

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2013**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Gill called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Harvey Hearing Room

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Powers 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 Vice President Varone to accept the minutes of December 3, 2013, as circulated**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. By Councilor Powers**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **CITATIONS**

J. Larry Powers-Councilor at Large

Councilor Powers is recognized and honored for his serving the community for the past (4) four years as Councilor at Large and his past services to the Town of Winthrop

Richard "Dick" Tyrell is recognized for his services as a Library Trustee.

### **RECOGNITION**

The Council congratulates the WHS Cheerleaders for achieving their goal of attending the Nationals in Florida.

In honor of Councilor Power's past services to the Council, Councilor Mael donated \$200 to the Cheerleaders fund to help get them to the Nationals....

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Several community members speak on behalf of the Casino issue:

John Vitagliano-Not opposed to Casino

Richard Lynds (P5)-Town Council should represent the interest of the Town and negotiate the best financial solution possible, whether you are for or against Casino

Carol Ficella (P4)-Opposes Casino

Mike Delehanty-Police Officer speaks on behalf of Suffolk Downs and does not oppose Casino

Tony Evangelista-Opposes Casino

Anita Paci (P4)-Opposes Casino

Mike Murphy (P5)-Opposes Casino

Ralph Tufo (P4)-Opposes Casino

Craig Parker (P2)-Opposes Casino

Joe Melchiano (P6)-No decision should be made until we know new negotiation package

Heather Engham (P4)-Opposes Casino

Lisa Albergini (P6)-Opposes Casino

John Robeiro (P1)-Opposes Casino

Town Councilors express their individual thoughts on the Casino and writing a letter in issue of the Casino.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mike Murphy-Oppose Casino

Maryanne Collins-Oppose Casino

Steve Roussel-Wants best mitigation package available for our town.

**Motion by Vice President Varone for a five-minute recess**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion Councilor Letterie to move to Old Business to specifically discuss and vote on the motion that was deferred (moved) from last TC Meeting (12-3-13) to tonight's TC Meeting in reference to the communication to the Mass Gaming Commission.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Mael**

**Passed Unanimously**

On the Floor....Motion to be discussed by the Town Council is Councilor Mael's original motion that the Town Council submit a letter to the Gaming Commission expressing our concerns about the development of a Revere only Casino project and the Amendment of Original Motion by Councilor Powers to Amend the Original Motion that the Town Manager to direct a letter to present at that meeting to the Council for review and take action at the next meeting and if approved by the Council to be sent to the Mass Gaming Commission.

Motion as Amended is on the Floor....

**Motion by Councilor Powers to Amend the motion on the table to delete the last phrase of the Amendment to the Original Motion and will read "that the Town Manager direct a letter to present to the Town Council for review and take action on at the next meeting"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor DelVento**

**Discussion**

**Motion by Councilor Powers to withdraw Amendment to the Original Motion**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sanford**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Back to original Motion by Councilor Mael that the Town Council submit a letter to the Gaming Commission expressing our concerns about the development of a Revere only Casino project**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to table original motion of Councilor Mael, until after the City of Revere has a vote on the new proposed Casino at Suffolk Downs.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor DelVento**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Passed 6-3**

Revert back to Committee Reports

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee-

Transfer \$500,000 Town Stabilization Fund-Referred to the Fiscal Policy Committee

Transfer \$500,000 Capital Stabilization Fund- Referred to the Fiscal Policy Committee

TSAC-Delby's Corner / Shirley St. Parking - Pending

Finance Commission-Water Sewer Reserves-**Finance Commission has had several discussions and have concluded that the retained earnings in the water sewer enterprise funds are not excessive as a percent as revenues when compared to other MWRA communities and other communities throughout the state. The average is 25%. Mr. Wynn will be at the next TC Meeting to discuss this issue.**

President Gill reminds Councilors he needs their choice of committee, if any changes etc....by the end of next week. If nothing heard, he will assume they wish to continue on with committees as they are.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to engage the professional services of a Traffic Engineering firm to study the potential traffic impacts of the proposed Casino at Suffolk Downs be referred to the Finance Committee....(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Powers**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to engage the services of a qualified firm to study strategies for economic development within the town.....(See Attached Proposal) be referred to the Finance Committee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sanford**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore that the Town transfer \$9,900 from the Town Council Reserve 0111052-576100 to Finance Contract Services 0113552-544350.....(See Attached Proposal) be referred to the Finance Committee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Powers**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Mael to make the newly paved parking lots.....(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Letterie for Discussion**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer this motion to the Economical Development Committee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sanford**

**Discussion**

**Motion by Councilor Mael and Councilor Letterie to withdraw original motion.**

**Motion by Councilor Mael to withdraw motion to have a discussion on the subject of Oyster Shells (See Attached Motion)**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to approve the appointment of President Gill to have the Interim Facilities Manager Richard Cifuni put on as an Interim Member of the SBAC Committee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Powers**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to approve the appointment of President Gill to appoint Robert Driscoll on the Citizens Advisory Committee to Logan Airport (CAC)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Powers**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Update on Atlantis Marina-DEP had a public hearing on 12-16-13 and needs comments from the public to help with their decision in relation to this matter. Please contact [ANDREA.LANGHAUSER@state.ma.us](mailto:ANDREA.LANGHAUSER@state.ma.us).**

**Discussion-What is Town Councils feelings, these people do not know where to go for answers.....**

**Discussion on concern of pump out system for these boats.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Anita Rossi-Atlantis Marina-Has concerns on issues.**

**John Dolans-Atlantis Marina-Currently is working with CVA (Clean Vessel Act)**

David Kelson-Atlantis Marina Condo Owner- The problem is with the developer, not the boaters, who has been in violation of zoning for years.

This issue must go before the Board of Appeals.

Deborah Koon-Atlantis Marina Condo Owner- Not about the boat owners. She believes the DEP has violated their own zoning issues.

The Town Council has to act on this issue immediately (by Dec. 27, 2013) and must submit a letter from the appropriate zoning authority in regards to this issue and it must be signed by the Town Clerk. (The Town Manager has already submitted a letter but not to the current regulations of the DEP).

If this letter is not done, no one can continue to complain to the DEP that any zoning laws were broken and the developer can continue working and will be issued a 30-year license to continue.

#### Discussion

**Motion by Councilor Powers that the Town Council refer this matter to the Town Legal Counsel and the Town Manager to take expeditious action on to insure we meet the requirements of the DEP comment deadline.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Mael**

**Passed Unanimously**

John Vitagliano asks the Town Council to address the vulnerability of the new Belle Isle Bridge Expanded Site.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Boncore**

**2<sup>nd</sup> By Councilor Sanford**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 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

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1077 Fax: 617-846-5458

James McKenna  
Town Manager

### MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/12/13

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to engage the professional services of a Traffic Engineering firm to study the potential traffic impacts of the proposed casino at Suffolk Downs on the Town of Winthrop, and to fund this study, I move that the Council authorize a transfer from free cash of \$20,000 to the contract services line item of the Town Manager's budget, or take any action relative to thereto.

*Motion by Councilor Bonicore to refer to the  
Finance Committee*

*2nd BY Councilor Powers*

Vote: PASSED

Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12-17-2013

Town Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

CFO: \_\_\_\_\_

TCF-031



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James McKenna  
Town Manager

## MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/12/13

## TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to engage the services of a qualified firm to study strategies for economic development within the town, and to encourage the growth of tourism and cultural opportunities, to examine strategies for the creation and sustainability of small businesses, and to support increased ridership of the proposed Winthrop Ferry; and further, that to pay for this plan, I move that the Council transfers \$15,000 from the Council Reserve to the Town Manager's contract service line item of the budget, or take any action relative to thereto.

*Motion by councillor Bowere to refer to the  
Finance Committee  
2nd BY Councillor Sanfey*

Vote: PASSED

Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12-17-2013

Town Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

CFO: \_\_\_\_\_

TCF-032



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**James McKenna**  
Town Manager

### MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/12/13

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council transfer \$9,900 from Town Council Reserve 0111052-576100 to Finance Department Contract Services 0113552-544350 for the purpose of funding an indirect cost allocation study for Town enterprise funds, or take any other action relative hereto.

*Motion by councillor Bowdoin to refer to the*

*Finance Committee*

*2nd by Councillor Powers*

Vote: Passed

Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12-17-2013

Town Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

CFO: \_\_\_\_\_

*TCF-833*



# TOWN of WINTHROP

## MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Craig Mael Date: December 5, 2013

Subject: Town Parking Lots

### TEXT of MOTION

A motion is made to make the newly paved parking lots adjacent to the Pond Street Park, The Larsen Rink and the Crest Avenue Parking lot and extension paid for parking facilities. The motion instructs the Town Manager to create a new parking sticker enabling parking in the lot from 6:00pm-8:00am daily. The automobile must exit the parking lot for snow removal in a reasonable manner. Violators to snow conditions will be subjected to ticketing and towing. Each parking sticker will enable the registered automobile to have a single reserved spot in the lot. The charge will be an annual rate of \$375.00. The rate is in effect from January 1 - December 31 and will be pro-rated. Motorcycles must also be registered for the lot. The space will be leased to the automobile provided all state and local taxes are paid in full. A valid paid automobile excise tax is required but does not have to be issued by the Town of Winthrop.

All money from this parking program will used to fund a Parks and Recreation Department sponsored program to establish a Khan Academy or other early learning programing. Parental funding will be required for a portion of the programing in line with other Parks and Rec guidelines. The fund may also be used to fund MCAS, SAT, Character, Wilderness or Parenting programing as deemed valuable by the Superintendent of Schools.

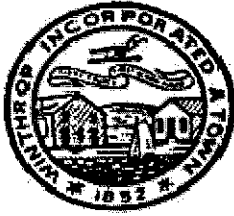
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*MOTION BY COUNCILOR MAEL TO WITHDRAW*

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12-17-2013





# TOWN of WINTHROP

## MOTION

Submitted By: Craig Mael

Date: December 11, 2013

Subject: Oyster Shells/Inter Tidal Zone

## TEXT of MOTION

That the Town Council make a motion to have a discussion on the subject of placing oyster shells in the inter tidal zone. This is to help enhance the biodiversity and water quality of Winthrop Harbor.

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*MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MAEL TO WITHDRAW*

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12-17-13