

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 Harvey Hearing Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Mael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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TOWN CLERK

ROLL CALL

Councilor DelVento-	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

MINUTES

Councilor Sanford made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 23, 2012.

2nd. By Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Paul McGee and Bernice MacIntyre of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce wanted to thank the Town Departments for all their help and thank the Council for their involvement with the Chamber, especially at this time of year with the Holiday Lighting in the center. The new Christmas ornament, with a picture of the Ferry was given to each Town Council member. Also make sure to remember the Winthrop Gift Certificates.

Councilor Sanford acknowledges Belle Lieberman with all her help with the Holiday Lighting in the past and that we should all be proud of our town.

David Osborne (Pr. 2): Discussion of town extending trash contract with Capital Waste for another 7 years. He wants to know why it wasn't put out to bid. Discusses the new water meters and the problems they can cause. Council President Gill asks that he put these summaries in writing and submit to Mr. McKenna.

Councilor Mael acknowledges that David Osborne brought the trash contract up previously (Whispering Winthrop) and at that time was told by Councilor Mael that he personally investigated several other communities trash bills and found our trash rate very reasonable and credit should be given to people that did our contract as it is cost effective for our town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: Councilor DelVento reports on Finance Meeting November 15th.

4 Items on Agenda: (See Committee Minutes)

Auditor RFP-

FY 2012 Goals and Timeline (Mr. McKenna suggests that the Citizens Advisory Commission and the Finance Committee's recommendations come before the council in the beginning of May 2013).

Outstanding FY 2012 ZBA Legal Bill

Fee Discussion

Casino Committee: Council Powers reports a Presentation from Casino Developers on November 15, 2012 at Senior Center. Turn out 50-60 people. Notice from Mass Gaming Commission that they are looking at policy issues.

On going process. Meeting with schools within next two weeks.

Councilor Sanford wants input from general public.

Councilor Mael, we seem to have good handle on town's issues. How do we mitigate these issues? What is the value of our mitigation? How do we want to use these funds.

Council President Gill acknowledges a request from the School Building Assistance Committee that they came to 3 options at their last meeting. They want people have input as to what options they want. With council approval, Council President Gill has invited them to the 12-4-12 meeting.

Parks Committee is moving along. DPW-Steve Calla explains project at Pico Park and how it is coming along.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. McKenna discovered after doing research that one community (West Bridgewater) was able to bond their high school project for 30 years in lieu of the traditional 20 years. This has an impact in terms of analyzing a physical cost of any proposal. He will now look at an extended bonding schedule to see what cost implications would be.

The activity at Winthrop Beach is now under way. Several meetings have been held, engineers have been contracted work has begun. Do we need to schedule a meeting with DOR at this time? Let him know and he will schedule a presentation. There will be meeting Nov. 28th 6:00 at E.B. Newton at which they will be discussing the Beach Project. Mr. McKenna would like an Executive Session at our Dec. 4th meeting to discuss and review several concluded labor negotiation agreements and to get the vote of the council to support these agreements.

Also a matter of litigation that has to be brought to council's attention.

We are a member of the new Ferry Compact. All port communities that have Ferry's are working together to promote Ferry service as a public transportation option. Port Communities (Boston, New Bedford, Martha Vineyard, Salem, Lynn (will be getting a Ferry), Quincy, Hingham and Hull) are now working together to make our Ferry's work together with each community.

Dedication of pedestrian bridge (Christina and John Markey) on Revere Beach on Revere Nov. 26th. 12:00 pm

Mass Dept. of Transportation will be holding a public hearing in Medford on Nov. 27th to talk about budget woes and funding public transportation. We want to maintain our bus service in Winthrop.

Planned for a town employee Holiday Party on Dec. 20th at 6:30 at the E. B. Newton.

Mr. McKenna needs the council to vote to authorize the town to go into a 4-year contract for the Voice Override IP from the original 3-year contract.

Councilor Mael- Ferry terminal, where do we stand. Mr. McKenna states that we were given an extension.

Councilor Mael-When will work on ferry be completed.

Mr. McKenna was told by Jerry Boyle that it will be done in short order since we only have a 30 day extension.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Gill requests update on CFO search. Mr. McKenna replies it is ongoing, interviewed 6 candidates and has narrowed it down to 1. He will have more of a direct response in the next few days.

Council President Gill requests from Mr. McKenna that the Town Clerk Annual Review that Mr. McKenna, and the Committee on Committees is reviewing to have evaluation submitted by the Dec. 4th 2012, no later than Dec. 18th meeting as position is due to be evaluated again in March 2013.

Council President Gill requests of Finance Committee to submit information on Council Clerk job description and recommendation for compensation be completed by Dec. 18th 2012.

According to Charter Article 7 a meeting is needed in November to present goals and recommendations to the Town Manager by the 15th of Dec. Meeting will be November 27th. 2012. Please bring comments in writing and will ask Finance Committee to volunteer to take all comments and come up with a final that can be give to the manager. prior to the 11th of December 2012.

Councilor Mael wants council to start thinking about the year 2013. We will be looking at a vote on the state senate election, the school and maybe the casino. Also important to engage community to be more involved.

APPOINTMENTS-SEE ATTACHED

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to approve appointments, re-appointments and correction of term appointment.
(see attached)**

2nd. By Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Vice President Varone to refer to Finance Committee the motion by the Town Manager for the emergency repair to the Revere St. pumping station (see attached)

2nd. By Councilor Powers

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Council Vice President Varone to refer to Finance Committee the motion by the Town Manager for the water meter replacements (see attached)

2nd. By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Sanford to refer the request of the Zoning Board and Appeals Board to do a sample rooming house ordinance to the Rules and Ordinance Committee

2nd By Councilor Calla

Discussion: Councilor Boncore establishes that only a rooming house ordinance will be discussed.

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Mael to Amend that the rule regarding the town accepting used and donated boats be sent to the Rules and Ordinance for review.

2nd. By Councilor Letterie

Discussion: Councilor Powers, does this motion give the Harbor Mgt. and Planning Committee final say into whether or not a donation is accepted. Councilor Mael, the charter gives the Town Manager that right. Councilor Powers concern is that this gives the Harbor Mgt. and Planning Committee final vote. Councilor Mael believes their goal is to help town with their experience to do the best for the town in these decisions.

Council President Gill asks Rules and Ordinance to clarify this.

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Calla to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract for the Voice Over IP to 4 years (see attached).

2nd. By Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Sanford to waive Article 2B to read two Finance Committee motions.

2nd. By Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to pay past Fiscal Years Legal Services (see attached motion)

No Second Required Motion from Finance Committee

Discussion: Councilor Mael, where does this get paid from? Do we have any idea of our free cash?

Town Manager replies that we will be submitting final Sch. A to DOR sometime in Dec. 2012, we will then know our free cash. Before any free cash amount is announced, we have to look into our increased expenses.

Councilor DelVento: The Town Manager has requested that the amount be paid from the Town Council Reserve Fund, but also in the interim was going to identify another source of funding.

Councilor Mael: Will it really make a difference if we wait for the Town Manager to make a decision of paying this within the next couple of weeks? Mr. McKenna would like to pay invoice as it has been delayed far too long and if funding does become available in another avenue, funds will be transferred back into Town Council Reserve.

Motion by Councilor DelVento to Amend the Main Motion to include the funding of \$16,485.40 be transferred from the Town Council Reserve Fund.

2nd: By Councilor Sanford for purpose of discussion:

Councilor Mael: How much is in the council reserve?

Councilor Varone: We need a dashboard update monthly.

Town Manager McKenna: Dashboard will be scheduled for the first of each month. Accounts are being verified in a much more solid basis and will work on making sure dashboards are scheduled for each month.

Discussion: Councilor Varone will not vote without knowing what is in councilor reserve.

All Opposed

Amendment Fails

President Gill: Back to Main Motion. This motion will require a 9/10th vote.

Town Manager McKenna would like to withdraw motion.

Motion by Councilor DelVento to postpone Main Motion until meeting of Nov. 27th 2012.

2nd. By Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to accept the Finance Committees report of Councilor Auditor RFP
(see attached motion)**

No Second Required as Motion Came from Finance Committee

Passed Unanimously

OTHER NEW BUSINESS (Council Comments)

Councilor Boncore: When will the vote be to hire Councilor Auditor?

Councilor DelVento: Once cost package opened and we are seeing what we are charged we can make recommendation.

Council President Gill is aiming for this information by Dec. 4th 2012. Councilor DelVento agrees.

Councilor Letterie: New owners of hospital have passed papers and are beginning cleaning of building inside and out.

Planning ground breaking ceremony sometime in Dec. 2012.

Tomorrow night at Rink, please come and celebrate the dedication of the Larry Larsen skating rink at the Mike Eruzione Center.

Council President Gill had a recent experience with the Fire Department, Police Department and DPW during Hurricane Sandy and was more than impressed with Chief Flanagan and all the departments with their work during this hurricane to assure that the town could be as safe as possible. Emergency Management Team and Medical Reserve Corp had impressive preparation.

DCR will come to Dec. 18th 2012 meeting and make presentation and update on Beach Project.

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilor DelVento
2nd. by Councilor Calla
Passed Unanimously**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chapter 2-10 (b)

November 20, 2012

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Council on Aging
Mark Lynch

Term Expires
June 30, 2013 (to fill unexpired term)

TOWN CLERK
JANET WILSON

Citizens Advisory Finance Commission
*Karen Chavis

June 30, 2015

Cultural Council
*Carolyn Nickerson
(to correct term expiration date)

June 30, 2015

* Re-appointment



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**James McKenna
Town Manager**

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 11/14/12

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to transfer \$25,962.04 from the Sewer Reserve Account (90152-576100) to the Sewer Supplies and Equipment line item (90152-542005) for the purposes of paying for the expenditures directly related to the emergency repairs at the Revere Street Sever Pumping Station or take any other action relative hereto.

Vote: _____

Date: _____



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 11/14/12

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to appropriate \$750,000 for the purpose of financing the replacement of water meters and the installation of the associated infrastructure, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$750,000 and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, which grants and/or aid shall be expended for the project in addition to the amount appropriated and to be borrowed under this order; and that the Town Manager is authorized to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, such rights, titles and easements as may be necessary for such purposes, to abandon such rights, titles and easements as are no longer required, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project

Vote: _____

Date: _____

Finance Motions for 11/23/12:

Motion: To pay past Fiscal Years bills in the amount of \$16,485.40 to Deirdre Donahue, Esq. for legal services performed for The Town of Winthrop ZBA.

Motion: To accept the Finance Committees report of Councilor Auditor RFP review and forward to Town Procurement Officer for cost proposal review. Order of recommendation:

- 1: Powers and Sullivan LLC
- 2: Sullivan, Rogers & Co. LLC
- 3: Melanson Heath & Co., PC

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Submitted By: Craig Mael

Date: November 14, 2012

Article Number:_____

Subject: Harbor Managment

Referendum

"A motion is forwarded to the Town Council to vote on the attached document. " This motion is intended to provide a framework for the Town to help in accepting used or donated vessels.

Signature of Petitioner: Craig G Mael

Received by: _____ Time: _____