

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 7, 2013

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Harvey Hearing Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Boncore 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 (Arrived 7:20 P.M.)
Vice President Varone-	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

PRESENTATION to Edward Barnacle of a Citation for 28 years of service to the Winthrop High School.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DelVento to accept the minutes of April 16, 2013, as circulated

2nd. By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING-

Fees Schedule Revisions-Councilor DelVento-Read Fees that are changing only, per department- (See Attached)

-Council Vice President Varone questions the cost of the Body Art Practitioner License, why is the practitioner obligated to pay this fee of \$600 every two years.

Motion by Council Vice-President Varone to Amend Original Motion and reduce the Body Art Practitioner Fee to \$125.00 per year/\$250.00 every two years.

2nd. by Councilor Boncore

7-1-1 (Councilor Letterie-No / Councilor Mael-Abstains)

-Councilor DelVento explains he is reading the Public Hearing on these Fees Schedules and any amendments to the motion should wait until completed, he continues reading just the changes of the Fees.

-Discussion on the change in the Fees Schedule that concern them and would like justification of these changes as the town is trying to enhance businesses in our town.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEES SCHEDULE:

Guy Brandenstein (P-6) comments on several increases in fees.

Jeanne Maggio (P-4) is representing the Health Department and explains that there has not been a raise in the Fees Schedule for several years and research was done with other communities and the state in reference to setting these fees.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Guy Brandenstein (P-2) has a question on the "5-min rule".

-President Gill recognizes Officer Perrin and Officer Callahan as volunteering their time during the crisis that was happening in Watertown due to the Boston Marathon Bombers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-May 12, 2013, 3 Eagle Scouts will be recognized at St. Johns Church

-Piko Park Fund Raiser May 11, 2013 at the Cottage Park Yacht Club 5-9 P.M.

- Brick Program may be extended
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary stated that May 19, 2013 will be known as Winthrop Safe Boating Day
Cottage Park Yacht Club will be recognizing this from 10 A.M to 1 P.M.
- MMCA meeting in Quincy on Wed. May 29, 2013 from 5:45 to 8:00 P.M
- Letter from SBAC asking if the town will consider waiving permit fees during construction? It is the practice of the town to waive these fees.
- Gay and Lesbian Community Letter

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee – May 6, 2013 Meeting (See Attached Minutes)

- Year End Fiscal Transfers

Capital Improvement Committee- April 30, 2013 (See Attached Minutes)

- Five Year Plan for the Town of Winthrop

Public Health and Safety Committee- April 18, 2013 Meeting (See Attached Minutes)

- Review of Draft Ordinance

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

-Fiscal year 2014 Budget Submitted and Advertised-

He would like to thank the CFO Tim Gordon and the department managers for their input on the budget.

-Two TSAC proposals to be referred to Public Safety Sub Committee for further recommendations.

-Veterans Agent Update

There are four candidates for this position and interviews will begin May 8, 2013.

-Library Director Update

Reviewing Library Applicants and will have interviews and nominee for position soon.

-Gold Course Lease RFP Update

Have not received a response that met the criteria of the RFP. He has asked golf committee to reconvene and offer this criteria.

-Street Lights

Service Contract has been terminate due to dissatisfaction with service and excessive cost. Alternate service plan is being considered including handling reports and service "in house". In the meantime, the town will address critical streetlights.

-Secretary Bilecki of Housing and Community Development (will be meeting with the Town on May 28, 2013 to discuss ways to improve small business development in Winthrop. Looking to establish an economic target area "ETA" for the center commercial area).

Will be giving the Secretary a tour of Winthrop and all its good points and discuss funding that might be available.

-Occupancy Permit has been obtained at the Ferry Terminal, all prior work completed, architect has signed off.

-Still awaiting final Chapter 90 funding for the completion of the construction of Walden Street, waiting for Governors approval.

-Brookfield Rd. and Pleasant St. construction almost completed, all paving will be done on a timely basis.

-We are in final discussions with a Ferry Provider/ Water taxi to begin day after Memorial Day.

-The State and Federal subsidized \$175,000 last year and \$330,000 the year before and these funds are no longer available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilor DelVento to accept the main motion of the Town Managers FY 2014 Town Fee Schedule... (See Attached Motion)

No Second Needed as Coming from the Finance Committee

Amendment by Councilor DelVento from Finance Committee to adjust the DPW Commercial non-residential compost waster to \$100 (See Attached Motion)

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Sanford to amend the main motion that the milk and cream fee remain at \$25.00

Motion by Councilor Sanford to amend the main motion that the annual dumpster fee remain at \$120.00

2nd by Councilor Calla

Discussion:

-Councilor Letterie questions the change of any fees since the Board of Health have represented their fee increases.

We should not be able to randomly pick the fees to be adjusted.

Motion by Councilor Sanford to postpone this motion until next meeting
2nd by Councilor Powers
5-4 (No-President Gill, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Mael, Councilor DelVento)

Motion by Councilor DelVento that \$140,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash... (See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming from the Finance Committee

Discussion-

-Councilor Mael against this motion as he feels it should be held off until the end of the year until all financial information is settled.

-Councilor Letterie agrees with Councilor Mael

-Council Vice President Varone thinks delaying will delay the funding

Motion Passed 7-2 (No-Councilor Mael / Councilor Letterie)

Motion by Councilor Letterie to waive the reading of the following motion and vote in the aggregate
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento for the purpose of funding Fiscal 2013 year-end expense, move that the sum of \$31,099.09...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as coming from the Finance Committee
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento for the purpose of funding Fiscal 2013 year-end expense, move that the sum of \$11,700.00...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as coming from the Finance Committee
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento for the purpose of funding Fiscal 2013 year-end expense, move that the sum of \$53,940.00...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as coming from the Finance Committee
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento for the purpose of funding Fiscal 2013 year-end expense, move that the sum of \$29,600.00...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as coming from the Finance Committee
Passed Unanimously

President Gill to suspends Rules and move to New Business:

Motion by Councilor Powers that the Town of Winthrop hereby accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40U...(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Vice President Varone
If no objection, President Gill will suspend Rule 2B as this motion was late.
Councilor Boncore exercises his right to move this motion to the next meeting.

RETURN TO OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilor Powers to adopt "Rental Property Registration and Inspection" proposal by task force.....(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as coming from Public Safety Committee

Motion by Councilor Powers to refer this motion to Rules and Ordinance Committee and have rules and Ordinance report back to Town Council no later than June 18, 2013
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Motion Passes 8-1 (No-Councilor Boncore)
Councilor Boncore will have a Rules and Ordinance Committee Public Meeting on June 11, 2013.

Motion by Councilor Powers to set a Public Hearing on the Rental Property Registration and Inspection on June 18, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. (Regular Town Council Meeting)
2nd by Councilor DelVento
Motion Passes 8-1 (No-Councilor Boncore)

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer the FY-14 Budget to the Finance Commission
2nd by Councilor Powers
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Sanford to have a Public Hearing on May 21, 2013 for the FY-14 Budget at the regular Town Council Meeting
2nd by Councilor Powers
Passed Unanimously

President Gill reviews budget timeline will be between the May 28th and 31st. the Finance Commission submit their report to the Town Council with their recommendations.
Budget will be voted on June 4, 2013 if not, a special meeting will be scheduled. If no action is taken by June 15, 2013 the budget will be adopted as proposed (7-8 (c))
Councilors are urged strongly to attend as many Finance Commission meetings as possible.

Motion by Councilor Sanford to transfer \$3000.00 from the Town Council Reserve....
(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Vice President Varone
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie to transfer \$720.00 from the Town Council Reserve...(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor DelVento
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer TSAC (Traffic Safety Advisory Committee) recommendations to Public Safety
2nd by Councilor DelVento
Discussion:
Chief Delehanty interested in a pilot program of meter parking for Shirley St. commercial parking.
Motion Withdrawn

Motion by Councilor Boncore that the TSAC recommendation to undertake a pilot meter program at Delby's Corner be sent to the Public Safety committee
2nd by Councilor Letterie
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Boncore that TSAC parking recommendation at Metcalf Sq. and Hermon St. be referred to Rules and Ordinance Committee
2nd by Councilor Letterie
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento that if the construction of the proposed Middle School/High School goes forward, the municipal building permit fees for that project will be waived.
2nd by Councilor Letterie
Passed Unanimously

President Gill acknowledges that several committee appointments are expiring June 30, 2013, he encourages the public to look over this list. Also, current committee members, whose terms are expiring, let him know if you are interested in being re-appointed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jean Maggio (P-4) Expressed disappointment in council postponing an entire fee schedule for the town for just one department having fee changes.

President Gill corrects that it was not just one department that was singled out.

Councilor Sanford states this is not a direct hit at any one department, he needs more information as a Councilman to make a correct decision on these fees.

Councilor Boncore states a lot of the fees are in the town by-laws, we must amend by-laws to match the fee schedule, this should be amended prior to voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Letterie

2nd By Councilor DelVento

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 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