

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Cummings School

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Powers called 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

### **MINUTES**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the minutes of March 5, 2013, as circulated**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. By Councilor Powers**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **PRESENTATION**

10 yr. Old Adrianna Barbarissi gives us information about the awareness of students with Autism and what Light it Up Blue is about. Her class is selling bracelets and candles with the proceeds to be donated to the Autism Foundation.

Please show support to the people with Autism by changing your porch light to a blue light bulb and "Light It Up Blue" for the month of April.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guy Brandenstein (Trident Ave.) discusses the water/sewer rates and the Town Charter.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

-Finance Committee – Currently scheduling a hearing on the Fees Schedule Revisions prior to next Council meeting.

### **TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

-MAPC DLTA Funding to continue planning process for Center Business Area and long term vision for our community. An original draft was presented to the Council and has now been drafted professionally by the MAPC and is presented to the Council for consideration. This report is going to enhance our guidance on how to proceed with funding for our town and in what areas.

-Search Committee has been formulated for Veterans Agent-Replacement including job description

-Provided memorandum, as requested by the council, on building maintenance.

-DPW Director Steve Calla updates on the scheduling of work to resume on project, corner of Brookfield Rd. and Pleasant St.

-Councilor Mael comments on the building maintenance and the ability to interchange janitorial personnel.

-Superintendent Macero explains a change in the current contract permits this with an overtime expense.

-Town Mgr. McKenna states that consolidation within our departments is being considered in our current union contracts.

-Comcast Funding and how it is being disbursed for Council Policy

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion by Finance Committee that the Council vote to transfer \$2,110.00 from the Town Council Reserve Account to the Recreation Purchased Service Account (See Attached Motion).**

Discussion:

-Councilor Powers inquires about this motion previously being voted to be sent to the Citizens Finance Commission.

-President Gill states that the Citizens Finance Commission felt not necessary to hear this issue.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Recreation Purchased Service Account (See Attached Motion).  
Passed Unanimously**

- Councilor Calla inquires to Town Mgr. McKenna about an update on the sand at the beaches and when it will be coming into Winthrop.
- Town Mgr. McKenna replies that it is just a matter of time until all permits and challenges are met. The sand will be delivered but as to when, we are still in question.
- Councilor Boncore gives thanks for the help in moving the sand on Yirrell Beach.
- Town Mgr. McKenna expresses concerns of the excess sand on Yirrell Beach.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion from the Town Mgr. to move that the Council vote to transfer \$26,557.00 from the Town Council Reserve Fund to the Recreation Purchased Service Account...(See Attached Motion)**

**Motion by Councilor DeVento to refer this motion to the Finance Commission**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion from the Town Mgr. to move that the Council vote to transfer \$44,943.01 from Free Cash to the Recreation Purchased Service Account...(See Attached Motion)**

**Motion by Councilor DeVento to refer this motion to the Finance Commission**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Vice President Varone to transfer \$140,000 from Free Cash to a Capital Account...  
(See Attached Motion)**

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

**Discussion:**

Councilor Vice President Varone would like to add that possibly the Winthrop Street Corridor Improvement project would be included in the Transportation Bond Bill but still unclear if this includes the Engineering. He believes every year, Free Cash should be put aside for these project budgets.

**Motion by Councilor DeVento to refer this motion to the Finance Commission**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Vice President Varone to Transfer 50% of Free Cash to the Stabilization fund, or any action relative thereto.**

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

**Motion by Councilor Mael to refer this motion to the Finance Commission**

**Motion withdrawn by Councilor Mael**

**Discussion:**

-Councilor Vice President Varone believes this is a policy decision that should be done to help the Town with their bond rating.

-Councilor Letterie asks if the 50% balance of the Free Cash Councilor Vice President Varone is requesting to be transferred before or after Free Cash has been used? Councilor Vice President Varone's original intent was before any deductions.

-CFO Tim Gordon did consider timing of motion as it relates to the 50% of Free Cash. With this amount, it puts the "savings" for the town just over 2% within the stabilization.

**Motion by Councilor DeVento to refer this motion to the Finance Commission**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**APPOINTMENTS**

Council President Gill re-appointed Patricia Tacelli to the Winthrop Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to approve this appointment**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guy Brandenstein comments on an email sent and will re-send to Council President Gill.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS/ UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 6<sup>th</sup>, Rotary's Chinese Auction

Pico Park Memorial Brick program will be closing by end of March

National recognition Honor Society Students, who served the Rotary (Senior Luncheon), were honored at the DeLeo Sr. Center

**Motion to go into Executive Session**

**No Motion**

**Council will not proceed into Executive Session**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Letterie**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 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



# TOWN OF WINTHROP

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1077 Fax: 617-846-5458

James McKenna  
Town Manager

### MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 1/31/13

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to transfer \$2,110.00 from the Town Council Reserve Account 0111052-576100 to the Recreation Purchased Services Account 6715-520000 for the purposes of paying a prior year bill for expenses related to summer 2012 activities or take any other action relative hereto.

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Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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James McKenna  
Town Manager

## MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 1/31/13

## TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to transfer \$4,130.00 from the Town Council Reserve Account 0111052-576100 to the Recreation Purchased Services Account 6715-520000 for the purposes of paying prior year bill relative to Spring 2012 Lacrosse Program or take any other action relative hereto.

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Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 3/13/13

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to transfer \$26,557.00 from the Town Council Reserve Account 0111052-576100 to the Town Manager Contract Services Account 0111252-544350 for the purposes of paying legal counsel through the end of FY13 or take any other action relative hereto.

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Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Town Manager

### MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 3/13/13

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to transfer \$44,943.01 from Free Cash to the Recreation Purchased Services Account 6715-520000 for the purposes of covering recreation expenditures through the end of FY13 or take any other action relative hereto.

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Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## MOTION

Submitted by: Paul Varone

Date: 3/19/2013

Article Number:

Subject: Transfer

## TEXT OF MOTION

Motion to transfer \$140,000 from free cash to a capital account for the purpose of funding engineering costs for the Winthrop Street Corridor Improvement Project, or any action relative thereto.

Signature of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_





## MOTION

Submitted by: Paul Varone

Date: 3/19/2013

Article Number:

Subject: Transfer

## TEXT OF MOTION

Motion to transfer 50% of free cash to the Stabilization fund , or any action relative thereto.

Signature of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_



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**James McKenna**  
Town Manager

## **Town Manager's Report** **March 19, 2013**

- **MAPC DLTA Funding to continue planning process for Center Business Area**
- **Veterans Director Search Committee**
  - **Councilor Powers**
  - **Larry Holmes**
  - **Richard Honan**
  - **John Eade**
  - **James McKenna**
- **Building Maintenance Report**
- **Pleasant Street work to start soon**
- **WCAT / Comcast funding**