

# **SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 20, 2011**

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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, Council Sanford and Councilor Maggio were all in attendance and a quorum was established. Councilor DelVento led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Minutes**

**July 19, 2011 – Town Clerk still pending**

**November 21, 2011 – Special Meeting**

**Motion to approve Minutes Councilor Varone**

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

**Motions Passes**

**December 6, 2011 – Council Meeting**

**Councilor Letterie motion to approve Minutes**

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

**Motions Passes**

**December 8, 2011 Special Meeting**

**Motion to approve Minutes Councilor Sanford**

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

**Motions Passes**

**Amend Minutes of September 6, 2011**

*The Council Clerk brought to the attention of the Council President that the Roll Call Vote regarding the Temple Petition vote had been taken but inadvertently had been left out of the minutes and would like to amend the minutes to reflect the vote for correction purposes only.*

**Council President Turco made a motion to amend minutes from September 6, 2011 Council Meeting**

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

**Motions Passes**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Osborne had questions for the Town Council and Town Manager regarding the Harbormaster, Memorials Committee and Executive Session. Regarding Dave's questions President Turco stated that questions regarding the Harbormaster are for the Town Manager and he should schedule a meeting with him. Councilor Boncore stated that Council Rules voted in December 11, 2007 to establish a committee that would consist of 5 members to accept recommendations of individuals with considerable character to be nominated for a memorial the Memorials Committee Chaired by Larry Holmes - Veterans Agent, a member of Historical Commission –Richard Ferrino, a member of Public Safety – Chief Flanagan and two citizens –

Mr. Richard Honan and Ms. Marylou Osborne. Mr. Lawton stated he was at the Memorials Committee Meeting and it was an open, advertised meeting and after discussion went to Executive Session. Mr. McNiff of Precinct 3 was puzzled by no reason given for Executive Session.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Turco read a letter from Chairman of Memorials Committee/Veteran's Agent Larry Holmes regarding naming of the Ferry Terminal and the DPW Building.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee met on December 13, 2011 and will bring forward five motions.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **MAPC Metropolitan Area Planning Council presented by Sam Cleaves**

Mr. Cleaves presented an overview of Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. He has worked with local members of the community including Chief Delehanty, Chief Flanagan, Dave Hickey, Eric Moore, Steve Calla and Mary Kelly toward infrastructure repair for natural hazards only. A draft Plan will be ready and on the website within the next few weeks and comments are encouraged. The Plan which includes risk identification, historical storm tracks, land use and basic assessment of identifying areas of storm surge and flooding were used in developing a multi-hazard emergency management plan.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Town Manager James McKenna spoke on:**

- **Regional Library Director** – Stated a fruitful discussion with Revere Library Trustees, the state is favorable and may have funding, exploring and looking for a memorandum of agreement. A Regional Library Director posting may come in January. The Director would be an employee of Revere and Winthrop would pay half of Director's salary but no benefits.
- **Weekly Update from Facilities Director** – Mr. Boyle has a lot to contend with and is making his rounds he will document all issues and it will be available for the Council.
- **Temple Plan Site B** – provided information for them to complete their application and a report will be provided to the Council.
- **Landing is Progressing** – received reports from Clerk of the Works.
- Parks and Recreation's Winter Brochure is out with lots of winter activities to take advantage of.
- **MWRA Letter Bonding Programs expired in 2013** – Letter to Steve Calla DPW Director regarding the MWRA's Local Pipeline and Waster System assistance Program (10 year interest-free loans) for local water projects.

There was discussion amongst the Town Manager and President Turco on making use of these funds and working with these programs.

Council President Turco had questions about the Dalrymple and the Manager stated they are putting together their final plans to go forward with construction hopefully in the spring. Councilor Letterie had questions about the sale price of the Dalrymple which the Town Manager stated \$1.252 million.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Request from the Harbor Management Committee- RE: naming of the Ferry Terminal (report from Memorial's Committee).** There was a recommendation from Mr. Lawton and Mr. Crosby of the Harbor Management Committee regarding Norma Seifert stating he gathered all information to get the Landing together, he was a General in the Airforce and there is a more deserving person than him

**Motion by Council President Turco to name the new Ferry Terminal after Norman Seifert 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sanford**  
**Motion Passes (8 to 1)**

There was a lengthy discussion praising Mr. Seifert and stating he fits all criteria except he is still living and Councilor Boncore would like to see wording changed he would have to vote no until wording is changed. Councilor Sanford supports naming Ferry Terminal after Norman Seifert states general speaking there is wiggle room in the language that would allow a building to be name after a living person and Councilor Maggio stated she would like to recognize and honor someone while they are living. Chief Flanagan stated both worked for 50 years of service without compensation and that is enough criteria to make them exempt to honor them.

There was no objection to taking the Financial Transfer Requests out of order.

**Motion from Chairman Powers of the Finance Committee to refer back Enterprise Accounts to full Council with the recommendation that Council meet with Citizens Finance Committee for a Round Table Discussion to occur in January.**  
**Motion Passes**

**Motion from Chairman Powers of the Finance Committee to approve a request of \$30,000 from the sale of land account to fund playground surface at the Fort Banks School**  
**Motion Passes**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the compliance of playground surfaces, costs and other playgrounds being in compliance.

**Motion from Chairman Powers of the Finance Committee to approve the request from the school to transfer \$74,576.93 from free cash to the School Department to cover expenditures from the FY11 Budget**  
**Motion Passes**

**Motion from Chairman Powers of the Finance Committee to approve the request as proposed by the Town Manager to Lease to East Boston Neighborhood Health Center 15 vehicle spaces at the EB Newton School for \$25,000 down and \$750 per month**  
**Motion Passes**

**Motion from Chairman Powers of the Finance Committee recommends the Town Manager to accept Plan B as presented by Granicus Proposal but prior to implementation a written plan be in place based on Plan B as stated on the Electronic Recording of Meetings.**

**Motion Passes**

*Note: There was no appropriation at this time this is to put together a written Plan for Plan B from Granicus Proposal. Many questions still on who is responsible for managing and administering the Plan more discussion needed on planning and what type of money and how many rooms would be equipped for meetings.*

There was public hearing to amend ordinance 10.16.100. There was a discussion on parking from Patrick Parronie, Jerry Barasano, Councilor Boncore, Councilor Letterie and Councilor Calla, Chief Delehanty also spoke on the recommendation coming from TSAC.

**Motion by Councilor Boncore that the Town Manager request the Town Council to modify two sections of the Town Ordinance 10.16.100 15 minute parking 8am–5pm on Winthrop Street “Parking limited at certain streets during certain times”**

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

**Motion Passes**

There was a public hearing regarding the Underground Conduit Installation from Verizon.

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to approve 196 feet of Conduit request from the Town Manager for permission for Verizon Petition for Underground Conduit installation**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Letterie**

**Motion Passes**

### **5 Minute Recess**

**Motion by Council President Turco to approve the appropriation of \$30,000 from the Sale of Land Account for the Eminent Domain Taking-Governor’s Park Condominium**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Varone - Yes; Councilor DelVento – Yes; Councilor Powers – Yes; Councilor Maggio – Yes; Councilor Calla – Yes; Councilor Sanford – Yes; Councilor Boncore – Yes; Vice President Letterie – Yes; Councilor President Turco Yes.**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Council President Turco made a motion to reconsider the recommendation of Paolo Franzese to License Commission**

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Varone - Yes; Councilor DelVento – No; Councilor Powers – Yes; Councilor Maggio – No; Councilor Calla – No; Councilor Sanford – No; Councilor Boncore – Yes; Vice President Letterie – No; Councilor President Turco - Yes.**

**5 Nay/ 4 Yea**

**Motion Fails**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to approve Maureen L. Canavan, Esq. – Vice Chairman of the Board of License Commission through June 30, 2014**

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

**Motions Passes**

**Motion by Councilor Powers to approve Donald J. Kearney – Chairman of the Board of License Commission through June 30, 2013**

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

**Motions Passes**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to set the Council Clerk Stipend at \$9,800**

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

**Motion Passes**

Chief Delehanty spoke in favor of increasing the stipend and Councilor DelVento would like the parameters of the job and role of duties identified.

### **Tax Classification FY2012 Public Hearing**

The Board of Assessor's Chairman Allen Maruzzi introduced new Tax Assessor Scott Kinsella. At this public hearing, Chairman Allen Maruzzi, Assessor Peter Gill and Assessor Scott Kinsella spoke about the tax rate process, the Tax Classification and the new tax rate being set at \$14.49 up from \$13.80 last year. The proposed Motion to adopt a residential factor of 1.0 maintaining a single tax rate for residential, commercial industrial and personal property. Finance Director Michael Bertino stated \$14.49 is an estimate and will still need to be Certified by the State after this public hearing.

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to set the Tax Rate Levy Percentage at 1.0** *The proposed Motion to adopt a residential factor of 1.0 maintaining a single tax rate for residential, commercial industrial and personal property.*

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

**Motion Passes**

There were questions as to why some property values dropped and it was stated that there is a 30-day period after the bills go to question the bills.

### **Financial Transfers**

There was a discussion amongst Councilor Powers, Councilor DelVento and the Town Manager regarding intradepartmental transfers. Intra does not need approval but could be rejected. The Town Manager stated that the Council voted on these already and Councilor Powers agreed that these are contractual raises that were already approved and don't need to go to the Finance Committee.

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to approve Interdepartmental Transfer from Town Manager to transfer \$117,683.44**

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

**Motion Passes**

**Motion by Councilor Powers to approve of Intradepartmental Transfers from the Town Manager's Office Salary Reserve of \$1,263.80**

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

**Motion Passes**

Motion by Council President Turco to waive council rules if there is no objection to reappoint Gerry Ogus to the Licensing Board Commission term to expire January 2013. There was no objection.

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to adopt the appoint of the Council President to recommend Gerry Ogus to the Licensing Board Commission**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Councilor Varone - Yes; Councilor DelVento – Yes; Councilor Powers – Yes; Councilor Maggio – Yes; Councilor Calla – Yes; Councilor Sanford – Yes; Councilor Boncore – Yes; Vice President Letterie – Yes; Councilor President Turco - Yes.**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeanne Maggio wished her Mom a Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Jeanne thanked all the employees of the Town stating they don't get all the thanks they deserve. They are dedicated and are doing more with less. Jeanne stated that her Dad taught her to give back to the community and to our country.

Councilor Maggio was presented with a Citation from the Town Council for her dedication and all the work she has done as a Councilor and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Councilor President Turco was presented with a Citation from the Town Council for all the work he has done as a Councilor President and presented with a wooden plaque of gavel.

Council President Turco thanked people of Winthrop and encouraged them to participate. He handed over the gavel to Council President Gill and wished him luck for his next two years of service.

Executive Session regarding Council Clerk – Tabled

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to Adjourn**

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

**Motion Passes**

**Town Council Meeting Adjourned at 9:20**

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A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT (due to technical difficulties audio only).

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

Presentation from Sam Cleaves of MAPC

Letter from Larry Holmes Memorials Committee

Interdepartmental Transfer Request from Town Manager

Intradepartmental Transfer Request from Town Manager

MWRA Update on Loans for Local Water Project  
Town Council Meeting of September 6, 2011 Amendment

Respectfully submitted,  
Town Council Clerk  
Kathleen S. Hickey