



Town Council Meeting
May 3, 2011

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Turco called the meeting to order at 7 PM in the Cummings Multi-purpose Room. All Members were present and the Clerk called the roll.

Minutes

Minutes from April 5 were tabled until they could be completed.

Motion by Councilor Varone, 2nd by Councilor Calla to approve the Minutes of April 26, 2011.

Public Comment

Mr. Stafford spoke on traffic and windmills at Deer Island.

Todd Sacco commented on same items.

Committee Reports

Councilor Maggio encouraged the Town to participate in the Health Departments Survey online.

Town Manager's Report

Manager McKenna reported on the following items:

- Hermon Street gas line project
- Deer Island animal control enforcement

He then invited Tara Mizrahi & Adam Berman representing the developer and the engineer on the proposed Temple redevelopment project to give an overview of the plan to build affordable housing along with a new Temple on Shirley Street. Mr Berman stated big picture goals of providing housing, life enrichment services as well as maintaining the Temple. It was explained that this property would need to be put into the Special Development Overlay District and that the matter had been referred to the Planning Board for review. Once the Planning Board submitted a report and recommendation to the Council. The Council would then hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance change.

Manager McKenna continued to report on the following:

- asked that the Board of Health proposed Rental Unit ordinance be referred to Rules & Ordinance
- Winthrop Beach conducted an emergency clean up effort of septic discs after a plant in New Hampshire had been compromised.

- status of the Pond Street Playground enhancements
- vandalism to fence at Ingleside Park
- Dawes Playground improvement project
- update on Operation Urban Shield to be held soon at the Town Landing
- Update on new information from the Federal Census of 2010 recently released and informed the Council that the information is interesting and can be found on the Town Clerk's web page.
- status on Regional Dispatch E911 Agreement with Revere
- costs of collective bargaining agreements
- year end school bills

Public Comment

Guy Brandenstein spoke on the Hermon Street gas project

Councilor Boncore made a motion, 2nd by Vice President Letterie to enter into Executive Session per Council Rule #7b. President Turco asked the Council Clerk to call the Roll.

The Council came back into open session and the Clerk called the Roll.

Committee Appointments

Motion made by Councilor Powers, 2nd by Vice President Letterie to appoint Keith Hershenson as Constable through June 30, 2012.

New Business

President Turco announced that the fiscal year 2012 budget hearing will be held May 31, 2011 at 7pm in the Cummings School. Discussion on digital recording of meetings will be held to a future meeting.

MIS & Finance Consolidation Discussion

Several Councilors asked questions relative to salary, impact and savings of this plan.

Motion made by Councilor Boncore, 2nd by Vice President Letterie to table for another meeting while answers to concerns were gathered by the Manager and his staff.

Motion made by Vice President Letterie, 2nd by Councilor Powers to adjourn.

Submitted,

Carla Vitale, Town Clerk