

Town Council Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2011

Special Town Council Meeting Consolidation Implementation Discussion Held from August 2, 2011

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Turco called the Town Council Special Meeting to order at 5:00 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. Councilor Varone, Councilor Letterie, President Turco, Councilor Sanford, Councilor Maggio were present with Councilor Boncore to join shortly. President Turco announced that a quorum was established with 5 of the 9 Councilors present. Councilor Boncore arrived at 5:05.

Councilor Calla and Councilor DelVento had prior obligations.
Councilor Powers on vacation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Sanford.

President Turco welcomed Kathy Hickey as the new Council Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Consolidation Implementation Discussion Held from August 2, 2011

President Turco opened discussion with the recommendation from Ms. Osborne of the School Committee that the Motions be separated into three parts – Finance, Buildings & Grounds/Facilities Manager, and MIS, as they had been were discussed at prior night school committee meeting.

Councilor Letterie spoke about not being a proponent of the consolidation.

Councilor Maggio spoke against the consolidation.

President Turco urged councilors to reject the motions to rescind the consolidation. He also stated the consolidation could be revisited in three months if presented to him by the Superintendent and the Superintendent and the Town Manager are putting together MOU “Memorandum of Understanding” regarding implementing the consolidation.

Councilor Boncore spoke on behalf of the consolidation and supporting the Town Manager and Superintendent.

Councilor Sanford agrees with Councilor Boncore in favor of going forward.

Councilor Varone spoke in favor of going forward.

Finance Director Michael Bertino spoke in favor of consolidation and the overall utilization of resources and the savings it would bring to the Town.

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Superintendent Macero spoke about working and connecting with the Town Manager and the timing is perfect for consolidation. Superintendent states that if at any time he feels the consolidation isn't working he would not have a problem coming forward.

Motion by President Turco to Rescind the Town Council Approval of the Consolidation of Finances

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Roll Call: Councilor Maggio - Yes
Councilor Calla - Absent
Councilor Sanford - No
Councilor Boncore - No
Councilor Varone - No
Councilor DelVento - Absent
Councilor Powers - Absent
Vice President Letterie - Yes
Council President Turco - No

Motion Failed; Aye 2, Nay 4.

Motion by President Turco to Rescind the Town Council Approval of a Buildings & Grounds/ Facilities Manager

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Roll Call: Councilor Maggio - Yes
Councilor Calla - Absent
Councilor Sanford - No
Councilor Boncore - No
Councilor Varone - No
Councilor DelVento - Absent
Councilor Powers - Absent
Vice President Letterie - Yes
Council President Turco - No

Motion Failed; Aye 2, Nay 4.

Motion by President Turco to Rescind Consolidation as it relates to the MIS Department

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Roll Call: Councilor Maggio - No
Councilor Calla - Absent
Councilor Sanford - No
Councilor Boncore - No
Councilor Varone - No
Councilor DelVento - Absent
Councilor Powers - Absent
Vice President Letterie - No
Council President Turco - No

Motion Failed; Aye 0, Nay 6.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Charvis states that initially she wasn't for the consolidation but if you don't go forward you will never know.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Sanford

2nd by Councilor Varone

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Cerulli Hickey
Council Clerk Secretary*

A DVD of this meeting is available at WCAT upon request.