital Assets Committee and stated the Committee voted to recommend to the Council to support the Historical Commission's pursuit of a Historical Designation for the E.B. Newton School.

Councilor DelVento read from the Minutes of the Finance Committee's recent meeting. Said Minutes are attached with several recommendations to the full Council.

Councilor Letterie also reported on the status of the E.B. Newton Reuse Committee's meetings, as well as the High School Building Committee's recent meeting. He told the Council that a project manager, had been chosen and that the Town would be notifying the Mass School Building Association.

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

- Viking Pride Bus status
- School Committee has made a request to the Winthrop Teacher's Association to negotiate their contract in public session and still waiting a response
- The High School Accreditation meeting is coming up in early October

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager James McKenna reported on the following items:

- Putnam Street project has been taken over by the Bond Company for Cape Ann Construction.
- The Manager introduced an amended Order of Taking relative to the Belle Isle Bridge Renovation Project that would provide indemnification to the owner of the property by a payment for two easements in the amount of \$2000.
- Grant award for enhanced domestic violence training
- TSAC recommendation of a 4-way stop at Herman Street
- Parking solutions for the increased traffic at Town Hall
- Soon to be scheduled precinct meeting on Herman Street Bus Route.
- DEP filed against the Town for our efforts at Yirrell Beach to protect our residents from the recent Hurricane.
- Fire Chief is back from recent medical leave
- Suburban Hotel has asked for a traffic study of Shirley Street
- Clearwire Lease on Hale Avenue is on hold and a safe alternative is being sought

Councilor Maggio thanked recent retiree Norma Gobiell for her years of service to the School Department.

Motion by Councilor Letterie, seconded by Councilor Sanford to appoint John R. DeLeo as a Constable in the Town of Winthrop for a term to expire June 30, 2011. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Knowing the "Order of Taking" was next, Councilor DeVento excused himself from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilor Varone, seconded by Councilor Powers to authorize the amended Order of Taking, dated 9/21/10, 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.

Motion by Councilor Letterie, seconded by Councilor Boncore to transfer \$2,000 from the Sale of Lands account to the legal account in the Town Manager's Budget.

Councilor Maggio reminded the viewers that Saturday, September 25th, would be Emergency Preparedness Day at the Cummings School Driveway.

Council President stated the following reminders:

- that there would be an Ordinance Review Meeting at 7pm on September 28th, at the Senior Center for the public to provide input to the Ordinance Review Committee
- October 19th would be the Fall Forum on Town Services
- October 26th would be a Councilor Roundtable Workshop Meeting.

Motion by Councilor Maggio, seconded by Councilor Powers to adjourn at approximately 9:30pm. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Vitale

Documents Used in this meeting are as follows:

1. Town Manager's Council Meeting Packet dated September 21, 2010
2. Revised Order of Taking
3. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

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