

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 1, 2012

6:30 PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF PRECINCT 4 POLLING LOCATIONS

Dottie Donofrio of Precinct 4 asked the Council to reconsider to return voting to O'Connell Hall at Golden Drive she presented a petition of 558 signatures of register voters in favor of returning the voting to Golden Drive. Larry Holmes Chairman of the Housing Authority supports keeping the polling location at O'Connell Hall.

President Gill read a letter into the Record supporting return of Precinct 4 voting at Golden Drive

Mary Gutowski and Jeanne Maggio of Precinct 4 also spoke in favor of returning the voting to Golden Drive.

Councilor Boncore stated he heard from two other Housing Authority Members (Mr. Ferrara and Mr. Joe Boncore) that also endorse sending it back to the Golden Drive.

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting of May 1, 2012 to order at 7:00PM in the Cumming Multipurpose Room.

7:00 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeVento led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilor DeVento	Present
Councilor Powers	Present
Councilor Letterie	Present
Councilor Boncore	Present
Councilor Sanford	Present
Councilor Calla	Present
Councilor Mael	Present
Vice President Varone	Present
Council President Gill	Present

Motion by Councilor Sanford to suspend rules to move ahead and take vote on polling locations

2nd by Calla

Motion Passes Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Mael to take from the table to move Precinct 4 back to O'Connell Hall at Golden Drive

2nd by Councilor Powers

Senior Center Director Nancy Williams stated she believes the voting of Precinct 4 should go back to Golden Drive. There was a discussion on the low turnover of the past election and the higher expected turnover of the upcoming presidential election Councilor.

Motion to take from the Table Passes Unanimously

Following Discussion. **The Motion to return voting location back to Golden Drive Passes Unanimously.**

MINUTES

Councilor Powers made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 17, 2012

2nd by Vice President Varone

Councilor DelVento abstained from voting due to absence at meeting

Motion Passes Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betty Peabody thanked the people who participated in the Beautification over the weekend. She gave thanks to the DPW, Chief Flanagan, Councilor Calla and Councilor Mael and Council President Gill for the participation.

Dottie Donofrio thanked the Council for their consideration of Precinct 4. She also thanked the Town Manager for his vision at the E.B. Newton and the art Association.

John Riberio of Precinct 1 had questions about Suffolk Downs presentation.

A Precinct 4 resident thanked the Council for all their work to bring back the voting to Golden Drive.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Gill spoke on the Hobson Family Pancake Breakfast glitch of money sent back to people who donated you may resend. Judy VanKooiman of Precinct 4 spoke of the fundraiser Neighbor to Neighbor set for May 12, 2012.

President Gill read letters from:

Larry Holmes of the Memorials Committee recommendation from Committee to name DPW Building after Dick Dimes.

Past Council President Tom Reilly recommending the DPW Building be named after Dick Dimes.

Mary Kelly recommending J. Calvin Farrand be appointed as a full final member to the Conservation Commission to replace Scott Bocchio

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor DelVento read the minutes of the Finance Committee on April 30, 2012. Schedule of 2012 to discuss budget.

Town Council Public Hearing on the Budget on May 15, 2012.

For the remainder of May on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be Citizen. Finance Commission Meetings to go over the Budget. The Budget will be discussed at a Council Meeting June 5, 2012.

Councilor Boncore read minutes of the Rules and Ordinances Committee meeting on April 24, 2012. Actions to be taken under Old Business. Public Records Request Tabled.

President Gill stated that the Memorials Committee Report Letter was their recommendation to name DPW Building after Dick Dimes.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McKenna spoke on:

- Ferry Service will continue for another year. Schedule will be posted with rates for service including weekend service and Spectacle Island service. Mr. McKenna thanked Speaker DeLeo for having funds restored to finish the Harbormaster Building. May 26, 2012 will be the Ribbon Cutting for the new Harbormaster Building. *(To be continued after presentation).*

PRESENTATION BY CHIP TUTTLE, COO, SUFFOLK DOWNS (7:30)

Mr. Tuttle took the Council through the process of a Resort Casino Development possibly being put in at Suffolk Downs. He gave a detailed description of the process. Topics discussed:

- Host community/Surrounding Communities
- November 7, 2011 a bill was passed for Competing Regions for a License Stage
- 5 different sites have been identified in our region
- Proposing to invest 1 billion dollars for a Resort that will include Horseracing
- Roll out Development Plan
- Detailed Traffic and Infrastructure Plan
- Negotiate Host communities Agreement
- Ballot questions
- How Development can benefit the Town
- Stated is 25% Partner and will receive 25% of the funds go back to the state and 6.5%
- Job creation anticipation of 13,000
- Concerns about traffic, consultants has been on retainer since 2009
- Partnership with Local Businesses
- Public Safety issues, Paul Evens to head Public Safety Plans.
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dottie Donofrio wished Suffolk Downs the best and asked what a Flyover is, Mr. Tuttle went on to explain it is the way they build a road up and around.

John Riberio had questions about Caesars and their debt being part owner and purpose of mitigation package. Mr. Tuttle responded with Caesars has less than 5% stake in Suffolk

Downs and Suffolk Downs will apply for the license. Mr. Tuttle also stated that it would be up to the Town to decide what is important and what benefit they want in a mitigation package.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

Mr. McKenna spoke on:

- In accordance with the Town Charter, Town Manager McKenna presented to the council the Proposed FY13 Budget. His presentation included the details as outlined in Section 1 of the Budget.
- May 26, 2012 Celebration of naming Harbormaster Building
- Massport Project – work will be done on the main runway at Logan Airport from June 15, 2012 until November 2, 2012 and they should follow the dawn to Dusk Ordinance
- AAA Article about Winthrop being a hidden gem.
- Recreation Funds – very clear spreadsheet-detailing revenues/expenses.
- Memorials Committee – Unanimous recommendation to name DPW Building after Richard Dimes.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Varone to ratify the name of the DPW Building after Richard Dimes 2nd by Councilor Boncore

Motion Passes Unanimously

Councilor DelVento Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion to transfer \$6,689 from Unemployment Reserve and \$11,811 from Council Reserve for a total of \$18,500 to the Unemployment line item.

Motion Passes Unanimously

Councilor DelVento Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion to transfer \$8,600 from Sewer reserve to Sewer Contract Services to pay for emergency repairs to the pump station.

Motion Passes Unanimously

Councilor DelVento Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion to transfer \$9,000 from Council Reserve to Assessor's Expense line to cover contract services for 2012 abatements.

Motion Passes Unanimously

Councilor DelVento Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion to transfer \$10,350 from Council Reserve to Veteran's Benefits

Motion Passes Unanimously

Councilor DelVento Chairman of the Finance Committee made a motion to advertise as per the charter and move forward to the Council for a vote of the transfer of \$208,000 from Free Cash to the School Department

Motion Passes

Councilor Boncore Chairman of the Rules and Ordinance Committee made a motion to publish in the newspaper a Public Hearing on a new Bylaw Chapter 13.10 – Ordinance for Board of Health Grease Trap

Motion Passes Unanimously

Councilor Boncore Chairman of the Rules and Ordinance Committee made a motion to publish in the newspaper a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Title 15.01 Stretch Energy Code

Motion Passes Unanimously

Councilor Boncore Chairman of the Rules and Ordinance Committee made a motion to remove French Square Fee Proposal from Town Council Rolls.

Motions Passes Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Vice President Varone for a council citation for Lou Camacho of Sound Systems for his many years of service to the Town and his Fireworks.

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Motion Pass Unanimously

Question from Councilor DelVento about a transfer request of ConCom, Town Manager stated that has been taken care of.

Councilor Powers under old business would like to know where the transfer request to engineering at Ft. Banks access road stands. Chairman DelVento stated the Transfer Request to Engineering Ft. Banks Access Road \$30,400 from Sale of Land Account has been Tabled and the Finance Committee will be having a meeting next week with this item on the Agenda.

President Gill commended the Winthrop Housing Authority, Police Chief, the Fire Chief and soon to be involved DPW Director Steve Calla for the installation of an Emergency Access Only Gate.

Councilor Powers stated he has questions about the emergency access gate and made a motion that the issue go through the Council and is referred to the Council Public Safety Committee

President Gill ruled that Council Powers motion was out of order.

Motion by councilor Powers to appeal the ruling of the Chair that Councilor Powers Motion is out of order

2nd by Councilor Boncore for discussion

President Gill handed the gavel to Vice President Varone.

There was a lengthy debate over the Emergency Only Access Gate on whether this issue should go to Council Public Safety Committee.

A roll call vote was taken regarding if Councilor Powers motion to appeal the Chairs decision to send this to Public Safety was out of order.

For clarification a Yes Vote overrules the Chairs decision, a No Vote upholds the decision of the chair that Councilor Powers Motion is Out of Order.

Councilor DelVento	No
Councilor Powers	Yes
Councilor Letterie	No
Councilor Boncore	Yes t
Councilor Sanford	Yes
Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Mael	Abstained
Vice President Varone	Yes
Council President Gill	No

3 No / 5 Yes / 1 Abstain

Motion Passes (Councilor Powers Motion is In Order)

Motion to send the Access Gate at Winthrop Housing Authority to Public Safety Committee

2nd Boncore

The Town Managers stated he feels the Council does not have jurisdiction over this matter. The gate belongs to the Housing Authority. It is under their jurisdiction. He is not clear what is the issue and why is it be discussed by the Council.

After further discussion by the Council, Councilors Boncore and Powers announce that they will call a meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Powers withdraws his request/motion.

Councilor Mael wanted to know if the Town Manager would have a willingness to set up a Citizens Advisory Committee on Technology liaison the Town Manager stated yes it would be greatly appreciated.

Vice President Varone asked about the Library Director and the sharing program we are setting up with Revere and Mr. McKenna stated it is at the Trustee level at the Library Chairman Mattarrazzo is still working on it to see which direction this will go. We do have an acting Director and it does impair us for grants/funds..

Councilor Letterie made a statement about being the DPW doing an unbelievable job down at the filed. He is an elected official not political and does think the Public Safety Officials did an awesome job. Doesn't mean any disrespect to anyone but believes that the Council should not be involved in the day-to-day operations of our Public Safety Officials.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vinny Crossman from Precinct 3 thanked the DPW for the great job they are doing. He would like the Council to look into getting a Sand Rake for Yirrell Beach.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilor Letterie
2nd by Councilor Calla
Motion Passes Unanimously**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40

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:

Petition from Dottie Donofrio to move Polling back to O'Connell Hall at Golden Drive
Minutes of the Finance Committee – Chairman DelVento
Minutes of the Rules and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Phil Boncore
Town Manager's Report
Correspondence from Larry Holmes of Memorials Committee, Peg Lyons and pas
Council President Tom Reilly
Correspondence from Mary Kelly requesting Jack Calvin Farrand be appointed to the
Conservation Commission/Application
Snapshot Projection of Parks and Recreation
Annual Budget – FY2013

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Kathleen S. Hickey