

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 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. All members of the Council were present and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Town Manager James McKenna.

July 19, 2011 – *Not yet received from Town Clerk.*

Councilor Sanford motion to approve minutes of September 20, 2011

2nd by Councilor Maggio

(Councilor Calla and Varone abstained from vote due to absence at meeting)

Motion Passes

Councilor Letterie motion to approve minutes of October 4, 2011

2nd by Councilor Powers

(Councilor Calla and Boncore abstained from vote due to absence at meeting)

Motion Passes

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Maggio reported on Health and Safety Committee Report on Flu Clinics to be held 4-7 Wednesday at the Senior Center and also on November 2.

Councilor Powers Chairman of the Council Finance Committee informed the council of a meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 25, 2011 at 6:30 to discuss eight items from previous the Agendas.

Councilor Boncore Chairman of Rules and Ordinance scheduled a meeting for Monday, October 24, at 7:00 to discuss Vacant Buildings. Residency of Sex Offender, Child Sex Offender in a Child Safety Zone.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager James McKenna spoke:

- Final approval for \$300,000 for Phase I Design for the Harborwalk. The Town Manager provided a handout to depict the area encompassing the Landing down

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to Lewis Lake and the need for economical development and for recreational resource for areas that need revitalization.

- Brief memo on consolidation will be out later this week. This is an ongoing periodic report of what is happening this memo that will identify appointments that are made and will update to the Town Council and School Committee.
- Update on DPW is in the process of interviewing several very qualified applicants and should have a good recommendation by end of week.
- Mr. McKenna praised Michael Bertino, Steve Calla and the Fire Department for pulling together an important playground project at the Gorman School, he stated he is very proud of his administration and all the parents and families.
- Anticipation of the House and Senate to restore local aid in the FY12 Supplemental Budget. This is "one time" revenue and Mr. McKenna encouraged the Council to start thinking about how to utilize these funds. Some of the suggestions he spoke of were the three boiler problems in the schools and the American Legion improvements or savings opportunities. Councilor Varone to schedule a sub-committee meeting with Capital Improvements. Mr. McKenna would like to see this as an opportunity to take care of some outstanding issues.

President Turco had questions about the \$300,000 funded for the Harborwalk and if the funding would continue after the funding of Phase I, Mr. McKenna believed the funding would continue whereas they funded Phase I. President Turco praised speaker DeLeo's office for their help.

Councilor Maggio wanted to know if the boiler conversion is finished at town hall, Mr. McKenna said it was about 99% done.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Appointments

Pursuant to Section 2-10(b) of the Winthrop Town Charter, Council President Turco appointed the following to:

Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

David E. Ferreira

Said appointment expires on June 30, 2013

Motion by Councilor Sanford

2nd by Councilor Powers

Motion passes

This appointment was held from October 4, 2011 meeting in order to have the application circulated to the Council.

Supplemental Transfer from School – \$147k – Tabled

Harbor Management Committee Re naming of Ferry Terminal – Tabled

Council Rules Changes-Vacant Building Ordinance – Meeting scheduled for October 24.

Proposed Zoning Ordinances – Zoning Study Committee to look at proposed ordinances first. President Turco asked the Town Manager that the Council would like to see something soon from Peter Roche.

Fort Banks Access Road Issues – On table until November 1, 2011 questions brought up by Councilor DelVento initiated a vote be taken.

President Turco made a motion to table Fort Bank Access road until November 1, 2011 Council Meeting

2nd Boncore

Motion Passes; Aye 7, Nay 2.

Report from Town Manager on WCAT Funding Allocation. Council President made a request to the Town Manager to reach out to Mr. Moses from WCAT regarding the Benchmark from 2010 and memorialized 10-year deal with Comcast.

Winter Parking Regulations – Councilor Varone stated that they don't have surveys back but they would like to add additional winter parking and would like to refer it to Public Health and Safety. Councilor Letterie would like to see it referred to TSAC. Chief Delehanty stated this would be an ordinance change and suggested a combined meeting of Council Rules and Ordinances and TSAC for a joint meeting.

Councilor Calla stated that on the Town website under News and Announcements the Winter Parking Survey is there if anyone would like to participate.

Councilor Varone along with the Chief Delehanty are putting to together a Sex Offender Ordinance regarding their residency near schools and child safety zones. There was some extensive discussion about the Sex Offender Ordinances and has been referred to Rules and Ordinances.

Councilor DelVento asked if there was anything written into the leases of the E.B. Newton and the Town Manager stated that they CORI Check individuals.

Regarding Sex Offender Ordinances, Council President Turco suggested that if Rules and Ordinances can have a meeting and if they have sufficient time to get it published as an Emergency Ordinance. Councilor Sanford would like to move this as quickly as possible. Councilor Varone is more concerned about the rights of our children.

Motion by President Turco to refer matter to Rules and Ordinances as an Emergency

2nd by Varone

Motion Passes

Financial Transfers on Agenda

Discussion of Enterprise Funds, Transfers and Requests for tabled matters on previous Agendas is on the Agenda for Finance Committee Meeting for October 25, 2011

Council President asked the Town Manager about the state of the Court Road repairs and the Town Manager stated he was waiting to hear back from Mr. Orphant.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Section 2-10(b) of the Winthrop Town Charter, Council President Turco appointed the following:

Member of the Handicap Access Commission

Lee Dzedulionis

Motion by Councilor Powers

2nd by councilor Maggio

Motion passes

Pursuant to Section 2-10(b) of the Winthrop Town Charter, Council President Turco appointed the following:

Alternate member of the School Building Committee

Vincent Crossman

Motion by Councilor Letterie

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Motion Passes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Town Clerk Carla Vitale brought to the attention of the Council outstanding minutes from July 19, 2011 that she was asked to finish. There was a lengthy discussion regarding who should be responsible for the minutes. Council Clerk Kathy Hickey stated that she was not appointed until August 2, 2011 and her first meeting was August 5, 2011.

Motion by Councilor Sanford to table the discussion until the next meeting on November 1, 2011.

2nd by Councilor Maggio

Motion passes

Councilor Maggio questioned if this qualified for Executive Session.

Peg Riley and Peter Gill also made comments about Executive Session.

President Turco stated just for the record that the minutes with the Town Clerk was not an agenda item and not intended to be discussed tonight but the Town Clerk brought it up under Public Comment.

Dick Dimes commented on the Charter and how it should be carried out.

It was suggested by Councilor Sanford that the Town Manager, the Town Clerk and the Council President meet to resolve this issue before the next meeting on November 1, 2011.

Councilor DelVento made a request that the Town Manager get an opinion from the Town Attorney Kopelman and Paige regarding the Town Clerk's position.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Councilor Varone to Adjourn
2nd by Councilor Boncore**

Town Council Meeting Adjourned at 7:10.

A CD of this meeting is available from WCAT.

Public Documents used in this meeting are available in the Town Manager's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Kathleen S. Hickey