

# **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **AUGUST 16, 2011**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Turco called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. Councilor Varone, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Powers, Councilor Letterie, President Turco, Councilor Boncore, Councilor Sanford, Councilor Calla and Councilor Maggio were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Powers. President Turco announced that a quorum has been established.

### **MINUTES**

July 19, 2011 – Not yet received from Town Clerk.  
August 2, 2011 –  
August 5, 2011 –

President Turco presented David Hickey Director of Public Works a Citation from the Town Council for his professional work.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

There was no objection to taking Public hearing to discuss Middle School/High School proposal out of order.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OF MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSAL**

Superintendent of Schools, John Macero introduced the members of the School Building Committee and did a presentation on the Mission of the School Building Committee and the Feasibility Study. "MSBA" Mass School Building Authority and Lauren Warnick from HMFH.

Mary Anne Williams Project Manager for this Project explained that a Feasibility Study needs to be done in order to have the state fund the project. There was an explanation of how much this would cost, how much we will be reimbursed from the state and how long the project should take. Mary Ann gave different scenarios of how much this project could cost.

Dave Docker Co-chair explained we are still looking at what our needs will be. Dave also stated that some sub-committees would be formed Finance Committee, Public Outreach and Sub-Committee for Educational Program.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Coach Magee stated that she is getting great positive feedback about the two schools being in one area. Coach Magee went on to explain of her plans to try to get a new track.

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Superintendent Macero said that once the plans are in place that would be something that we look into.

Diana Kortcho asked about timelines and Superintendent Macero explained we are at the beginning stages and the Town will have 90 days from the time it is approved until the Project goes out to vote. Another option to look at would be look at a model school that has already been built.

Assessor Peter Gill asked how the Model School would save money and it was explained by Superintendent Macero and the Project Manager that should we use the Model School it would save money on the plans and it would expedite the process.

Guy Brandenstein had concerns about if one of the schools were sold should that money offset the cost of the new school. Superintendent Macero explained that until the Feasibility Study is done we are not sure what would be done with the school and that it would be up to the Town Council once the School is turned over to decide what to do with the school.

Council President addressed the Project Manager on the responses on how many people responded to the survey (300 survey and 2,000 school children) and wanted to know if it was a disappointing participation rate. The project manager thought the response was good considering the short amount of time

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeanne Maggio on announced that she will not seek reelection.

### **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Works Committee** - Councilor Calla reported on the meeting of August 8, 2011. The two topics discuss were Winter Parking Survey (available on the Town Website) and the Winthrop Street Corridor Project, which is a Transportation Improvement Project. Councilor Varone stated he is very excited about this project and would like to invite Geode to the public hearing that will be held in September.

**Town Manager Evaluation Committee Report** – Councilor Letterie requested the Council submit the Evaluation Forms used to evaluate the Town Manager in order for the Council to consolidate their evaluations into a representation of the council.

Councilor Boncore set time for 6:30 on August 30, 2011 for the Rules and Ordinance Committee.

Councilor Varone requested a closing time for the parks be placed on the Agenda.

President Turco requested that the number of appointees be set for the Planning Board be placed on the Agenda.

President Turco congratulated the Robotics Team from the Middle School on their win.

President Turco and Town Manager met in the morning to discuss regionalization and President Turco thanked the Manager and Councilor for their support. Town Manager Mr. McKenna stated the regionalization is evolving in a good way and thanked Revere and Chelsea for their support.

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

Town Manager James McKenna spoke on:

- Public Works Projects
  - Nahant Avenue
  - Somerset, Bellevue and Prescott changing waters services changing from lead copper.

There was a discussion of Chapter 90 monies. The Town Manager requested that the Council authorize the use of the money being allocated.

**Councilor Sanford brings forward a motion to Authorize \$516,714 for Chapter 90 for the Improvement Projects on Nahant Avenue, Somerset Avenue, Bellevue Avenue and Prescott**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Powers**

**Motion Passes**

The Manager continued his report on:

- Bridge Work Status - Tom McAlaney is scheduling a project update with the FAA and Mass DOT. They have come to an agreement with the project to move forward.
- Negotiations with Comcast contract west sent to Kopelman and Paige.
- The process of interviewing auditors and should have candidates over the next few weeks.
- Process of recruiting a DPW Director and forming a Recruitment Committee and utilizing the same committee for recruiting a Facilities Manager.
- 154 Tafts Avenue - Mr. McKenna stated he has authorized the Building Inspector Jim Soper to check on the Winthrop side of the property.
- Management letter from the auditor from prior fiscal year.

There was a discussion about the ethics forms given out by the Town Clerk.

Councilor Varone wanted to know about National Grid status on Winthrop Street, the Town Manager said they were testing and should be in and out of the area in a months time. Councilor Maggio would like a discussion in the future about Enterprise Funds. She would like to know when the Beachmont Project will be finished. There was discussion of the parking of National Grid vehicles on the streets. Councilor Maggio

wanted to know the status of the Belle Isle Project. Mr. McKenna will follow up with the statuses of these projects and the parking issues.

Councilor Letterie wanted to know if The Golf Course Lease was up and Mr. McKenna stated when the lease is up he will draft up a proposal through the procurement process.

President Turco would like to refer the whole matter of the Enterprise Funds to the Finance Committee.

Recess was called for 5 minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Supplemental Transfer from School \$147K-tabled.

Petition for Designation of Overlay District -Temple will be advertised and a public hearing will be held September 6, 2011.

### **Proposed Ordinances**

#### **Sale of tobacco products**

**Councilor Powers made a motion to waive the reading of Tobacco Products**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sanford**

**Motion passes**

There was discussion about permits, fees and licenses, having vending machines and selling tobacco products.

**Motion by Councilor Powers to amend the motion to not include fees**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by President Turco**

**Councilor Maggio-Yes; Councilor Calla-Yes; Councilor Sanford-Yes; Councilor Boncore-No; Councilor Varone-No; Councilor Delvento-No; Councilor Powers-Yes; Councilor President Turco-Yes; Vice President Letterie-No**

**5 to 4 in favor of amend the motion to eliminate fees**

There was a discussion about keeping the fees and permits and keeping track of who is selling tobacco fees.

**Motion put forward by Board of Health and Mass Tobacco Control Program to prohibit vending machines, issue a permit and license to anyone selling tobacco products.**

**Motion passes as amended**

### **Keeping of Animals**

Regulations for licensing and application processes.

**Motion by Councilor Boncore Ordinance Review Committee for the Keeping of Animals for a new Ordinance 6.02 of the Town Bylaws  
Motion Passes**

Ordinance Review Committee by Councilor Boncore meeting will be August 30, 2011.

### **Council Rule Changes from Rules and Ordinances Committee**

**Motion from Councilor Boncore to Table voting of Ordinance Review Committee 17.12.080 and 17.12.100 Parking in Residence Distirct page 57-70  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandford  
Motion passes**

Richard Dimento talked about residential parking.  
Robert Dimento spoke about unregistered vehicles.

There was a lengthy discussion of unregistered, uninsured vehicles and the difference between two different bylaws and two conflicting provisions for 72 hours rule with some discretion and capped at one car.

Guy Brandenstein of Trident Avenue spoke of what can and can't be stored on property.  
Richard Dimento also spoke on ordinance being referred back to planning board.  
Robert Dimento also spoke on enforcement.

Council President Turco recommended that Ordinances 17.12.080 and 17.12.100 referred to Planning Board (Zoning Issues).

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Historical Committee Appointments**

Donald Simonini – Term expires June 30, 2014

**Motion by Boncore  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Sanford  
Motion Passes**

#### **Winthrop Cultural Council**

Linda Raineville – Term expires June 30, 2014

**Motion by Boncore  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Sanford  
Motion Passes**

Goldie Boncore – Term expires June 30, 2013  
**Motion by Vice President Letterie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by councilor Powers**  
**Phil Boncore recused himself**  
**Motion Passes**

Beth L. Herbert – Term expires June 30, 2012  
**Motion by Vice President Letterie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sanford**  
**Motion Passes**

School Building Committee  
Barbara Flavin  
Karin Charvis  
William Holden  
Dottie Donfrinio  
**Motion by Councilor Sanford**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> By Letterie**  
**Motion Passes**

Future Meeting Dates will be the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The dates are as follows:

September 6, 2011 and September 20, 2011  
October 4, 2011 and October 18, 2011 (Fall Forum)  
November 1, 2011 and November 15, 2011  
December 6, 2011 and December 20, 2011

October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 we are required for Fall Forum. May need to meet from 6-7 if we have previous business.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Dimento had spoke about water bills.  
Robert Dimento asked if we are working on a customer complaint system.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilor Sanford to Adjourn  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Letterie

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Public Documents used in this meeting are available in the Town Manager's Office.  
A CD of this meeting is available at WCAT.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Town Council Clerk  
Kathleen S. Hickey*