

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 5, 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 Calla called the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Board Member Arthur Goodearl who passed away.

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ROLL CALL

Councilor DelVento-	Absent
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

TOWN CLERK
WINTHROP, MASS.

Rose Mazzuchelli introduces John Cardera who congratulates Winthrop on becoming a Heart Safe Community who presents our town with this award and explains what being a Heart Safe Community is.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Powers to accept the minutes of May 21, 2013, as circulated

2nd. By Vice President Varone

8-0 Passed

Motion to Amend original Motion of May 7, 2013 by Councilor Sanford that if the construction of the new Middle / High School goes forward the municipal building permit fees for that project will be waived.

2nd By Councilor Boncore

8-0 Passed

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Mgr. McKenna introduces the hearing on Refunding Loan Order and to explains how this will reduce our current finance charges of 4.3% to approx. 2%, saving the town \$186,000. This saving goes directly towards the taxpayers.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBIC COMMENT

Gina Cerulli (P3) has concerns of the water / sewer bill increase. Town Mgr. McKenna advises with the new budget, this increase will decrease.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Transfer 50% of Free Cash to Stabilization Fund is on hold.

Finance Commission has reviewed the Budget request of the Town Mgr. Councilor Letterie thanks the Finance Commission for their help in this process, especially Bob Wynne.

Bob Wynne then gives the recommendations from the Finance Commission on the Budget. Budget has been accepted with one change: Substitute repairs to the fire station floor for the bobcat. Recommend total budget of \$48,244,381. There are some recommendations that are being brought forward prior to the final vote of the Town Council on the Budget. All recommendations are presented. There is a request on the School Department to submit a monthly/quarterly report of actual to budget and payback. Focus on the future of professional development for all departments should be looked at in the future.

Public Health & Safety Committee-Meeting was May 29, 2013, all members in attendance.
Unanimous vote that not to accept TSAC recommendations of installing parking meters on Delby's Corner/Shirley St., instead refer this back to TSAC for a different solution on parking.

Rules and Ordinance Committee will have their June 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Harvey Hearing Room:
Agenda will be the Rental Property Registration and Inspection and Metcalf Sq. and Hermon St. Parking.

Councilor DelVento (through an e-mail to President Gill) fully supports the Budget as he is a member of the Citizens Finance Commission.

Finance Committee meeting on June 12, 2013 6:00 PM at the Harvey Hearing Room:
Agenda will be the Action for Distribution of 2013 Certified Free Cash by the Winthrop Town Council

President Gill waives the Rules to Vote the Budget , no objections:

Motion by Councilor Letterie pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32 and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop.....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Amendment to this Motion by Councilor Boncore to take \$60,067.00 from the School Department and put into Council Reserve

2nd By Vice President Varone for Purpose of Discussion

Discussion: Councilor Boncore discusses his reasoning for Amendment

Amendment by Councilor Mael to Amend Councilor Boncore's Amendment (See Above) so that the Total Budget be reduced to a 2.5% overall increase.

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Discussion: Town Mgr. McKenna states most of growth in budget is based on local aid funding. Budget is funded based on revenue, the state is making up the difference of the past 4 years being under funded. This is not the time to begin cutting the budget.

Councilor Letterie agrees with the Town Mgr. at this time, cutting budget at this time is taking a step back.

We have to show the town with the new school vote coming up that the school budget is acceptable. The town budget is more than acceptable with so many line items being involved.

President Gill comments that given the timeframe and diligence of those involved in the budget presentation plus the multiple opportunities for input by the public and Council that, in his opinion, this amendment is inappropriate at the eleventh hour in this process.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment to the Amendment

Councilor DelVento **Absent**

Councilor Calla: **No**

Councilor Sanford: **No**

Councilor Boncore: **No**

Councilor Letterie: **No**

Councilor Powers: **No**

Councilor Mael: **No**

Vice President Varone: **No**

Council President Gill: **No**

Amendment is Not Carried-Voted 8-0 (Councilor DelVento –Absent)

Amendment to this Motion by Councilor Boncore to reduce the School Department Budget by \$60,067.00 to make the increase in the School Department Budget total of 2.5% and to return the \$60,067.00 to the Council Reserve.

2nd By Vice President Varone for Purpose of Discussion

Councilor Boncore states he agrees with the Town Budget as the Town Council has control of this spending.

He has a problem with the Town Council having no control how the School Committee spends their money.

Bob Wynne explains the School Departments Budget in detail and they cannot afford this cut in their budget.

Council members express concerns with this amendment.

President Gill states due to state laws, the Council cannot act on the line items of the School Budget.

Roll Call Vote:	
Councilor DelVento	Absent
Councilor Powers	No
Councilor Letterie	No
Councilor Sanford	No
Councilor Calla	No
Councilor Mael	No
Councilor Boncore	Yes
Vice President Varone	No
President Gill	No

Main Motion by Councilor Letterie
2nd by Councilor Sanford
7-2 Passed (Councilor DelVento-Absent / Councilor Boncore – No)

Motion by Councilor Letterie pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 F ½ and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop...(See Attached Motion)
2nd By Vice President Varone
8-0 Passed

Motion by Councilor Letterie pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, move that the Town Council reauthorize the revolving account entitled “E.B. Newton Revolving Account”.....(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Sanford
8-0 Passed

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

- June 25th Scheduled Ground Breaking for the beginning of the Winthrop Hospital Project
- Winthrop High School Graduation will be Friday night, inside the gym due to the weather.
- Next phase of Walden St. to begin.
- DPW-Steve Calla reports on street work / sidewalks / drainage work being done.
- Asking Council to invite Seimans Corp. to propose to enter into a power purchase agreement to install LED streetlight fixtures town-wide and pay for it from the savings in energy costs over 5 years.
- Town-wide Yard Sale Saturday.
- Town-wide phone system has been installed.
- Preliminary plan for using the Rink in the summer, would like input from Council.
- CFO Gordon introduces Biz Zeleski our new Budget and Finance Mgr. CFO has been cleaning up “free cash” from accounts that have had no activity. July 2, 2013 Jim Powers from Powers and Sullivan will be going over audit.
- The Dalrymple School is finishing up on final financing and hopefully permits will be pulled soon.
- Bridge’s projected opening is prior to July 4th.
- Coastguard has certified Ferry Vessel and it has passed. It is currently opened at scheduled times.
- Fire boat has been totaled and the Town has been a stainless steel defender boat by the Coast Guard.
- Councilor Calla requests name is kept as the Sentinel.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion from Public Health and Safety on the issue of the parking meters in the Delby’s Block Area is to deny request from TSAC and request Town Council refer back to TSAC for an alternative solution of problem.
No Second Needed as Coming from Committee
8-0 Passed

Motion by Councilor Letterie in order to reduce costs, the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager.... (See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Sanford
8-0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Sanford to transfer \$75,000 from 2013 Certified Free Cash....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Calla

Discussion: Councilor Powers feels at this time since we still have the Motion of 50% of our Free Cash to be put in the Stabilization Fund Motion being held, any motions regarding Free Cash should be held until this Motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Letterie to transfer \$110,000 from 2013 Certified Free Cash to pay down the February 19, 1995....(See Attached Motion)

2nd By Councilor Sanford

Councilor Powers exercises his right to postpone to next meeting as this is first time on Agenda.

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Council vote to transfer \$19,000 from the Library Dept. Personnel Budget Account....(See Attached Motion)

2nd By Councilor Sanford

Discussion: Town Mgr. McKenna discusses that there will be a number of transfers at this time of the year so that every dept. can operate at their fullest extent.

Motion by Councilor Powers to refer to the Finance Committee that the Council vote to transfer \$19,000 from the Library Dept. Personnel Budget Account....(See Attached Motion)

2nd By Councilor Boncore

8-0 Passed

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer to Finance Committee that the Council vote to transfer \$5,000 from the General Fund(See Attached Motion)

2nd By Vice President Varone

Discussion: Councilor Mael discusses how many trees will be planted? DPW, Steve Calla explains.

8-0 Passed

President Gill commends the DPW crew / Tree Committee for the Main St. trees.

Today is the 1st. Anniversary of the passing of Chief Flanagan. In memory of this, the Chief's family has donated 20 trees to the town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Flanagan states the fireworks "are up in the air" we still have no licensed shooter for the 4th of July, we may still be able to have for the weekend. The State Fire Marshal states that all fireworks must be set off electronically. Chief realizes the importance of these fireworks to the community and will work diligently on this matter.

Councilor Mael thanks everyone involved with this years budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Powers

2nd By Councilor Sanford

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



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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 6/3/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32 and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, I move that the Town Council vote to adopt the Town Manager's proposed annual operating and capital budget for fiscal 2014, as amended by the Report of the Winthrop Finance Commission inclusive of personnel salaries and operating expenses set forth therein, and that to meet said appropriations the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,032,233.00, and further that an amount of \$200,000 shall be appropriated from available free cash; or take any other action relative thereto.

*MAIN MOTION BY COUNCILLOR LETTERIE
2ND BY COUNCILLOR SANFORD*

Vote: 7-1-PASSED
COUNCILLOR BOMBORE-NO

Council President: PETER GILL

Date: 6-5-2013

Town Manager: JAMES MCKENNA

CFO: SIMON BORDON



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 6/4/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53 F ½ in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, I move that the Town Council vote to adopt the Town Manager's proposed annual operating and capital budget for FY2014 for the following Enterprise Funds inclusive of personnel, operating expenditures and capital expense as provided therein:

Sewer Enterprise	\$4,553,620
Water Enterprise	\$2,776,330
Harbor Enterprise	\$330,026
Rink Enterprise	\$261,221
Recreation Enterprise	\$338,951

And further, that to meet these expenditures such user charges as necessary shall be authorized and assessed in accordance with those proposed rates and charges as set forth within the Town Manager's 2014 Budget inclusive of sums received from other fees, permits, fines, and any other designated sources;

or act in relation thereto.

*MOTION BY COUNCILOR LETTERIE
2nd BY VICE PRESIDENT VARONE
8-0 PASSED
6-5-2013*



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Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 6/4/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53 E ½ and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, I move that the Town Council vote to reauthorize the revolving account entitled "E.B. Newton Revolving Account" as provided in the detailed summary of the Town Manager's budget for FY2014, and further that to meet these proposed expenses, sums shall be received in rental revenue or other designated sources to be expended by the Town Manager for the purposes of paying wages and expenses as provided therein; or take any other action relative thereto.

*MOTION BY COUNCILLOR LETTERIE
2nd BY COUNCILLOR SANFORD*

Vote: 8-0 - PASSED

Council President: PETER GILL

Date: 6-5-2013

Town Manager: JAMES MCKENNA

CFO: SIMON GORDON



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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.

*MOTION BY COUNCILOR LETTERIE
2ND BY COUNCILOR SANFORD*

Vote: 8-0 - PASSED

Council President: STEVE GILL

Date: (5-16-2013 10:40 - RECEIVED) Town Manager: JAMES MCKENNA

*MOTION PASSED
6-5-2013*

CFO: LIMORLY GORDON



TOWN of WINTHROP

MOTION

Submitted By: Peter Gill

Date: May 29, 2013.

Article Number: _____

Subject: Free Cash transfer for 1995 Municipal Garage Bond

TEXT of MOTION

To transfer \$110,000 from 2013 Certified Free Cash to pay down the February 15, 1995 Municipal Garage Bond or take any other relative thereto.

Signature of Petitioner: Peter Gill

Received by: _____ Time: _____

*COUNCILLOR POWER INVOKES RIGHT TO POSTPONE
UNTIL NEXT MEETING AS THIS IS FIRST TIME ON AGENDA*



TOWN of WINTHROP

MOTION

Submitted By: Peter Gill

Date: May 29, 2013

Article Number: _____

Subject: Free Cash transfer for 2010 Sewer Bond

TEXT of MOTION

To transfer \$75,000 from 2013 Certified Free Cash to pay down the May 17, 2010 MWRA Sewer bond agreement or take any other relative thereto.

Signature of Petitioner: Peter Gill

Received by: _____ Time: _____

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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 5/30/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to transfer \$19,000.00 from the Library Department Personnel Budget Account 0161051-511100 to the Fire Department Personnel Budget Account # 01221051-5111000 for the purposes of covering department payroll through FY13 or take any other action relative hereto.

*MOTION BY COUNCILOR POWERS TO REFER TO FINANCE
AND BY COUNCILLOR BOWLORE*

Vote: 8-0 PASSED

Council President: PETER GILL

Date: 6-5-2013

Town Manager: JAMES MCKENNA

CFO: Timothy Gordon



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 5/2/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Council vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund Account 0191051-517200 Unemployment to the Tree Revolving Fund Account # 7174-4970000 for the purposes of purchasing trees for the Town of Winthrop or take any other action relative hereto.

*MOTION BY COUNSELLOR LETTECIE TO REFER TO
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
AND BY VICE PRESIDENT VARRONE*

Vote: P-D PASSED

Council President: PETER GILL

Date: 6-5-2013

Town Manager: JAMES MCKENNA

CFO: TIMOTHY BOSEMAN