

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 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 Powers called the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Officer Stephen Acone
Chief Delehanty spoke on behalf of Officer Acone

ROLL CALL

Councilor DeIvento-	Present
Councilor Powers-	Present
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 August 6, 2013 with a correction of a typing error.

2nd. By Councilor Calla

7-1 (Councilor Powers recuses himself/Councilor Letterie Absent)

CITATION

Eric Gaynor, Best Wishes in his future endeavours / Executive Director of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce for the past 11 years.

Councilor Sanford commends Eric on his past work with the Chamber and the community.

John Macero comments on Eric Gaynor as Chamber Director and his solid relationship with the school department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Judy Vankooiman-Precinct 4-Research Volunteer Fair-"Those Who Can For Those In Need" Sat. Sept. 7, 2013 10-2 at Ingleside Park. If raining it will be moved to the DeLeo Sr. Center.

-Marcy Molene Chairman "Winthrop's Worth It". Their mission is to inform the public of the importance of the new Middle/High School and push the importance of the voting date of this important matter. They want to see the vote on the November 5, 2013 ballot.

Meetings for "Winthrop Is Worth It" are Wednesday's 7-8 p.m. at the WYC.

CORRESPONDENCE

Memorials Committee regarding naming room #103 at the E.B. Newton the Winthrop Heritage Room, dedicated to the memory of historian Don Simonini.

Motion by Councilor Sanford to ratify naming room #103 at the E.B. Newton the Winthrop Heritage Room, dedicated to the memory of historian Don Simonini

2nd by Vice President Varone

Passed Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Delby's Corner parking still under review.

-Economic Development meeting August 22, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Ferry Building

-Committee on Committee unable to schedule hearing-Internal Auditor Appointment will schedule a meeting and report back to Town Council.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-Acknowledges Officer Acone and the Police Departments participation in Officer Acone's Funeral Services

- MGH Community Health Needs Assessment-August 21, 2013 8:30 E.B Newton. All public welcome to see how we can improve our quality of life in Winthrop.
- Gerry Boyle resigned as of Sept. 6, 2013.
- Three Job Postings:
 - Pt. Time Building/Health Inspector
 - Assistant Harbor Master
 - Human Resources Director
- Office of Human Resources, Veterans Dept. and Retirement Dept. will be relocated to the IT Dept., IT will be relocated to the 3rd. floor.
- Harborwalk Meeting Thursday Sept. 15, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Ferry Building to discuss this issue.
- Finance Report-CFO Tim Gordon
 - Discusses two motions for transfers on the Middle/High School Feasibility Study.
 - Tax Title Attorney's being interviewed.
 - Correction Action Plan for the "closing of the books", end of Sept. DOR will get balance sheet to review.
- Councilor Calla asks for update on Winthrop Shore Drive- DCR will meet on the Sept. 17, 2013 at Town Council Meeting to explain entire project. Project is moving forward.
- MAPC is working with several communities on a street light program. Winthrop should be included which could be cost effective for us.
- Councilor Boncore received complaints against the DCR with the chipping of the wall they did which has produced very sharp objects and rusty nails, they did not pick up this debris. Town Mgr. McKenna will look into this.
- Councilor Calla asks for update on Dalrymple progress? Town Mgr. cannot explain the delay but has been told that construction will begin soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Postponement of Motion from last meeting that the Town Council call for an election on December 10, 2013 (See Attached Motion).

Motion by Councilor Boncore that this motion be amended to read November 5, 2013

2nd By Councilor Powers

Discussion:

- Councilor Sanford feels that November 5, 2013 should be the voting date.
- A letter read by President Gill on behalf of Councilor Letterie reflects the importance of the date of this vote, the schools and encourages the Council to support a December or January vote, he feels November is too close and we need to educate our community on the importance of this issue.
- Councilor Powers explains his beliefs of why it should be a November 5, 2013 vote.
- Councilor Boncore agrees with the Winthrop's Worth It Committee that November 5, 2013 should be the date.
- President Varone looked into the history of different voting dates and agrees that November 5, 2013 should be the date.
- Councilor DelVento is concerned that the November date involves too much and believes this vote needs to stand-alone and would like a December 10, 2013 vote.
- Councilor Mael, who has educated himself with this project, believes it is not ready for a November 5, 2013 vote, it should be on December 10, 2103 as he feels the community is not educated enough on this project.
- Councilor Calla believes November 5, 2103 should be the voting date and the message should be sent out to people that even if these schools are not passed, the same amount of money will have to be used to re-hab and we will not have new schools.
- President Gill, commends SBAC for their time and efforts on this project. After doing research on "debt exclusion" votes, a regular election with an override does not bring as many people out as a special election would. November is not the best date nor is January. This election should not include any politics at all. The date for this vote should be December 10, 2013.

Roll Call Vote on the Amendment to the Original Motion to read November 5, 2013 in lieu of December 10, 2013-

Councilor DelVento	No
Councilor Powers	Yes
Councilor Letterie	Absent
Councilor Sanford	Yes
Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Mael	No
Councilor Boncore	Yes
Vice President Varone	Yes
President Gill	No

5-Yes
3-No
1-Absent

Amendment to Main Motion Passes

Councilor DelVento reiterates it takes 6 votes for this motion to pass....

Roll Call Vote on Main Motion as Amended to Read November 5, 2013

Councilor DelVento	No
Councilor Powers	Yes
Councilor Letterie	Absent
Councilor Sanford	Yes
Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Mael	No
Councilor Boncore	Yes
Vice President Varone	Yes
President Gill	Yes

6-Yes
2-No
1-Absent

Main Motion Passes

“Winthrop’s Worth It” has a lot going on this project...has a fund raising account and will have all information posted on Web and in local paper.

- Siemens light conversion is still on hold pending other alternatives.
- There are no appointments on Internal Auditor
- There is a vacancy of the Citizens Finance Advisory Commission

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor DelVento that the sum of \$200,000 be transferred from the sale of the town property account be referred to the Finance Committee(See Attached Motion)

2nd By Councilor Powers
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento that the sum of \$243,704 be transferred from the Middle/High School Feasibility Study Account be referred to the Finance Committee(See Attached Motion)

2nd By Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

Motion to have a discussion in the Town Council Meeting amongst the Councilors to discuss the Town Ferry withdrawn by Councilor Mael.

Motion by Councilor Mael for the Town Council to discuss the advantages of adding a \$1,000,000 "lockbox" maintenance fund for the upkeep of the Middle/High School (See Attached Motion)

2nd By Vice President Varone

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento for the Town Council to discuss the advantages of adding a \$1,000,000 "lockbox" maintenance fund for the upkeep of the Middle/High School be referred to the Finance Commission (See Attached Motion)

2nd By Councilor Boncore

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Boncore for the Town Council to discuss the advantages of adding a \$1,000,000 "lockbox" maintenance fund for the upkeep of the Gorman/Cummings Schools be referred to the Finance Commission (See Attached Motion)

2nd By Vice President Varone

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

-John Macero, Superintendent states that he has been having meetings on what this fund would be used for. His recommendation is that the Buildings and Ground Committees meet to discuss as departments as consolidating.

-Todd Sacco (Precinct 2) would like a system in place that this fund has to be funded every year.

-Notes an email from Rona Mael that she wants anyone that can to bake something for the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund on August 25, 2013 at the DeLeo Sr. Center.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/UPCOMING EVENTS

-Councilor Mael offers a \$25 for a winning photograph on who takes care of their landscaping around the trees.

-MGH Presentation August 21, 2013 8:30 a.m. E.B. Newton

-Bridge Dedication August 22, 2013 10:00 a.m

-Viking Pride Celebration August 24, 2013 7 p.m.

-DCR Presentation Sept. 20, 2013

-Capobianco/Dalton Fund-Raiser August 25, 2013 4-7 p.m.

-Elks Hook the Cure August 24, 2013 11-3 p.m.

-Neil Shapiro Memorial 5K Walk/Run September 14, 2013 10-2 p.m / 6-11 p.m at Paesans

-MWRA will be doing a presentation at the Middle School Auditorium on Sept. 24, 2013 at 7 p.m to discuss the communities concern on the water rates.

-Councilor Calla will match \$25 gift for a winning photograph on who takes care of their landscaping around the trees

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President President Varone

2nd By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 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

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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: That the Town Council call for an election on December 10, 2013 for the purposes of a debt exclusion to override proposition 2 ½ and prepare the necessary ballot question for a public vote for the purpose of funding the Town's share of the project cost to construct a new middle/high school, or take any other action relative hereto.

*MOTION TO AMEND ORIGINAL MOTION BY COUNCILLOR
BONCORE TO READ NOVEMBER 5, 2013
AND BY COUNCILLOR POWERS*

Vote: *- ROLL CALL VOTE - 5-YES - 3-NO 1-ABSENT*

Date: *8-20-2013*

MOTION PASSES

*MOTION ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED TO
READ NOVEMBER 5, 2013
ROLL CALL VOTE*

*6-YES
2-NO
1-ABSENT*

MOTION PASSES



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 8/15/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the sum of \$200,000 be transferred from the sale of town property account (853-359000) to middle/high school feasibility study account (852-359000) to fund the remaining costs for the Middle/High School Feasibility Study; or take any other action.

*MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DELVEND TO REFER
TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
2ND BY COUNCILLOR POWERS*

Vote: *PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Date: *8-20-2013*

TCLF-003



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 8/15/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the sum of \$243,704 be transferred from middle/high school feasibility study account (852-359000) to the sale of town property account (853-359000) to reclassify MSBA project reimbursements to the original funding source; or take any other action.

8-20-2013

MOTION BY COUNCILOR DELVERIO TO REFER
TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
2ND BY COUNCILOR SANFORD

Vote: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Date: 8-20-2013

TCF-004

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Craig Mael Date: August 15, 2013

Article Number: Subject: LockBox/Middle School/ High School

TEXT of MOTION

Motion: I move for the Town Council to discuss the advantages of adding a \$1,000,000 "lockbox" maintenance fund to be used for the upkeep of the new Middle/ High School if it is built.

8-20-2013

*MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DELVENTO TO REFER
TO FINANCE COMMISSION
AND BY COUNCILLOR BONCORE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Signature of Petitioner:

Received by: _____ Time: _____

TCF-005

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Craig Mael Date: August 15, 2013

Article Number: Subject: LockBox-Gorman Cummings Schools

TEXT of MOTION

Motion: I move for the Town Council to discuss the advantages of adding a \$1,000,000 "lockbox" maintenance fund to be used for the upkeep of the Gorman and Cummings Schools.

*8-20-2013 - MOTION BY COUNELLOR BONCORE
TO REFER TO FINANCE COMMISSION
AND BY VICE PRESIDENT VARDINE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Signature of Petitioner:

Received by: _____ Time: _____

TLF-006