

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 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 and Councilor Maggio were in attendance and a quorum was established. Council Sanford was on vacation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Boncore.

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

Fall Forum of October 18, 2011

Councilor Maggio motion to approve minutes of November 1, 2011

2nd by Councilor Powers

Motion

Minutes for November 15, 2011

Councilor Powers motion to approve minutes of November 1, 2011

2nd by Councilor Maggio

Motion

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Gill of Precinct 2 read a letter he sent to the Council. Colleen Cost of Governor's Park presented a petition against eminent domain. Spencer Wingate, Jim Corkham, Todd Sacco, Amy Moran, Mike Falvey – Trustees Association of Governors Park, John LeBlanc Property Manager of Governor's Park, Dawn Manning, Lois Baxter, Chief of Police Terence Delehanty, Jeanne Farbe, Joe Vaccaro all spoke on the pros and cons of an access road at Governor's Park. Public safety and safety of children being the biggest issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council President Turco read a letter from Attorney Cipoletta letter regarding Pleasant Park Yacht Club. Council President Turco summarized the letters received from Councilor Elect Mael, Governors Park Attorney and emails received regarding Governor's Park both for and against the access road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee meeting was held and there are 5 motions that will be brought forward.

Presentation by MAPC – Metropolitan Area Planning Council – Sam Cleaves –
Postponed until next meeting on December 20, 2011

President Turco congratulated the Town Manager for his appointment to the Boston Harbor Association as a Trustee

The Town Manager spoke on:

- Request from School to make FY11 budget adjustments – referred to Council Finance Committee
- Request from School to withdraw \$174,000 off the table
- Update on Ferry Service the construction has started at the Landing.
- Ferry to be a permanent service and working out issues with MBTA.
- Addressing issues of the Rink and Recreation Department including outstanding electrical bills, broken compressor and staffing. Created a new Rink management position and only expending monies when necessary.

There was discussion with CFO Michael Bertino regarding free cash that has been certified as of today. President Turco had questions about free cash \$392,000 of the general fund. School Refinancing saved 6 million paid for their portion of the debt and saving the taxpayers money.

Budget Report was presented by CFO Michael Bertino

Town Manager stated our revenues are flat and challenging the Town has a lot of projects going on.

- Walden Street/Ingleside Park Drainage Project to make improvements on Walden Street. A more detailed presentation to come in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from the Harbor Management Committee- RE: naming of the Ferry Terminal (tabled) – Veteran's Agent Larry Holmes will schedule a meeting by next council meeting on the proposal to name new terminal after Norm Seifert.

Parking plan for East Boston Neighborhood Health Center ("EBNHC") – Referred to Finance

Financial Transfer Requests

Enterprise Accounts - Nothing has been referred. Tabled

Discussion on the request of Finance Committee to transfer \$50,000 from the Harbor Waterways Fund for the repair of the seawall, drain and slope stabilization at the rear of 235 Court Road. These funds do not include Drain Pipe Repairs.

Motion from the Finance Committee Chair Councilor Powers that the Council approve to transfer \$50,000 from the Sale of Land Account to fund the necessary repairs to the outfall pipe, seawall and land at the rear of 235 Court Road.

Motion Passes

Request from the Town Clerk to transfer \$3,038.40 from Council Reserve to cover the cost of mandated census mailing.

Motion from the Finance Committee Chair Councilor Powers that the Council approves to transfer from the council reserve to cover the cost of mandated census mailing.

Motion passes

Request from the town Manager to allocate supplemental FY'12 local aid funding to various projects as outlined in the memo from the manager to the council dated October 27, 2011

Motion from the Finance Committee Chair Councilor Powers that the Council approve the transfer of \$123,830.00 from Supplemental FY12 local aid funds to various Town Departments for the following purposes:

Police Department

\$17,000 - Police Station weatherization and window repair

12,000 - Police chief Vehicle Replacement

EB Newton

\$30,000 Roof Repairs (local grant match)

Rink

\$11,830.00 – Locker room and common space heat

Daw Playground

\$25,000.00 – Playground equipment replacement

DPW

\$28,000 – Purchase of F350 pick up truck

Motion passes

There was a motion by Finance Committee Chair Councilor Powers to transfer \$97,114.00 for school side capital expenditures and a motion by Finance Committee Chair Councilor Powers to transfer \$16,100.00 originally identified in the manager's request as payment for new gas burners in the Middle School. There was discussion on the breakdown of the monies and CFO Michael Bertino brought forward a point of information for the Finance Committee to reconsider their decision based on the savings. Motion withdrawn by Councilor Powers and restored to original motion

Motion by Councilor Letterie to amend Finance Committee motion to restore original motion to approve \$113,214 for school side capital expenditures

2nd by Sanford

Motion passes

Motion from the Finance Committee Chair Councilor Powers to transfer \$20,777.00, identified in the Managers request as 10% contingency fee to Capital Reserve Account.

Motion passes

Gorman Fort Banks playground transfer tabled pending information.

Granicus proposal discussion tabled.

Motion by Councilor DelVento to amend sections 10.12.120 and 10.12.110 of Winthrop Municipal Code regarding left turns. Referred to Rules and Ordinances and TSAC. Public Hearing held and there was not any public comment.

Motion from the Rules and Ordinances Committee Chair Councilor Boncore to amend sections 10.12.120 and 10.12.110 of Winthrop Municipal Code regarding left turns

Motion passes

Town Manager requests the Town Council to modify section 10.16.100 "Parking limited at certain streets during certain times". Motion to be advertised for Public Hearing for December 20, 2011.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There was a discussion about the appointment of Paolo Franzese and the request to consider Ron Vecchia who has also put in an application.

Motion by Council President Turco to appointment Paolo Franzese, Esq. to the

Licensing Commission

Councilor Maggio – No

Councilor Calla – No

Councilor Sanford – No

Councilor Boncore – Yes

Councilor Varone – Yes

Councilor DelVento – No

Councilor Powers – Yes

Councilor Letterie – No

Council President Turco – No

6 Nays / 3 Ayes

Motion fails

A brief recess was called at 9:00

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Boncore for an emergency transfer of \$5,000 from the Council Reserve Fund into the Town Council Supplies and Equipment line item.

2nd by Letterie

Motion passes

Motion by President Turco to substitute the original two motions for Eminent Domain with a revised motion of eminent domain taking of 2 parking spaces with \$30,000 for compensation.

2nd by Varone

The Councilors, Town Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief discussed the revised motion being for emergency vehicles only and there was much talk about public safety being the main concern of all. After a lengthy discussion about the revised motions it was voted to table until the Special Council Meeting of December 8, 2011

Motion by Councilor Powers to table first part of motion until our next meeting on December 8, 2011

2nd by Letterie

Motion passes

Motion by Councilor Powers to table second part of motion until our next meeting on December 20, 2011

2nd by Sanford

Motion passes

Financial Transfer Requests

Regarding appropriation for water and sewer motions Councilor DelVento brought forward two Points of Order to waive council rules and to allow for immediate consideration

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Motion passes

Motion by Councilor Sanford to approve the request to allow the Town Manager to appropriate of \$554,600 (water), \$102,500 (sewer) for the financing construction, reconstruction or replacement of water/sewer mains on Somerset, Bellevue, Eleanor Court and Nahant streets.

2nd by Letterie

Motion passes

Regarding appropriation for Purchase of Street Lights Councilor DelVento brought forward two Points of Order to waive council rules to allow immediate consideration

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Motion passes

Motion by Councilor Letterie to approve the request to allow the Town Manager to appropriate \$116,000 to purchase of Town Street Lights
2nd by Councilor Calla
Motion passes

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Boncore made a motion to table the appointments until the December 20, 2011 meeting. of License Commission: Maureen L. Canavan, Esq. through 6/30/14; Maureen L. Canavan, Esq. – Vice Chairman and Donald J. Kearney – Chairman

Motion by Councilor Powers to schedule a public hearing on the December 20, 2011 meeting for Verizon to put in Underground Conduit.
2nd by Sanford
Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Boncore to allow the Town Manager to advertise Verizon Conduit petition to install Underground Conduit.
2nd by Letterie
Motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Sanford spoke of the loss of Bell Lieberman who recently passed away and will be missed by all.

Councilor Letterie thanked the Police Chief and Steve Calla for the mirror being put in at the bridge across from Dunkin Donuts.

President Turco congratulated Evelyn Houchins on celebrating her 100th birthday and also made a motion to present her with a citation
2nd by Powers
Motion passes

The Town Council Meeting went into Executive Session at 10:05 regarding the three-month review of the Council Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn from Executive Session
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Motion passes unanimously

Town Council Meeting Adjourned at approximately 10:45 pm

A CD of this meeting is available from WCAT.
Documents used in this meeting are available in the Town Manager's Office.
Letter from Peter Gill
Letter from Governor's Park Attorney – Perkins Anctil
Emails from citizens regarding Governor's Park
Town Manager's Report's
Budget Report Memo dated November 30, 2011 by CFO Michael Bertino
Petition from Governor's Park regarding Access Road
Letter From Attorney Cipoletta regarding Pleasant Park Yacht Club Public
Minutes from Finance Committee Meeting of November 30, 2011
Town Manager's Memo dated October 27,2011 regarding FY12 local aid for capital improvements

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Kathleen S. Hickey