

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2013

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 Harvey Hearing Room.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Letterie called the Pledge of Allegiance

## 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

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the minutes of March 19, 2013, as circulated**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

## CITATIONS

Citation given to Robert Sanborn, Chief, Winthrop Auxiliary Police, who is retiring, for his 38 years of service.

Presentation from Alan Peabody of the Beautification Committee: The Committee is committed to creating an awareness to include the appearance of public spaces in town. Volunteers meet for "work parties" to help with this cause. The committee meets Saturday mornings from 8-9a.m. if anyone is interested in participating.

Council President Gill, with no objection from the Council, turns the forum over to Town Mgr. McKenna who has two agendas to address: To appoint Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux and West as special council for the purpose of negotiating with the owner/operators of the casino at Suffolk Downs (See New Business) and to authorize Koppleman and Page to negotiate terms and conditions with Blue Wave Capital, LLC (See Old Business).

Both parties are present for discussion and summary on negotiations.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Council President Gill has several pieces of correspondence, which he will summarize:

- DPU, has sent notification that they are having a hearing because National Grid wants to collect \$40 million dollars annually over the next 5 yrs. to compensate for the past storm related cost. Public hearing will be Friday April 12 at 2 PM.
- David Ferreira, member of the Board of Appeals is resigning from position and position has been advertised.
- Several communications regarding the inspection issues of residents that have commented that they would like some sort of ordinance put in place.
- Several communications from Guy Brandenstein.
- Town of Winthrop Parks Committee sends thank for the help with the Brick Program and program has been extended to April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Letter from Henry Basch in reference to parking signs and police stations windows.
- Letter from Temple Tifereth, they are celebrating their centennial on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Peabody Marriott. They have an ad book if anyone is interested, deadline for ads is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Rates and Ordinance-No meeting to report
- Finance Committee: Meeting scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> but was postponed. Meeting will be scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Capital Improvement Committee will schedule meeting and would like input from Department Heads in reference to the upcoming budget. Town Mgr. will solicit a 5-year budget and ask Department Heads to consider what their priorities are.

## **TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

- ❑ Sewer Rates
  - DOR sets rates, not town. State laws pre-empt Town laws.
- ❑ DCR will be working weekends
  - For next two weeks, the DCR will be working on weekends.
- ❑ Demolition at Dalrymple School
  - Interior should be starting this week
- ❑ Winthrop Lodge of Elks has pulled their project permit for the renovations on the top floor.
- ❑ Ferry Update
  - Will be contacting other Ferry owners to save on expenses. Ferry should be in operation by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Will have Ferry provider while we work through our decision making process.
  - Punch list issues on building.
- ❑ Met with Harbor Master
  - Erosion of Southern Edge
  - Requires immediate shoring
- ❑ CFO Tim Gordon reports on audit completion
- ❑ Next meeting he will prepare packet of transfer to close fiscal year.
- ❑ Budget to Actual Report, Revenue Analysis, Proposal on Funds
- ❑ Donna Beshera is leaving and will be replaced by Elizabeth Zolesky as Finance & Budget Mgr.

Councilor Letterie inquires about Pleasant St. repairs. Construction will be done between Pleasant, Pauline and Lincoln St. No finish dates on Bridge Project as of yet but have mutual goal to get done by end of the Spring. Mooring Fees will be enforced.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Council waive Rule12-c and release from Finance Committee the March 13, 2013 Town Managers transfer request of \$26, 557.00...(See Attached Motion)**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Council vote to transfer \$26,557.00...(See Attached Motion)**

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

**Discussion on what has been paid up to date in reference to this transfer.**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Council waive Rule12-c and release from Finance Committee the March 13, 2013 Town Managers transfer request of \$44,943.01...(See Attached Motion)**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Council vote to transfer \$44,943.01...(See Attached Motion)**

**Motion withdrawn by Councilor DelVento**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Council vote to transfer \$2,530.95 from Free Cash....  
(See Attached Motion)**

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

**Discussion: Councilor Boncore would like to separate these two amounts into two separate motions.**

Motion by Councilor DelVento to amend original motion to move that Council vote to transfer \$2,530.95..  
(See Attached Motion)

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

Discussion: Councilor Boncore recuses himself from discussion and vote.

CFO Tim Gordon explains transfer. These funds are being issued as to allow Parks and Rec. to budget their expenses in the future years.

7-2 (Councilor Mael and Councilor Boncore abstain from vote)

Motion by Councilor DelVento to amend original motion to move that Council vote to transfer \$42,412.05...

(See Attached Motion)

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

Discussion: Councilor Boncore discusses that Parks and Rec. should not be treated as an Enterprise Fund and go back into being treated as a Regular Fund and was included in the original vote of proposition 2 ½. Council President Gill suggests we vote on this particular motion as they are an Enterprise Fund and if they are to change, it will be discussed at that time.

Councilor DelVento explains supplemental funds and how it will enable Parks and Rec. to continue, if council appropriates these funds.

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council authorize Koppleman and Page to negotiate....

(See Attached Motion)

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

Passed Unanimously

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Vice President Varone that the Town Council appoint Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux and West, LLC as special council...(See Attached Motion)

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

Discussion: There is June deadline. It is necessary to engage in these negotiations of mitigation effecting our community with the Gaming Commission.

8-1 (Councilor Boncore abstains)

Vacancy on Board of Appeals and it has been advertised.

Brick Program has been extended.

Rotary Chinese Auction will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> at WYC

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Letterie

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

Passed 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:

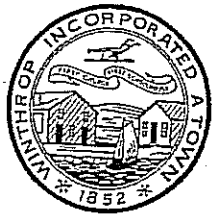
Hand Written Notes

Committee Openings Documents

Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motions

Respectfully submitted,  
Town Council Clerk  
Denise Quist



# 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: 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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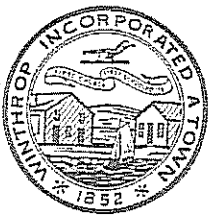
## TEXT OF MOTION

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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James McKenna  
Town Manager

### MOTION

4-2-13

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor DelVento to amend original motion to move that the Council vote to transfer \$2,530.95 from Free Cash to the Recreation Payroll Account 6715-511000 for the purposes of covering recreation expenditures through the end of FY13 or take any other action relative hereto.

**2<sup>nd</sup> By Councilor Letterie**  
**7-2 (Councilor Mael and Councilor Boncore Abstain)**

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**MOTION**

4-2-13

**TEXT OF MOTION**

Motion by Councilor DelVento to amend original motion to move that the Council vote to transfer \$42,412.05 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> By Councilor Letterie  
Passed Unanimously**

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**Town Manager**

## MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 3/28/13

## TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize Koppleman and Page to negotiate terms and conditions for the procurement of power purchase agreement as proposed by Blue Wave Capital, LLC and to present such final agreement for approval to the Council, 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: 3/28/13

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: That the Town Council appoint Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux & West, LLC as special counsel for the limited purposes of negotiating to satisfactory conclusion on behalf of the Town an "impacted community agreement" with the owners/operators of the casino at Suffolk Downs in East Boston or take any other action relative hereto.

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

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