

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Sanford called the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Councilor DelVento-	Present
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

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the minutes of Sept. 3, 2013

2nd. By Councilor Powers

8-1 (Councilor Sanford recuses himself)

PRESENTATION

Linda Brassard provides update on **Parks Committee's** goals and commitments. They are beginning work on Pond St. Park and Coughlin Park. Pico Park is near completion and looks beautiful. They are still limited on resources and are requesting Councilors to allow Coughlin Park to be a 2-phase project as working on both parks simultaneously is effecting current funding. Next fundraiser is Sept. 16, 2013 and is a 21+ 80,s night party. They will continue throughout the year to have fundraisers. You can reach the Winthrop Parks Committee at the following addressees: winthroparks.org and at email address winthroparks@gmail.com

Councilor DelVento asks about a dog park. This is something that is in the works but needs dog owners to become more interested in and if anyone would like to begin a dog park committee, please contact council. This is really something that the Parks Committee cannot commit too, their focus is the playgrounds.

Joe Orfant from the **DCR** gives us an update on the Beach Restoration Project. This project is a Shore Restoration Project and Phase near completion. Phase 3 will begin in 6-7 months of which trucks will be coming through town but will be maintained at a pace as to not totally impact the town traffic or the community. During construction Highlands Parking Lot will be accessible for the businesses and public.

Phase 4 will be working with Landside Improvements and Visitor Amenities.

Councilor Boncore comments on excess sand at Yirrell Beach. Mr. Orfant comments that DCR did research this sand and there is actually not an abundance of sand. Sand will be managed better as for coverage.

Councilor Calla has questions on "rodent" problems. DCR will have "rodent control" / "predator control" throughout each project and beaches will be cleaned.

The "5 Sister" are in good shape.

The stairs will be worked on with the Landside Improvements.

DCR will offer a "diagram" of the Beach Restoration in progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Commission-School Maintenance Funds-The Finance Commission met to discuss these motions on what can actually happen. These funds have to be looked at for the future. The Council cannot "meddle" in the School Dept. Funding, a thought is to consolidate a Capital Plan for all town properties so when a town property has an issue there is no separation. Maybe do a Capital Reserve Building Type Fund....take ¾% meals tax and use that for an all town property fund.

Look into a town maintenance crew for all maintenance of public buildings. Gorman School and Fort Banks schools will need maintenance. Do we want to look at long term or short term funding? We need to start looking at future for these maintenance funds. A meeting is scheduled for Monday 9-23-13 to continue discussion.
Finance Committee 2 Motions Referred from TC Meeting 8-20-13-Both motions will be addressed in Old Business.
TSAC-Delby's Corner / Shirley St. Parking-Still under discussion.
Economic Development-Ferry Service-Meeting will be scheduled.
Committee on Appointments and Committees-Internal Auditor Appointment-Motion will be addressed in Old Business.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-Dalrymple Groundbreaking 9-24-2013 at 10:00 a.m.
 -Oct. 2, 2013 Harbor Walk Meeting at Sr. Center
 -DOR meeting went well with closing out FY 2013. Our General Fund, Free Cash will be in range of 1.5 Million Dollars. Quite an accomplishment for our community. Enterprise funds are performing well. We've improved on our General Fund since last year and hope to improve every year.
 -Negotiations with Suffolk Downs will begin this week. All negotiations are confidential at this point.
 -Winthrop Street Corridor engineering has begun.
 -Atlantis Marina issues will be addressed by the Conservation Committee as it is not a Council issue, any town issues have been addressed and agreed upon between town and marina.
 CFO-Tim Gordon reports on "reserve" funds and a stabilization account.
 Hiring a new Tax Title Attorney, Koppella and Koppella, they will do an aggressive account of residents in the rear of their property taxes and begin the legal process of each property owner.
 Soliciting prices for different Enterprise Funds performance of time study to do audit and review change back to enterprise.
 Will have motions for completing the closing of FY 2013.
 Have about \$2 million authorized unused debt, will do an analysis on this account and keep Council posted.
 Management issues will be addressed.
 DPW-Steve Calla addresses E.B. Newton lower parking lot, additional trees and sidewalks on Walden St.
 E.B Newton parking lot will have about 23 spots for parking.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council appoint Giusti, Hingston & Co. as the internal auditor....
(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor DelVento
Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee that the sum of \$200,000 be transferred from the sale of town property account (853-359000).....(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming From Finance
Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee that the sum of \$243,704 be transferred from the Middle/High School Feasibility Study Account (852-359000).....(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming From Finance
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Council authorize the Winthrop Town Council President to execute the Project Scope and Budget Agreement, as amended.....(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Letterie

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Councilor DelVento</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Powers</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Letterie</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Sanford</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Calla</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Mael</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Boncore</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Vice President Varone</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Council President Gill</i>	<i>Yes</i>

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Vice President Varone that the Town Council authorize the purchase of a 2013 f250 Heavy Pick-Up Truck with plow in the amount of \$32,003.00....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Boncore to approve the appointments made by Council President Gill on the following:

Jerome Falbo-Massport/Community Advisory Committee

Elizabeth A. Gahan-Harbor Management Committee

2nd by Vice President Varone

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Mael comments on double poles. DPW informs, they will be taken down.

“Entering Winthrop” –Revere Entrance Sign has been installed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council President Gill has cancelled the Sept. 24, 2013 meeting with the MWRA Water/Sewer Rate Public Forum and will gladly talk personally to any Winthrop Citizen to discuss this matter.

-Winthrop Art Association Fall Day-October 6, 2013 Tripmystic, CT

-Fall Forum-November 19, 2013

-Robert DeLeo Health Forum Oct.2, 2013-Cummings School

-Town Manager McKenna would like to give a presentation on the Water Rates on WCAT for the public.

-Sept. 18, 2013 Taste of Winthrop-WYC, 6-9p.m. \$30 Tickets

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Sanford

2nd By Councilor Powers

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 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
TOWN OF WINTHROP

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 COUNCILLOR LETTERIE
2ND BY COUNCILLOR DELVENTO
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Vote: 9-0

Date: 9-17-2013

TC-007

8-6-2013



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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 FINANCE COMMITTEE
NO 2nd NEEDED AS COMING FROM FINANCE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Vote: 9-0

Date: 9-17-2013

*TCF-003
8.20.13*



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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.

*MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
NO 2nd NEEDED AS COMING FROM FINANCE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Vote: 9-0

Date: 9-17-2013

TCF-004

8-20-13



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor DelVento

Date: 9-17-13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: That the Council authorize the Winthrop Town Council President to execute the Project Scope and Budget agreement as amended on behalf of the Town of Winthrop with the Massachusetts School Building Authority or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion by Councilor DelVento
2nd By Councilor Letterie

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor DelVento	Yes
Councilor Powers	Yes
Councilor Letterie	Yes
Councilor Sanford	Yes
Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Mael	Yes
Councilor Boncore	Yes
Vice President Varone	Yes
Council President Gill	Yes

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TC-011

9-3-2013



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 9/11/13

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the purchase of a 2013 F250 Heavy Pick-Up Truck with plow in the amount of \$32,003.00 to replace DPW vehicle #214 Pick-Up that was totaled during plowing operations in FY12. Funding for this purchase will be from the Insurance Recovery- DPW Account 7155-580000 Equipment purchases or take any other action relative hereto.

*MOTION BY V.P. VARONE
AND COUNCILOR LETTERIE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Vote: 9-0

Council President: _____

Date: 9-17-2013

Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

TCF-013

9-17-2013