

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2012**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Letterie 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 ( <i>arrived 5 minutes late</i> )
Vice President Varone	Present
Council President Gill	Present

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### **MINUTES**

Councilor Vice President Varone made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 15 ,2012  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Sanford  
Motion Passes Unanimously

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON FY13 BUDGET**

#### **Public Comment on Public Hearing on FY13 Budget**

Dave Osborne of 474 Pleasant Street made several comments about the budget.

#### **Finance Commission Budget Summary Contents**

Chairman of the Winthrop Finance Commission Mr. Wynn spoke of the key points of the written report dated June 4, 2012. Mr. Wynn stated that he Commission focused on the Town Manager's Goals and the Goals in the Budget have been met. There is a plan for future activity.and the long term goals are very good.

Please see attached report from the Winthrop Finance Commission  
There was a question and answer period at the end of Mr. Wynn's presentation.

There was a lengthy discussion about Harbor Funds and restructuring of the Harbormaster Department.

Motion by Council Sanford to Vote on 2013 Budget  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Powers

## **Motion Passes**

Councilor Powers stated he does not believe storm water testing cost should be paid out of sewer and would stated he would like to make an amendment to budget

## **Motion by Councilor Powers to suspend Rules**

### **Motion Passes**

**Motion by Councilor Powers that the Town establish a Revolving Account under the DPW budget for the purpose of NPDES testing and that said account be funded by transferring \$25,000.00 from account number 6744-484009 (Council Special Reserve Account)**

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

There was a discussion amongst the council.

### **Motion Passes**

**7 Yea to 2 Nay (Councilor Mael, Councilor Boncore)**

Councilor DelVento stated that he had some Amendments to the FY13 Budget.

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to increase FY13 Budget for Town Clerk Election Personnel by \$500, Increase Town clerk equipment and supplies \$1,000, Increase Inspectional Services Contract by \$7,500 and Reduce Shared Expense Line Item Gas and Diesel by \$9,000. Total budget remains same shifting of dollar value.**

Councilor Boncore exercised his right to put vote of FY13 Budget off until next meeting stating he would like to see amendments in writing. Councilor DelVento raised a Point of Order that this has been discussed and presented before. President Gill agreed with Councilor DelVento. Boncore stated this is the first time we heard Amendments and Finance Commission Report and a motion to approve the budget has been presented for the first time. President Gill called a Special Meeting to be before June 14, 2012.

**Motion to hold a Special Meeting - President Gill called a for a Special Meeting on June 12, 2012 at 7:00 Special Meeting to vote the FY13 Budget.**

**7 Yea to 2 Nay (Councilor Mael, Councilor Boncore)**

## **Motion by Vice President Varone for a Recess**

### **Motion Passes**

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*There was moment of silence for Retired Fire Chief Charles Flanagan who just passed at 87 years old.*

## **PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$30,258.53 TO COVER FERRY TERMINAL EXPENSES**

Mr. McKenna stated the money is what we need to complete the Ferry Terminal.

**Public Comment:** None.

There was a discussion amongst the Council regarding the Ferry Terminal.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Gill read for the record the Resignation Letter of Council Clerk Kathleen Hickey.  
Claire Hubbard request to be reappointed to the Board of Registrars  
Special Olympics June 9, 2012 at Miller Field.  
Dedication of Ferry Terminal June 9, 2012.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee Fees under Old Business.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. McKenna spoke on:

- Expressed his sympathy to Chief Flanagan and a gift respirator that Chief Flanagan was going to discuss
- Chief Delehanty discussed Bridge Construction Project.
- Peter Lombardi spoke of the French Square Market.
- Norman Seifert Ferry Terminal.
- Appointment of Internal Auditor and Interim Bookkeeper asked to be referred to Council and taken up under new business.
- Rink Litigation Proceeds
- Supplemental budget increase for Town Clerk regarding polling changes
- Special Olympics on Saturday, June 9 at Miller Field.
- New exhibit at the Clock Tower Gallery at the EB Newton
- Public thanks to Pepsi Company of Stoneham, neighbors, councilors DPW, Temple and MSA Mortgage and all others that helped at Dawes Playground.
- Process of hiring a Deputy Assessor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CONCLUSION OF HEARING FOR SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUEST OF \$208,800**

There was no public comment.

There was a discussion amongst the Council and Superintendent Macero and Sue Eccles of the School Business Office.

Public Hearing Closed.

**Motion made by Councilor DelVento from Finance Committee to Transfer \$208,800 to cover FY2012 Budget**

**No Second Required comes from Committee**

**Motion Passes**

**8 Yea/1 Nay – Councilor Mael opposed**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to adopt the Fee Schedule as presented**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to waive reading of Fees**

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

Councilor DelVento read for the record a brief synopsis of the Public Fee Schedule .

**Motion by Vice President Varone to Refer Fees Schedule to Rules and Amend Ordinances**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Powers**  
**Motion Passes Unanimous**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to support the policy of the Public Records Request Policy go through the Town Clerks Office**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Varone**  
**Motion Passes**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to waive rules and go to a vote to Transfer \$30,258.53 from Waterways into the Harbor Fund Contract Services Expense line Item (17,258.54 toward Ferry Terminal Building) (\$13.000 towards outfitting the Ferry Terminal Building).**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Powers**  
**Motion Passes**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to transfer \$30,258.53 from the Waterway Revenue Fund into the Harbor Contract Services Expense line item.**  
**Motion Passes**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to accept the adoption of the Assessors Overly of \$40,000 to be applied to the FY13 Budget**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Letterie**  
**Motion Passes**

Request from the Town Manager to Appoint an Interim Internal Auditor Richard Hingston. Mr. McKenna explained the reasons for these services.

**Motion by Councilor DelVento in accordance with Section 2.8.C of the Charter to appoint Guisti and Hingston as Interim Internal Auditor**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Varone for discussion**

Council Varone stated he believes this is a council function should be referred to subcommittee and exercised his right not to vote on this until June 12, 2012 meeting.

Request from Town Manager to appointment of Interim Internal Bookkeeper.

Councilor Boncore referred to Section 2.8.C of the Charter which gives the Council the authority to pick the Auditor.

**Vice President Varone exercised his right to put off until Special Meeting June 12, 2012.**

Councilor DelVento stated he will withdraw his request for a Interim Internal Auditor. Councilor DelVento stated that the Town Manager went full forward and can hire whatever staff he needs. *(Can't withdraw motion because it was already postponed until June 12, 2012.)*

**Councilor DelVento made a Motion to Transfer \$23,718.00 from the FY12 Winthrop Street Corridor Project to the Finance Contract Services**

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

Discussion.

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

Mr. McKenna stated for the record that he is not hiring as a CFO auditor function just looking at closing out fiscal year and not acting as a CFO for the Town.

Rink Litigation Settlement Funds

Mr. McKenna explained the disbursement of Rink Funds \$345,000, \$83,917.92 (legal fees) to Council Reserve; \$261,082.08 to Rink Capital Reserve. No Motion Required For Informational Purposes Only.

Suffolk Downs Update

**Motion by Councilor Powers to invite Chip Tuttle to our June 19, 2012 Council Meeting.**

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

**Motions Passes**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford regarding MOU Surrounding Community to be signed and forward to Suffolk Downs**

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

**Motion Passes**

**APPOINTMENTS**

President Gill made the following Appointments:

Reappointment Constable

James Gus Foley 6/30/15

Conservation Commission

David Girard 6/30/15

Council on Aging

Helen Haddow 6/30/15

Marilyn Flanagan 6/30/15

Elsa Verdy 6/30/15

**Motion by Councilor Letterie**

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

**Motion Passes**

President Gill made an additional reappointment:

Board of Registrars

Claire Hubbard

6/30/15

**Motion by Councilor Letterie**

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

**Motion Passes**

Bridge Lights

**Motion to suspend the Rules by Councilor Sanford**

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

**Motions Passes**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to Transfer from FY12 Shared Expenses to FY12 Street Light Capital Projects \$12,925.00**

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

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**President Gill urges Committee Chairpersons to forward requests for appointment and reappointments to him by June 19, 2012.**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore for a Citation for Elk of the Year Award**

**Motion Passes**

**Discussion of Council Clerk Appointment. Advertise, set up committee and President Gill requested input Council within 48 hours.**

**Motion by Councilor Varone to refer Fee Schedule to Rules and Ordinances**

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

**Motion Passes**

Councilor Boncore will post and schedule a Rules and Ordinances Meeting for June 11, 2012 at 7:00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guy Brandenstein commented on the Beach Restoration Project.

**Motion to adjourn by Vice President Varone**

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

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55

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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:**

Winthrop Finance Commission Recommendation Letter

Clerk Resignation Letter

Rink Litigation Settlement Memo

Town Manager's Report

Initial, Limited Memorandum of Understanding Town of Winthrop and Sterling Suffolk

Racecourse, LLC

Fee Schedule Motions

Transfer Requests

    FY12 Interdepartmental Transfer Request FY Winthrop Street Corridor Project

    FY12 Interdepartmental Transfer Request \$208,000 School Department

    FY12 Interdepartmental Transfer Request Waterways Revenue Fund

    FY12 Interdepartmental Transfer Request Assessor's Overlay Surplus

    FY12 Interdepartmental Transfer Request Shared Expense – Street Lights

    Budget Transfer to Cover Ferry Terminal Expenses

Respectfully submitted,  
Town Council Clerk  
Kathleen S. Hickey