

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Calla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilor DelVento-	Present
Councilor Powers-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boncore-	Present
Councilor Sanford-	Absent
Councilor Calla-	Present
Councilor Mael	Present (7:15)
Vice President Varone-	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

SWEARING IN

Sergeant Mary Crisafi was sworn in by Town Clerk Carla Vitale as the first woman sergeant of the Winthrop Police Department

CITATIONS:

Sergeant Mary Crisafi WPD
Paul Marks on his retirement after many years of public service
Temple Tifereth Israel – 100th Birthday

Break: 7:15

Call Meeting Back to Order: 7:35

MINUTES

Councilor Vice President Varone made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 4, 2012
2nd. By Councilor Powers
Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Ribero asks the council if they are supporting / opposing/ allowing voting on casino.
Council President Gill states no determination as of yet.
Council President Gill states he is not sure if he will bring casino motion back to council.

Heather Engman has questions on casino being beneficial to Winthrop as casinos have not been honoring their obligations to the communities. Also would like new forum in which there are questions and answers in Public Comment.

No Further Public Comment

Council Vice President Varone motions to Suspend Rules and go directly to Town Managers Report
2nd. By Councilor Powers
Passed Unanimously

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager McKenna introduces Mr. Hingston and Donna Beshara (as requested previously by council) to council and asks council to go over information given to them and proceed with any questions they might have for Mr. Hingston or Ms. Beshara.

Councilor Boncore questions Mr. McKenna of the timely manner in which council received the information and states there was not enough time to properly ask questions on information given.

Mr. Hingston and Ms. Beshara introduce themselves and begin explaining their involvement with the Towns finances. (Please see the *Finance and Account Process Review Notes*)

Councilor Boncore and Councilor Mael have several questions pertaining to the financial stability of the town's present finances. Councilor Boncore does not question either one of their abilities but who is actually overseeing their work? Can they fulfill what needs to be done without having full time employees? Will the current budget be able to sustain the financial impact the town seems to be going through with only 2 part time employees? Mr. Hingston explains once everything online, it will run smoother and allow the employee time to work within the towns budget.

Councilor Mael questions Town Manager McKenna on the boat excise taxes. Town Manager McKenna explains collections have definitely gotten better and with each department head being more disciplined it will only improve. Mr. Hingston gives a date of Feb. 2013 for the Chart of Accounts.

Councilor Vice President Varone reiterates his appreciation of Mr. Hingston and Ms. Beshara's work but how long can the town go without a CFO? Town Manager McKenna explains that his office is well into the process of hiring a CFO and are working with the Collins Center to expedite the hiring of a CFO. He is hoping for a CFO by Jan. 2013. Councilor Vice President Varone feels we are falling behind. Councilor Boncore questions why wait until Jan. 2013 let the new CFO work with Mr. Hingston and Ms. Beshara. Councilor Letterie asks if they are also working with the School Department in which they explain they currently are. Councilor DelVento questions the confidence of our current financial situation. Mr. McKenna assures that the team is working together and does feel confidence in their ability to move along in the right direction.

Mr. Hingston instructs council that if they wish to receive reports, they can through e-mail.

DPW Director Steve Calla and Chief Delehanty explain how each of their offices produces P.O's.

No Further Comment

Revert Back to Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Council President Gill discusses a lengthy e-mail he has received from Ms. Panessiti about the Bus Issues with how the patrons are allowed to pay and the attitude of the bus drivers. He thanks Council Mael and Council Vice President Varone with their help to the patron and she is happy with council's response and results at this time. Council President Gill also acknowledges receipt of an e-mail late on the afternoon of 9-18-12 and will wait to discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance committee – Councilor DelVento states due to scheduling conflicts he has to confirm with Councilor Sanford on next meeting date. Council President Gill reiterates the following will be included in the Finance Committee’s next meeting:

Town Clerk Compensation Review
Telephone System
Auditor’s report
Council Clerk Committee

No Further Committee Reports

Back to Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager McKenna explains updated Budget Snapshot (see attached) and did submit several motions for finance committee to accept. He did provide debt service analysis as council requested.

Councilor DelVento has question on the potential safety of the equipment being used on Walden and Lincoln Street. DPW Steve Calla has talked to project manager and equipment will be parked safely.

No Further Discussion

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Gill would like to refer the Town Clerks Annual Review and the Town Managers Review to the Rules and Ordinance to amend the rules to include the Town Clerk.

Council Boncore explains a separate rule will be done and accepts Council President Gills referral.

Council President Gill requests that all Town Manager Review sheets be sent to him by next Wednesday (9-25-12).

Councilor President Gill has asked if anyone would like to form a committee for Town Manager Review? Final Review date is set for Oct. 2, 2012.

Dedication of Dimes Building tentatively scheduled for mid October.

Councilor Letterie reports that the neighborhood meeting with Winthrop Hospital Developers on 9-17-12 went well. The plan on developing units that will include assisted living facility, an assisted living facility with Alzheimer’s units, and independent units. Parking will be less than 50 cars. Plan has been well reviewed. Hospital time frame is to complete project 18 mos. after project begins. Will not require heavy-duty equipment are working within footprints of original hospital building.

Councilor Letterie notes that the Hospital developers are meeting with Planning Board 9-24-12.

Councilor Calla notes that the Planning Board is also meeting on Temple Project on 9-24-12.

No Further Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Boncore to suspend the council rules and to reschedule the Oct. 16, 2012 Town Council Meeting to October 23, 2012

2nd Councilor Vice President Varone

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Councilor President proposes that the Fall Forum meeting, to discuss town services (per town charter) be held with the regular Town Council Meeting on October 23, 2012. Regular Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. Fall Forum Meeting to follow at 7:00p.m. at the Senior Center. If necessary, the regular meeting will be recessed for the forum and reconvened after the Fall Forum.

Councilor President requests of Mr. McKenna that Mr. McKenna present 2-3 appropriate department heads to report. All other department heads will be in attendance for public forum.

Town Manager Transfer Request from Town Council:

Transfer Request \$7,439.00 from the Waterways Reserve Fund for the purpose of payment of contract of balance due for the completion of the Town Landing Pier (See Attached Motion)

Councilor DelVento motions to refer to the Finance Sub Committee

2nd by Councilor Powers

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Transfer Request \$2,800.00 from the Town Council Reserve to the Building Maintenance Contract Services for memorial plaques (See Attached Motion)

Councilor DelVento motions to transfer the \$2800.00 without being referred to Finance Committee.

2nd by Councilor Powers

Discussion: Councilor Calla has question on amount. Plaques are explained in detail and why the cost is what it is.

Passed Unanimously

Transfer Request \$27,200.00 from the Police Salary Line to Police Contract Services Line (See Attached Motion)

Councilor Letterie motions to refer to the Finance Sub Committee

2nd by Councilor Powers

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Transfer request \$10,418.76 from Town Managers Salary Reserve to the Police Personnel Line Items for contractual obligation outlined in the superior officers collective bargaining agreement

Councilor Vice President Varone motions to refer to the Finance Sub Committee.

2nd by Councilor Calla

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Councilor Letterie requests from Mr. McKenna information on motions and other information not included to be e-mailed to council.

Councilor Letterie motions to refer the Revere Article of Rodent Control Ordinance to Rules and Ordinance Committee and include the Board of Health for any input.

2nd by Council Vice President Varone

Discussion: Councilor Boncore has question on ordinance and it's content. Council President Gill is just referring article to see if there is anything we should consider.

Passed Unanimously

Councilor Boncore schedules Rules and Ordinance Committee Meeting 9-25-12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Agenda:

Town Clerk Review

Rodent and Insect Control Ordinance

Appointments

Councilor DelVento motions to approve appointment of both Maria Baldrich and Tanji Daigneault to the Scholarship Committee

2nd. By Councilor Powers

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Councilor Letterie motions to approve the appointment of Darren Baird to the Board of Appeals

2nd by Councilor Calla

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Councilor Letterie motions to approve the appointment (chairman pro-tem) of Brian Beattie to the Board of Appeals

2nd by Councilor Boncore

No Further Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Upcoming Events-

September 19th Taste of Winthrop

22nd 9:00 A.M Friends Helping Friends at Miller Field

24th Winthrop Hospital at Planning Board (Letterie)

29th DeLeo Senior Center Dedication (R Sanford)

Neil Shapiro fundraiser - walk 11:00 AM, Dinner 7:00P.M

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Flanagan comments on weather advisory.

Councilor Boncore commends the fire dept. and the DPW on a recent emergency water main repair at Point Shirley

Councilor President Gill commended the DPW Memorial Bench Program. His family is very pleased with the bench recently installed at the end of Plummer Ave in memory of their parents

Councilor Mael explains the function of the recently created Technology Committee and encourages volunteers to apply.

Councilor Mael urges citizens be cautious to keep the recent school committee contract settlements which are to be covered in the school committee budget separate from the consideration of the possibility of a new school project. Please bear in mind that these are two separate funding issues and funding sources.

Councilor Letterie thanks DPW for crosswalk on Walden St. for Cummings school.

Councilor Letterie notes fundraiser for Carmen Bertino 9-27-12 7:00p.m.

Councilor Vice President Varone asks Town Manager McKenna where the town stands with building inspector. Town Manager McKenna has been working with current temporary building inspector John Barrett and he has been working out. He has a 1-year commitment approx. 20 hrs. weekly.

No Further Comments

*Councilor Powers makes motion that council go into Executive Session in accordance with Rule 3 of the Winthrop Town Council Rules to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations.
2nd by Councilor Boncore*

Roll Call Vote: 8-0-1 Councilor Sanford Absent
Passed Unanimously

Council will return to open session from the executive session for adjournment only.

Council goes into Executive Session at 9:26 p.m.
Return to Open Session 9:40 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilor Letterie
2nd. By Councilor Powers
Motion Passes Unanimously**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 PM

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT
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

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Denise Quist



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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 9/13/12

TEXT OF MOTION

For the Town Council to approve a transfer of \$7,439.00 from the Waterways Reserve Fund to account 7525-544350 for the purposes of payment of contract balance due to BTT Marine Construction Company LLC for completion of the Town Landing Pier Project or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town Manager requests that this matter be submitted to the Finance Subcommittee for further consideration for further approval and advertised for public hearing.

Signature of Petitioner: _____

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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 9/13/12

TEXT OF MOTION

For the Town Council to approve a transfer \$2,800.00 from the Town Council Reserve to the Building Maintenance Contract Services line item to pay for the purchase of two memorial plaques, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town Manager requests that this matter be submitted to the Finance Subcommittee for further consideration for further approval and advertised for public hearing.

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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 9/13/12

TEXT OF MOTION

For the Town Council to approve the transfer of \$27,200.00 from the Police salary line item (Account 0121051-511100) to the Police Contract Services line item (Account 0121052-544350) for the purposes of payment of annual uniform/clothing purchases for the department.

The Town Manager requests that this matter be submitted to the Finance Subcommittee for further consideration for approval.

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