

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 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 Calla, Councilor Sanford and Councilor Maggio were in attendance and a quorum was established.

Councilor Boncore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no objection to take out of order the Town Clerk Performance Review.

Motion by Councilor Powers to table indefinitely the Evaluation - Town Clerk Performance Review

2nd by Boncore

Motion Passes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Brandenstein of Trident Avenue stated he was confused by the delay of the appointments. Council President Turco and Councilor Letterie explained that any member of the council has a right to make postponements as stated in the Town Charter. Council President Elect Peter Gill spoke regarding the appointments stating he did not have a problem with Council President Turco making his appointments but he does have an issue with one of his appointments as he had explained previously to each councilor.

APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Varone requested that each appointment be read separately.

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

Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee

Please note that these appointments were tabled from Council Meeting of November 15, 2011, motions were made and 2nd but not voted on until this meeting. Each appointment was called separately followed by discussion from councilors.

Motion by Councilor Boncore

2nd By Councilor Powers

Robert Wynne
Motion Passes

Barbara Flavin
Motion Passes

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Mark Rotondo
Motion Passes

Councilor DelVento brought forward a Point of Order regarding the reading of correspondence as it was left off the Agenda. Council President proceeded with correspondence noting it was left off inadvertently.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council President Turco read verbatim letters/emails from Maria Hodgkins, Jerome Falbo, Diane Powell, Gus Martucci and Anthony "Bones" Martucci.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Continued

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

Board of Assessors

Please note that this appointment was tabled from Council Meeting of November 15, 2011, motions were made and 2nd but not voted on until this meeting. Each appointment was called separately followed by discussion from councilors.

Motion by Councilor Boncore

2nd By Councilor Calla

Scott Kinsella
Motion Passes

Councilor Letterie stated although Mr. Kinsella is qualified he will vote not at this time. President Turco urged councilors to vote for Mr. Kinsella as he is well qualified. Point of Privilege brought forward by President Elect Gill clarifying his statement on appointments. Councilor Maggio stated she will fulfill her duties as Councilor and will vote for the best interest of the community. There was a discussion amongst the councilors on what is best for the Town and what is a personality conflict and the councilors will vote on who they feel is best suited for the appointments.

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

License Commission

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Motion by Councilor Boncore

2nd By Councilor Powers

(Tabled until December 6, 2011)

Paolo Franzese, Esq.

Councilor DelVento brought forward a Point of Order and read 9.14 Vacancies of the Town Charter and does not believe the position was posted for 14 days.

The Town's Attorney Ms. Lane of Koppleman and Paige said there is no penalty if not done but does required it shall be done. Councilor Maggio suggested the appointment vacancy should be made public and tabled until December 6, 2011 meeting.

Councilor Letterie made a motion to table License Commission Appointment until December 6, 2011 nomination still in place

2nd by Councilor Powers

Motion Passes

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Motion by President Turco to approve Town Manager's Contract Extension

2nd by Boncore

Motion Passes

Councilor Delvento wants to table although he supports the Town Manager he thinks it's being rushed and it should wait until the new council is in place. Councilor Boncore brought forth a Point of Information stating the Town Managers contract has been on the table for months and only 2 people are changing out of the 9 council members and the council works together. President Turco urged the council to approve the Town Manager's contract stating he has had a positive review, didn't take a raise when his employees didn't receive a raise, took same pay raise as his employees, and 8 out of 9 councilors gave him a glowing recommendation. Regarding making appointments and the changing of the council, President Turco played a three-minute excerpt from a School Committee Meeting of October 2009, a similar situation had taken place and it was agreed to vote although a new board had been elected. Councilor DelVento requested a five minute recess to speak to the Town's Attorney. Councilor DelVento stated he had a few concerns and they were resolved after speaking with the Town's Attorney.

The Town Manager thanked everyone and stated he has a wonderful team of employees. He praised the volunteers for the countless hours they give to the community. He stated he is excited to see new faces and to see President Elect Gill and that he is happy to be able to continue as Town Manager.

There was no objection when President Turco asked to go out of order and take Public Comment before going into Executive Session

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Boncore noted that the applause for Mr. McKenna was the first time in months that people agreed. He also noted that the two candidates in our recent election were complete gentleman and we have got to work together to go forward – CHILL. Councilor Boncore also wanted to thank the people who get involved stating there are

few people who put in for the positions on boards and committees. President Elect Gill thanked Councilor Boncore for his comments and stated he looks forward to working with him.

President Turco made a motion to go to Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel regarding the Council Clerk

2nd by Boncore

Roll Call Vote

Motion Passes Unanimously

President called a brief recess at 8:00 pm

Motion by Councilor Maggio to end Executive Session

2nd by Councilor Calla

Roll Call Vote

Motion Passes Unanimously

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT.

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

Emails/Letters from Maria Hodgkins, Attorney Falbo, Diane Powell, Gus Martucci and Anthony "Bones" Martucci.

DVD from School Committee Meeting of October 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Kathleen S. Hickey