

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2012

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting of April 3, 2012 to order at 7:00 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Mael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Gill asked for a moment of silence for Russ Sanford's Mom who passed away earlier in the day.

ROLL CALL

Councilor DelVento	Present
Councilor Powers	Present
Councilor Letterie	Absent
Councilor Boncore	Present
Councilor Sanford	Absent
Councilor Calla (Late)	Present
Councilor Mael	Present
Vice President Varone	Absent
Council President Gill	Present

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MINUTES

Councilor Powers made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 20, 2012

2nd by Councilor Mael

Motion Passes Unanimously

This was voted on later in the meeting when a quorum was established.

Councilor DelVento made a motion to accept the Minutes of Special Meeting of February 28, 2012

2nd by Councilor Mael

(Councilor Powers and Councilor Varone recused themselves from the vote as they were absent February 28, 2012)

Motion Passes Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Assessors Alan Maruzzi and Scott Kinsella wanted to inform homeowners that the 90-day window for filing for abatements is expiring shortly. The Board will vote on each one as soon as information is back from consulting firm. Homeowners do not need to rush out and file for an abatement until they get some information back from the Board of Assessors. The Assessors Office will send out letters to notify the homeowners explaining the process. There were questions about the abatements from Councilor Calla, Councilor DelVento, Councilor Mael, and Guy Brandenstein.

John Stanley of Precinct 6 read a letter he sent to the Town Manager back in November 11, 2011 commending the Dog Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Gill stated for the record:

- He has a copy of a letter from the Attorney General of a compliant filed regarding the Open Meeting Laws stating the file is closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor DelVento Chairman of the Council Finance Committee gave a report of their meeting on March 29, 2012 regarding the Bond and Loan Authorization for the Roadway and Infrastructure Project on Somerset Avenue, Bellevue Avenue, Eleanor Court and Nahant Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOAN BOND AUTHORIZATION

Councilor DelVento stated that this is a clean up effort using the correct language and advertising for the Loan Authorization for the Roadway and Infrastructure Project on Somerset Avenue, Bellevue Avenue, Eleanor Court and Nahant Avenue that was previously brought before the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LOAN BOND AUTHORIZATION

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McKenna spoke on:

- Planning Board approved Temple Project.
- Activity at Daws Playground.
- The Commercial Redevelopment Plan for the Mirak Property was submitted to the Conservation Commission and to the Planning Board.
- Senior Tax Abatement program deadline is April 18, 2012. Applications are available at the Senior Center.
- Contract negotiations will begin in the upcoming weeks with the Library, Police, Clerical and Firefighter Unions.
- Working on the FY13 Budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor DelVento Chairman of the Finance Committee made a Motion to accept the Loan Bond Authorization for the Roadway and Infrastructure Project on Somerset Avenue, Bellevue Avenue, Eleanor Court and Nahant Avenue.

Councilor DelVento read for the record the Complete Loan Order.

Roll Call:

Councilor DelVento	Yes
Councilor Powers	Yes
Councilor Letterie	Absent
Councilor Boncore	Yes

Councilor Sanford	Absent
Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Mael	Yes
Vice President Varone	Yes
Council President Gill	Yes

7 Yea – 0 Nay
Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments

President Gill recommended James Frati and Alice Haskell to the Council on Aging as Associate Members through June 30, 2015.

President Gill made a motion to approve James Frati to the Council on Aging as Associate Member term to expire June 30, 2015.

There were no objections.

Motion Passes

President Gill made a motion to approve Alice Haskell to the Council on Aging as Associate Member term to expire June 30, 2015.

There were no objections.

Motion Passes

Winthrop Beach Restoration

President Gill read comments that were sent to him by Senator Petrucci regarding the Winthrop Beach Restoration Project and funding from DCR.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Brandenstein had questions about the DCR and the Governors priorities. President Gill suggested that he communicate that to the Governor and the Speaker.

There was a discussion amongst the Council regarding the Winthrop Beach Restoration and possibly having Senator Petrucci come to our next Council Meeting to answer questions.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor DelVento

2nd by Councilor Calla

Motion Passes Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm.

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT

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

Documents used in this Meeting:

Letter from John Stanley of Precinct 6
Letter from Office of the Attorney General regarding the Open Meeting Law Complaint
Council Finance Committee Report of March 29, 2012
Loan Orders – Somerset Avenue, Bellevue Avenue, Eleanor Court and Nahant Avenue
Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Kathleen S. Hickey