

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 16, 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

Councilor DelVento called the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for John Crosby, long time member of the Harbor Mgt. Committee and Planning Board has passed away.

ROLL CALL

Councilor DelVento-	Present
Councilor Powers-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boncore-	Present
Councilor Sanford-	Absent
Councilor Calla-	Present
Councilor Mael	Arrived- 8:35
Vice President Varone-	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Varone to accept the minutes of July 2, 2013, as circulated

2nd. By Councilor Powers

Passed Unanimously

PRESENTATION

Town Mgr. McKenna introduces Michael Kane and Clint Shuckle from Siemens Corporation for a presentation of improving the town's streetlights by converting to LED. National Grid now accepts the same tariff with Siemens allowing a savings on our energy bill and the town can have more efficient streetlights. Maintenance cost will dramatically be reduced as lights will now have a warranty of 10 years and a life span of 20 years.

PUBLIC HEARING --Seaview Ave. Water Main Replacement Bond Issue-

No Public Comment

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Facella (3 Seal Harbor) comments on Rental Property Registration and Inspection Ordinance and would like to consider making a change to ordinance 8.40.030.

To clarify the change: She would like all units under 4 to be exempted whether or not owner occupied.

Council will take into consideration

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TSAC-No Report

Councilor Letterie requests all councilors to return their Town Manger Reviews to him by July 28, 2013.

He will schedule Committee on Committee meeting for July 30, 2013 and present compiled report to the Council at the August 6, 2013 Town Council meeting.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-Town Mgr. McKenna has appointed a new Library Director, Peter Struzziero

-Town Mgr. introduces Chief Flanagan regarding cooling stations during the heat wave, the official station will be the Senior Center and 9 Golden Dr., during normal business hours.

-Town Mgr. introduces DPW Director Steve Calla who updates on street lights, sidewalks and Radio Read.
New Town Recycle Barrels will be dispersed.

Councilor Boncore comments on improvement of Yirrell Beach and would like barrels and a lifeguard on this beach. DPW Director Calla comments that barrel's on the beach itself is problematic, barrels have been put at entranceways. Town Mgr. McKenna does encourage "carry in, carry out" policy with individuals trash. He will look into a lifeguard for this beach.

- Dalrymple School project is beginning, permits have been pulled and construction should begin after Labor Day.
- The tidal pool (lagoon) will be restored at Yirrell Beach.
- Town Mgr. McKenna will be meeting with the engineers on the 2013 Coastal Protection Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment within the work being done on our shorelines and beaches.
- Town Mgr. McKenna has been talking with MGH Hospital Center for Community Health Improvement and they have agreed to assist our town in conducting a Community Health Needs Assessments with our concerns of public health (Children, Senior Citizens..etc.).
- Tim Gordon gives a closing on FY13.

Jean Maggio comments on the 5000 steps to 5000 miles walk and hopes to get participants.

OLD BUSINESS

Rental Property Registration and Inspection Ordinance, postponed from July 2, 2013 meeting due to clerical corrections and several amendments.....

Town Mgr. McKenna circulated a new document that incorporated all changes and also changed the penalty section to reflect council's changes.

Motion by Councilor Letterie to adopt the amendment by Town Mgr. McKenna 8.40.110 reflection of the changes of the penalties.

2nd by Councilor Powers

Discussion-Councilor Boncore opposed

Passed 6-1 (Councilor Boncore-No / Councilor Sanford Absent / Councilor Mael Absent)

Councilor Mael recommends 8.40.020 Section D to add #3-

Motion by Vice President Varone that a property would be deemed a "Problem Property" except where a landlord has shown diligence in alleviating this issue. This exception would be valid if the problem is created/caused by a tenant, such as a domestic issue or if the landlord has defined and implemented an acceptable plan to mitigate the issue such as a formal eviction process. The hearing officer would be the arbiter of this decision.

2nd by Councilor DelVento

Passed 6-1 (Councilor Boncore-No / Councilor Sanford Absent / Councilor Mael Absent)

Motion by Councilor Letterie to change B Violation Reference from 8.40.11 to 8.40.090

2nd by Councilor Powers

Passed 6-1 (Councilor Boncore-No / Councilor Sanford Absent / Councilor Mael Absent)

Motion by Councilor Letterie to Adopt the Main Motion as Amended

2nd by Councilor Powers

Discussion: Councilor Boncore believes this is a bad law, though the changes make this Main Motion "better", he does not agree with this motion.

Passed 6-1 (Councilor Boncore-No / Councilor Sanford Absent / Councilor Mael Absent)

SBAC sent a request for ballot question to be put on as discussion for the new Middle High School. Council President without objection will allow discussion to continue.

Councilor DelVento remarks that the Secretary of State announced a special election on Dec. 10, 2013 to fill the vacancy of Congressman's Markey's seat. It will be a free election for the town, it has a potential for this ballot.

As of this date, the council is not ready for the Nov.8, 2013 vote.

Motion by Councilor Letterie to place this matter on the agenda for the August 6, 2013 Town Council Meeting

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Passed Unanimously

Councilors encourage all residents to look at the School Website, as it will give you good information on this project.

**Motion by Vice President Varone to waive the reading of the Seaview Ave., Water Replacement Bond Issue
(See Attached Motion
2nd by Councilor Letterie
Passed 7-1 (Councilor Boncore-No / Councilor Sanford Absent)**

**Motion as circulated is approved
Passed Unanimously**

Council President Gill announces there is a vacancy of the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee, if anyone interested, please contact him.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marylou Osborne advises of the School Website and it is being updated daily.

WCAT and students at WHS are video taping the meetings.

Councilor Mael feels this project needs more advertising within the town, make the townspeople more aware.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Powers
2nd 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

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager 7/02/13

Date: July 2, 2013

Article Number: _____

Subject: Seaview Ave Water Main
Replacement Project Bond Issue

TEXT of MOTION

That \$275,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the replacement of aged water main and lead services on Seaview Avenue and Winthrop Street Extension, including all costs incidental and related there to; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$275,000 and issue bonds or notes of the Town under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such money from the Massachusetts Water resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, which grants and/or aid shall be expended for the project in addition to the amount appropriated and to be borrowed under this order; and that the Town Manager is authorized to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, such rights, titles and easements as they may be necessary for such purpose, to abandon such rights, titles and easements as are no longer required, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

7-16-2013

MOTION PASSES AS IS...

PASSED Unanimously

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ABSENT - COUNCILLOR SANFORD

LATE - COUNCILLOR MAEL

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