

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 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

ROLL CALL

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| Councilor DelVento- | Present |
| Councilor Powers- | Absent |
| Councilor Letterie- | Absent |
| Councilor Boncore- | Present |
| Councilor Sanford- | Present |
| Councilor Calla- | Present |
| Councilor Mael | Present |
| Vice President Varone- | Present |
| Council President Gill- | Present |

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Sanford to accept the minutes of July 16, 2013, as circulated

2nd. By Councilor DelVento

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Dockendorf (Precinct 6) has concerns about the a distressed a.c. unit located at the Suburban Inn located at 312 Shirley St. being extremely loud and he believes is over the noise ordinance level.

Town Mgr. McKenna asked Chief Flanagan to speak about his conducting and measuring of this noise. He did go down to the Suburban Inn and met with Mr. Dow who was very congenial about this situation. Allowable decibel ratings 35 by night 45 by day, commercial 65 decibels. Chief had taken readings and is still awaiting a better time frame as so the noise is not being reflected by any outside noise. Neighbors are also complaining about this unit being old and loud when kicks on. When weather warms up and both a.c. units are on, they will take measures again and keep the council posted. The challenge is to isolate this sound only.

Town Manager introduces our new Library Director, Peter Struzziero.

CORRESPONDENCE

Massport donated \$5000 for the new trees planted.

Possible changes in the Flood Zone

Council Mael states this flood zone map being changed effects many townspeople's insurance. Sometime in 2014 the flood zone map can effect you by putting your home in the flood zone. Call your insurance company inside the next 60-90 days and get flood prior to being mandated to get it, it could save money on your policy.

Viking Pride presenting Summer Chiller on August 24, 2013 introducing the rink's new floor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Delby's Corner parking still under review. Chief Delehanty is looking at the entire area to check on the "signage" and will report to council.

-Councilor Speaking on behalf of Councilor Letterie: Two items on Committee on Committee meeting: Town Manager and Town Clerk evaluations.

Town Clerk evaluation very good and motion was made to continue Carla Vitale as Town Clerk.

Town Manager McKenna's leadership has been excellent and has made great improvements and has been voted back in as Town Manager.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-Acknowledges it is a privilege to work for this town and gives thanks for these evaluations and his re-election to Town Manager.

-MAPC is doing a joint purchase with other communities about new LED street lighting. We have asked MAPC to be included in these arrangements with other communities and have put Siemens on hold until we have all information on these LED street light costs.

- Steve Calla gives summation on current projects in Winthrop: Sidewalks, Water Mains, Pico Park Completed, Pond Street and Coughlin Park renovations to begin.
- Discussion of vacant lot (parking area) adjacent to the E.B. Newton, how to beautify, how it can be used for the best.
- Concerned about status of Ferry, we need to come to terms on what the town is going to do with situation. The current Ferry is down and we have to think of Winthrop's future and how we want to proceed with this service. We need reliable service and back up for particular incidents like the one we are now facing. Involve MBTA, marketing etc.
- We have funds available but for Ferry acquisitions only, not marketing. Purchase would require some town funding.
- It needs to be subsidized. Would like to have a "workshop" environment on this discussion.
- Councilor Sanford will set up meeting with Economic Development.
- Congratulates Eric Gaynor on his decade of work with the Chamber, he is moving on and will be missed.

Motion by Councilor Sanford to issue a citation to Eric Gaynor for his work with the Winthrop Chamber
2nd by Vice President Varone
Passed Unanimously

- Review a planned review fees fund-CFO Gordon
- MGH Community Health is helping our town with community health needs to help improve the quality of life. August 21, 2013 8:30 A.M. at the E. B. Newton will be a meeting looking for community support. Public please attend as volunteers and ideas are all welcome.
- August 8, 2013 2:00 P.M. Pico Park Ribbon Cutting.
- August 22, 2013 10:00 A.M. Belle Isle Ribbon Cutting
- President Gill congratulates the Park Committees and the good work they are doing and are sure to continue.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor DelVento (on behalf of Councilor Letterie) that the Town Council call for an election on December 10, 2013...(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Sanford

Discussion:

Councilor Boncore wants to hear what the SBAC has to say, what the public has to say, what is the best strategy? SBAC feels the sooner the vote the better, however they realize that it is very important for our townspeople to understand this vote and timing is everything as for completion of school and the authorization of getting this vote.

Motion by Vice President Varone to postpone this motion until the next Town Council Meeting
2nd. by Vice Councilor DelVento
Passed Unanimously

NEW BUSINSS

Motion by Councilor DelVento (on behalf of Councilor Letterie) in accordance with Sec. 2-8A of the Town of Winthrop Charter, I move that the Town Council elect Carla Vitale....(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming From Committee

Councilor Boncore nominates Carla Vitale as Town Clerk for the next 3 years.
2nd By Councilor Calla
Passed Unanimously
Nomination Closed

Passed Unanimously

Discussion on Miller Field will be postponed until the next Town Council Meeting

Motion by Councilor DelVento (on behalf of Councilor Letterie) move that the Town Council appoint Giusti, Hingston and Co. as the internal auditor ...(See Attached Motion)
2nd By Councilor Mael

Discussion:

Vice President Varone asks if any other auditors have been interview? Have we compared pricing. Town Mgr. explains cost of this internal audit has been budgeted by council and Mr.Hingston has been working as our internal auditor and knows our towns systems and policies and this company fits our needs.

Town Mgr. McKenna is recommending we keep Mr. Hingston and his company as internal auditors at this time.
Vice President Varone feels it is the council's responsibility to look into different internal auditors.
Councilor Boncore states the Council is to appoint the internal auditor and we should at least have interviews with different internal auditors and compare.
Councilor Mael states Mr. Hingston has been "there for us" and we should continue working with him and his company for the time being.
President Gill concurs and feels Mr. Hingston has worked extremely well and it is only until June of 2014 of which at that time we can change.
Councilor Sanford also feels it is the Council's responsibility to interview different firms.

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer this matter to the Committee on Appointments and Committee
2nd by Councilor Boncore
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Vice President Varone to move that and Offsets Receipts Funds be established in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, subsection 53E....(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

Vacancy on the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee, please notify President Gill

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Raiser for the Dalton/Capabianco families. August 25, 2103 4-7 P.M.
- There is an account set up at the E. Boston Savings Bank for donations.

- Councilor Mael comments on townspeople taking care of their property, asking townspeople to take care of their sidewalks, the trees that have been planted etc....
- Chamber of Commerce Harbor Cruise August 7, 2013 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.
- Councilor Mael will personally send a \$25 gift certificate to anyone that sends a picture of how well they clean up their area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Sanford
2nd By Councilor DelVento
Passed Unanimously
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 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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James McKenna
Town Manager

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TOWN CLERK

MOTION

Submitted By: Jim Letterie, Town Councilor

Date: 7/31/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: In accordance with Sec.2-8A of the Town of Winthrop Charter, I move that the Town Council elect Carla Vitale to serve for another 3 year term as Town Clerk or take any other action relative hereto.

MOTION BY COUNELLOR DELVERTO THAT THE TOWN
ELECT CARLA VITALE FOR A 3 YR. TERM AS TOWN CLERK.
NO 2ND NEEDED AS COMING FROM FINANCE.

COUNELLOR BOWEN NOMINATES CARLA VITALE AS TOWN
CLERK FOR NEXT THREE YEARS
2ND BY COUNELLOR CALLA

Vote: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Date: 8-6-2013



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 7/31/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that an Offset Receipts Fund be established in accordance with MGL chapter 44, subsection 53E for the specific purpose of funding and operating plan review and permitting assistance for the Building Department including Site Plan Review in accordance with Chapter 17 of the Town and State Building Code, zoning ordinance. Revenue for said account will be generated from established plan review fees and expenditures will be limited to associated plan review costs with an expenditure authorization limit of \$50,000, or take any other action relative hereto.

*MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT VARONE
2ND BY COUNSELLOR SANTARO
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Vote: 7-0 (COUNSELLOR LETTERIE + POWERS ABSENT)

Date: 8-6-2013

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James McKenna
Town Manager

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TOWN CLERK

MOTION

Submitted By: Jim Letterie, Town Councilor

Date: 7/31/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council appoint Giusti, Hingston & Co. as the internal auditor in accordance with Sec.2-8C of the Town of Winthrop Charter for a term to expire June 30, 2014 or take any other action relative hereto.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR DELVENDO
2nd BY COUNCILOR MALL
MOTION BY COUNCILOR DELVENDO TO REFER TO COMMITTEE
ON APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEE
2nd BY COUNCILOR BOWEN

Vote:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Date:

8-6-2013