

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 Powers called the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for the victims of the Oklahoma City tornado

President Gill also thanks Capt. Charles Flanagan for his volunteering with the FEMA Team in Oklahoma City

### **ROLL CALL**

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| Councilor DelVento-     | Present                |
| Councilor Powers-       | Present                |
| Councilor Letterie-     | Absent                 |
| Councilor Boncore-      | Present                |
| Councilor Sanford-      | Absent                 |
| Councilor Calla-        | Present (Arrived 7:30) |
| Councilor Mael          | Present                |
| Vice President Varone-  | Present                |
| Council President Gill- | Present                |

### **MINUTES**

**Motion by Vice President Varone to accept the minutes of May 7, 2013, as circulated**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

President Gill turns the meeting over to Town Mgr. McKenna for his announcing the appointment of Rose Mazzuchelli as the town's new Veterans Agent.

President Gill suspends council meeting and proceeds to the FY-14 Budget Summary-

Town Mgr. McKenna announces they have presented the FY-14 Budget Summary to the Town Council in which they have referred to the Finance Commission, they have had several meetings and are having a very constructive dialogue with the Commission. Budget is balanced, no tax revenues, very strong projections that shows investments in our towns programs but also made a strong investment in equipment and capital, something the town has not been able to do in the past. Modest investment revenue shows improvement in our economy. Budget was built on a clear record of revenue projections.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON FY-14 BUDGET**

Karen Chavis (P-3), along with several councilors has questions on the budget of which Town Mgr. McKenna addresses to satisfaction. Councilor DelVento explains that 8 meetings were held, all departments were asked for their involvement.

The next Finance Commission meeting is May 28, 2013, if anyone has any questions, please e-mail prior to this date.

If any amendments needed, they must be done prior to final recommendations.

President Gill recognizes the Finance Commission for their input in this budget.

### **PUBLIC HEARING-CLOSED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Paul McGee (P-3) representing the businesses of the Shirley St. Beach area as President of the Chamber, express their concerns on opposing meters in this area, a petition has been done to this fact (see attached).

This subject has been referred to Public Safety, meeting will be 5-29-13.

Jean Maggio (P-4) comments on the Fees Schedule Revision and the information she has e-mailed out in reference to Body Art Establishment/Practitioner fees.

Eric Moore-Health Director, has reached out to the stores of Winthrop in reference to the milk and cream fee.

This fee has not been increased for several years and has assured this fee increase is needed for current inspection costs.

No Further Public Comment

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A Retirement Celebration for current teachers retiring will be at the Hyatt Harborside on June 20, 2013 at 3:30, \$45 per person if attending \$20 for gift only.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee** has one issue pending: Vice President Varones motion 50 % Cash Stabilization (see attached).

**Public Safety** has meeting May 29, 2013 on proposed meters in the Shirley St. area.

**Rules and Ordinance** meeting June 11, 2013 on the Rental Property Inspection Ordinance and the parking at Hermon St.

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

-In discussion with Siemens Corporation in regards to a proposal to convert all the StreetLights to low energy LED street lights to save the Town money and use the energy savings for finance the project over the next five years.

-Tobin Bridge tolls will become all electronic within the next several years.

-Ferry's pending start date is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be free rides May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

-Viking Pride has proposed purchasing a warm weather flooring system for rink activities during the summer.

-The Hospital will be applying for their permits this week to begin construction.

-Secretary of Community and Development will be in Winthrop on Tuesday and an Economic Development Summit at the E.B. Newton Cultural Center at 10:00 a.m.

-Middle-High School project now has a new floor plan option that proposes a much more functional and efficient use. We should have the schools do a new presentation of the reorganization of the floor plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion by Councilor Powers that the Town of Winthrop hereby accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40U (See Attached)**

**No Second Needed as Coming from Committee**

Discussion

This supports the local municipal to conduct hearings and not have to go to court for local appeals.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to amend the main motion that the milk and cream fee go back to \$25.00 Unanimously Not Passed**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to amend the main motion that the annual dumpster fee be \$120.00 6-1 (Councilor Mael-No)**

**Motion Passes**

Councilor DelVento needs fee information on Massage Therapy and Parlor.

**Motion by Vice President Varone to amend the Body Art Practitioner to fee from \$600 every two years to \$300 every two years.**

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

Discussion-Vice President Varone notes seeing information on fees but does not see this inspection being very time consuming and encourages fellow councilors vote to keep at \$300 every two years.

**Main Motion as Amended that we adopt the Town Managers FY-12 Fee Schedule with the following Amendments:**

**Compost Waste Fee \$100**

**Body Art Practitioner Fee \$300 every two years**

**Milk and Cream Fee \$40.00**

**Dumpster Fee \$120.00**

Discussion-

**Councilor Powers** is voting no on the Fees Schedule as he is not convinced these Fees are a legitimate cost.

**Councilor Boncore** also voting no as there are several items coming up for vote in the future that will cause an increase on the town's people.

**Vice President Varone** asks for a roll call vote.

**Councilor Mael** does not want to raise revenues but also wants more information on fee costs, they may need to be increased on some departments. He would like to table until more information on cost provided.

**Town Mgr. McKenna** reflects that this matter has been discussed within each department and the Council for several months. Each fee has already been set, not increased accordingly, and now needs to adjusted correctly to reflect the changes in the past years.

**Council President Gill** acknowledges this Fees Schedule has been on the table for some time. We have to put faith in our Town Mgr. and Department heads since these fees have not been adjusted since the 90's; they are due for an adjustment. We do not have the time or resources to look over each and every service. It has been determined some of these services are costing more, some aren't. It is time to adjust this schedule now.

**Councilor DelVento** states that the Finance Committee has been working to get them up to date.

If Council wants to "pull some out" and discuss, do this, do not dismiss this entire Fee Schedule.

**Roll Call Vote on Adopting the Town Mgrs. FY-12 Fees Schedule. A Yes Vote Passes the Main Motion as Amended with the Amendments made (See Above Schedule)**

**Councilor Mael-Yes**

**Councilor DelVento-Yes**

**Councilor Powers-No**

**President Gill-Yes**

**Vice President Varone-Yes**

**Councilor Boncore-No**

**Councilor Calla-Yes**

**5-2 Motion Passes**

No Further Old Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Vice President Varone to refer to the Finance Committee move that in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Mgr. is authorized to issue refunding bonds....(See Attached Motion)**

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

Discussion-

Councilor DelVento asks of time sensitivity on this motion as they are dealing with the Budget at this time.

He asks that this motion be advertised and vote on at next Town Council Meeting.

**Motion by Finance Committee to waive rule 2-9c and vote this at the next town Council Meeting, advertising prior to meeting and Public Hearing scheduled for that meeting**

**Passed Unanimously**

June Meeting Schedule: June 5, 2013 and June 18, 2013

**All in favor of changing June 4, 2013 Town Council Meeting to June 5, 2013**

**Passed Unanimously**

President Gill asking all chairman on the current boards and committees to review the current members and advise if re-appointments will be made and encourages the public to look at website on available committee and board seats.

The next Public Hearing will be on June 18, 2013 at the Cummings School on the Rental Property Inspection.

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to approve the appointment of Rose Mazzuchetti to the Veterans Agent**

**Position**

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

**Discussion-**

**Town Mgr. McKenna does not feel it is necessary for this vote as the Charter does not call for it.**

**Councilor DeVento feels that this motion be out of order**

**President Gill rules motion out of order**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jean Maggio confirms fee on the Body Art Practitioner.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Varone**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 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

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James McKenna  
Town Manager

## MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 5/15/13

## TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that, in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to issue refunding bonds, pursuant to G.L. c.44 sec.21A or any other enabling legislation, to refund all or a portion of the remaining amounts of the Town's General Obligation School Bonds dated March 15, 2005; that the refunding bonds shall be issued in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000, in order to pay the principal and interest on the bonds to be refunded, costs of issuance of the refunding bonds, and all other costs incidental or related thereto; and that the Treasurer is authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable to carry out this transaction, including a refunding escrow agreement with a bank or trust company.

*5-21-2013 - PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR  
JUNE 5, 2013 -*

Vote: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Council President: PETER SHILL

Date: 5-16-2013 12:40

Town Manager: JAMES MCKENNA

CFO: SIMON BORDOON



## **MOTION**

**Submitted by:** Councilor Powers

**Date:** May 7, 2013

**Article Number:**

**Subject:** Chapter 40U

## **TEXT OF MOTION**

That the Town of Winthrop hereby accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40U providing for enforcement of fines imposed for violations of municipal housing, sanitary and snow and ice removal requirements.

**5-21-13**

**Motion by Councilor Powers**

**No 2<sup>nd</sup> Needed as Coming from Committee**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Signature of Petitioner:** Councilor At Large J. Larry Powers