

**Revised January 22, 2013**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilor DelVento-	Present
Councilor Powers-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Absent
Councilor Boncore-	Present
Councilor Sanford-	Present
Councilor Calla-	Present
Councilor Mael	Present
Vice President Varone-	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Chavis discusses concerns on Water Meters, New Phone Voice Over IP System, the Ferry Building and mentions the current situation with the Town's CFO. Mr. McKenna addresses all issues.

**Council President Gill moves, if no objections by council (none) to move straight to Finance Committee Motions.**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to Pay Past Fiscal Years Legal Bills in the amount of \$16,485.40 to Deidre Donahue , Esq. for legal services performed for the town of Winthrop ZBA. (see attached) Motion coming out of committee, no second required**

**Motion by Councilor Delvento to amend the main motion by adding: and those funds to be transferred from Town Council Reserve Fund.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> By Councilor Sanford-For Discussion**

Discussion regarding why bill had not been submitted in a timely fashion addressed by Town Manager  
**Amendment Passed Unanimously**

**President Gill presents the main motion as amended for discussion**

Discussion includes

This issue has been before the council before, has there been any attempt to re negotiate.

Town Manager says yes, that invoices have been reduced from original.

If this is voted in to pay, will this be the last of this invoice. Are there any other cases pending?

Town Manager says yes, but this will pay in full for all past cases.

**7-0-1 (Councilor Boncore- No, Councilor Letterie-Absent)**

**Motion Failed**

**Motion by Councilor Powers to reconsider paying invoice**

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

Discussion

**7-0-1 (Councilor Boncore-No, Councilor Letterie-Absent)**

**Motion Failed**

**Council President Gill presents Council Goals for the FY 2014 Budget (See Attached)**

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilor DelVento**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. by Councilor Calla**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM**

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Public Documents used in the meeting are available at Town Managers Office.

**Documents Used in this Meeting:**

Hand Written Notes

Committee Openings Documents

Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motions

Budget Goals FY 14

Respectfully submitted,

Town Council Clerk

Denise Quist

**Budget Goals FY 14 to Town Manager**  
**Attitude is contagious**  
**Winthrop's Worth It**

Some thoughts to bear in mind as we prepare the FY 14 budget.

Winthrop is a desirable seaside community offering the opportunity of safe, affordable living within easy commuting distance to Boston, a world class city. We need to be committed to the preservation and improvement of Winthrop's resources as we prepare the budget for FY 14 and the years to follow

**What do the citizens of Winthrop to look like five / ten years from now?**

We need to determine the wishes of the citizens on the future of Winthrop

What will attract young and vibrant families to Winthrop and encourage those already living in Winthrop to stay living in Winthrop.

What image do we want to portray of Winthrop? "Winthrop is a nice place to live" or "Winthrop is a cheap place to live"

Our residents need to believe that financial support of improvement in our community is an "opportunity to invest" in our community rather than an "obligation to pay"

We are mandated to provide Education, Public Safety, Health, and Public Works. (roads, infrastructure, etc).

The Council needs to establish and fund priorities with citizen input for Winthrop's future.

**We need realistic long range planning for maintenance and improvement of facilities and infrastructure**

**Schools -**

Construction of 6-12 middle / high school

Educational incentives to continue to improve instruction and keep pace with today's technology.

**Town Side**

Continued sidewalk repair and park restoration

Continued road and infrastructure work.

Winthrop Street Corridor Improvement Program

Capitol improvement including facilities maintenance and energy improvements

Planned replacement of vehicles and equipment

Continued efforts for improving the cleanliness and overall attractiveness of the town including on going tree replacement program

**Revenue and cost concerns -**

State revenues are down - Possible negative effects on local funding including Chapter 70

Probable increases in town's cost of health insurance

Sewer rate adjustment due to low flow projections

We need to live within a 2% budget cap (or increase revenues)

We need to continue to build (increase) free cash

**Our representative from DOR Winthrop has stated that in his opinion Winthrop does not have a spending problem rather that Winthrop has a revenue problem**

**Some ideas of specific FUNDING ideas to help accomplish Winthrop's goals**

Debt exclusion plans (temporary real estate tax increase)

Construction of a middle / high school

Menu style for consideration of

Purchase of Fire engine

Purchase of DPW sewer pumper truck

Five year tree planting program

Other

Continuing efforts to seek grants. – (we need to budget matching funds required for some grants).

Fees for services - services paid for by those who use them. Fees structured to be like enterprise funds – cost of service plus reserve

Inspectional services need to be strengthened.

Trash enforcement – residential not before 7:00 AM, covered barrels

Dumpsters – enforcement

Additional alternatives / supplements to trash removal funding

Rental apartments - Annual inspection for health, safety, code enforcement (fee?) fines

Traffic enforcement - On street and parking lots (including tag and tow 7:00 AM during street sweeping and snow emergency)

Stronger enforcement of all ordinances will pay for itself, accomplish better compliance and create a cleaner healthier environment.

Stickers (annual fee) for all Municipal Parking lots will provide funds for construction of additional off street parking (ex: Dalrymple School, Crest Ave Walden Street) and maintenance of lots

Parking “meters” at local business districts

Owner Occupied Real Estate tax exemption residential exemption shifting some of the costs to non owner occupied unit owners (landlords)

Winthrop Town Council

Peter T. Gill, President

December 4, 2012

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