

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 6, 2014

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 Calla	Present
Councilor Sanford-	Present
Councilor Boncore-	Present
Councilor Varone-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boyajian-	Present
Councilor Mael-	Present
Vice President DelVento	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the Minutes of the April 15, 2014, as circulated

2nd. By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

CITATION

Detective Callinan and Lt. Perrin for their involvement with the capturing of the Boston Marathon Bombing Suspect Richard Honan for receive the Town Council Award for his involvement in the Winthrop Art Association Festival

PRESENTATION

Massport-Runway Safety Area-

Massport Communications Director Jose Masso introduces Mike Vatalaro, Community Relations Rep./Winthrop

Massport Deputy Director of Aviation Planning discusses construction for runway safety for runway 15L & 33R

-John Vitagliano (P5) Member Airport Hazards Committee comments on Cape Air's Aircraft and Safety as they are the main users of this runway.

-Dick Bangs (P2) questions night time runway activity / Duck Hunting concerns

PUBLIC HEARING (S)

-Sewer Retained Earnings \$73,800 to purchase 2014 JCB 2CX Backhoe Loader

Discussion

Council Finance Committee recommends this with a positive action

Public Hearing Closed

-Water Retained Earnings \$147,000 / Water Main Replacement Project

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed

-Transfer \$28,046 from General Stabilization Fund-Appeal Flood Map

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Osborne (P2)-Comments on the Water Retained Earnings \$147,000 / Water Main Replacement Project
Chief Delehanty gives update on Crest Ave. parking lot and will be useable before sand trucks begin

Heather Engman (P4)-Member of the Board of Health: Comments on the Logan Airport Health Study and the health issues in the Town of Winthrop

David Osborne (P2)-Comments on his letter written about smart meter and funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Finance Committee met on April 28, 2014

Sewer Retained Earnings \$73,800 to purchase 2014 JCB 2CX Backhoe Loader

Committee moves forward with positive action

Water Retained Earnings \$147,000 / Water Main Replacement Project

Committee moves forward with positive action

Down payment of \$15,000 to lease/purchase 2014 Chevy Tahoe

Committee moves forward with positive action

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-Reports from DPW Director Steve Calla on the Radio Read Meter Program

-Ferry Update

We have been approached by Boston Harbor Cruise Line to determine if there is enough public interest for their water taxi to stop in Winthrop and have access to Boston and the Surrounding Islands.

-Meeting with Golf Course Management Team on May 12, 2014 to discuss progress on drainage project(s).

-We were awarded a \$50,000 partnership grant from the Department of Energy to fund a full time energy manager to be shared with Chelsea.

-Inspectional Services Department update

-Update on Mohegan Sun

We are currently heading towards Arbitration with Mohegan Sun. Selecting arbitrators / deadline to file a brief for arbitration to the MGC is May 9, 2014, which our counsel is currently doing.

The final decision will be made by May 26, 2014 from the MGC.

Once arbitration made public, information will be put on the Town of Winthrop Website

CFO Tim Gordon gives update on budget and current financials.

Chief Flanagan updates on MWRA Feasibility Study-Pier is in good condition and capable of using barges.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee that the Town Council authorizes the use of Sewer Retained Earnings in the amount of \$73,800.00 to purchase a 2014 JCB 2CX Backhoe Loader....(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed as Coming from the Finance committee

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee that the Town Council authorizes the use of Water Retained Earnings in the amount of \$147,000.00 to engage the services of Woodward and Curran....(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed as Coming from the Finance committee

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council transfer \$28,046.00 from General Stabilization Fund Account 932-359000.....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Motion that the Town Council establish a special revenue revolving account entitled "The Playstead Maintenance and Improvement Fund" is on hold until a joint meeting on May 12, 2014 with the Finance Committee and Rules and Ordinance

Motion by the Finance Committee that the Town Council authorizes the down payment of \$15,000.00 toward the lease/purchase of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe for the Fire Department....(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed as Coming from the Finance committee

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Mael is made for discussion to allow senior recipients of the Town Parking Sticker...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Discussion

Motion by Vice President DelVento to refer the issue to the DPW Committee for their recommendation.

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed 7-2 (No-Councilor Mael, Councilor Varone)

Motion withdrawn by Councilor Boyajian that the Town Council submit the letter drafted by a unanimous vote of the Planning Board.....

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Mael that the Town Council investigate an appropriate process to urge Massport to release the DPH-Logan Airport Study

2nd Councilor by Boyajian

Discussion

Motion withdrawn by Councilor Mael

2nd withdrawn by Councilor Boyajian

Motion by Councilor Boncore that the Town Council take a vote to send a letter demanding a copy of the report from the DPH of the Logan Airport Health Study Report

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Mael to request that the Town Manager develop a Town Nighttime Public Parking Sticker....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

Motion by Vice President DelVento to refer this motion to the DPW Committee and ask for Town Manager for input

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed-5-4 (No-Councilor Mael, Councilor Varone, Councilor Boyajian, Councilor Letterie)

Motion by Councilor Mael to remove \$12,500.00 from the Senior Work program said funds.

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

Motion by Councilor Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Commission

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion-Vice President DelVento comments on financial requirements for this program

Passed Unanimously

Motion withdrawn by Councilor Mael to lower the Waterway Fee for an annual pass from \$100 to \$60

Motion by Councilor Mael to lower the Seasonal Ramp Fee for an annual pass from \$100 to \$60

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion-Includes current Season

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Mael that the Town Council refer to the appropriate committee a request to hold a public hearing houseboats & non-motorized watercraft....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer this motion to the Planning Board

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

President Gill appointed Tom Reilly as a designee to the MWRA Advisory Board

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9, 2014 –Police Explorers Fundraiser- Cottage Pk. Yacht Club 7:00 PM

May 10, 2014-MWRA Tour of Deer Island

May 17, 2014-8:00 A.M. - Richard Honan Annual Cleaning Bronze Markers on Veterans Graves, Winthrop Cemetery

May 20, 2014 Public Hearing FY 15 - June 3, 2014 Town Council will Vote Budget

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Vitagliano (P5)-Comments on success of recycle program and congratulates Councilor Calla for her hard work on this program. Councilor Calla also notes Jeanne Maggio's help on this program.

Councilor Mael requests the Winthrop Transcripts editorials include his name.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Boncore

2nd By Vice President DelVento

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05PM

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

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: 4/9/14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the use of Sewer Retained Earnings in the amount of \$73,800 to purchase a 2014 JCB 2CX Backhoe Loader to replace the 1997 JCB Load All that has exceeded its useful life and requires extensive repairs;
or take any action relative to thereto.

*Motion by Finance Committee
No 2nd needed -*

Vote: 5-6-2014

Council President: _____

Date: Passed Unanimously

Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

Public Hearing 5-6-2014



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: 4/9/14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the use of Water Retained Earnings in the amount of \$147,000 to engage the services of Woodward and Curran to complete the engineering design and bid specifications for Contract 4 of the water main replacement project in the Cottage Hill and Pico Avenue Areas;
or take any action relative to thereto.

*MOTION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
NO 2ND NEEDED*

Vote: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY Council President: _____

Date: 5-6-14 Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

PUBLIC HEARING 5-6-2014



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: 4/7/14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council transfer \$28,046.00 from General Stabilization Fund Account 932-359000 to Town Manager Contract Services 0111252-544350 for Woods Hole Group to assist the town with its appeal of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (flood plain map), or take any other action relative thereto.

*MOTION BY COUNCILLOR LETTERIE
AND BY COUNCILLOR SANFORD*

Vote: Passed Unanimously Council President: _____

Date: 5-6-14 Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

PUBLIC HEARING 5-6-2014



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: 4/10/14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the down payment of \$15,000 towards the lease/purchase of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe for the Fire Department. Funding will come from Fund 583 FEMA/MEMA. Total cost of the Tahoe will be \$42,000. Remaining balance of \$27,000 will be funded in FY15 and FY16; or take any action relative to thereto.

*MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
NO 2ND NEEDED*

Vote: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Council President: _____

Date: 5-6-2014

Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

TRF-059

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Craig Mael

Date: April 1, 2014

Article Number:

Subject: Senior Citizens Parking Stickers

TEXT of MOTION

A motion is made for a discussion to allow senior recipients of the Town Parking Sticker the ability to pay the current fee with the funds going to programming at the senior center.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MAEL
2ND BY COUNCILLOR SANFORD FOR DISCUSSION
MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT BELVENTO TO REFER TO THE SPW COMMITTEE
2ND BY COUNCILLOR SANFORD

Vote: PASSED 7-2 (NO COUNCILLOR MAEL - COUNCILLOR VARNIE)

Date: 5-6-2014

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Mael

Date: April 28, 2014

Article Number:

Subject: Nighttime Public Parking Sticker

TEXT of MOTION

Motion to request the Town Manager to develop a Town Nighttime Public Parking Sticker to allow for a fee for the use of the Town's parking lots. The plan should provide the fundamentals cost, maintenance, control and usage.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MAEL
AND BY COUNCILOR BOYAGIAN FOR DISCUSSION
MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT DELVENTO TO REFER
TO SPW COMMITTEE
AND BY COUNCILOR SANFORD

Vote: PASSED 5-4 (NO - COUNCILLORS MAEL - VALONE - BOYAGIAN - LETTERE)

Date: 5-6-2014

TCF-061



TOWN OF WINTHROP OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1852

MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Mael

Date: 4-28-14

Subject: DPH-Logan Airport

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor Mael that the Town Council investigate and appropriate process to urge Massport to release the DPH-Logan Airport Study

2nd By Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

Motion Withdrawn by Councilor Mael

2nd Withdrawn by Councilor Boyajian

Motion by Councilor Boncore that the Town Council take a vote to send a letter demanding a copy of the report from the DPH of the Logan Airport Health Study Report

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Date: May 6, 2014

TC-029

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Mael

Date: April 28, 2014

Article Number:

Subject: Senior Work Program

TEXT of MOTION

A motion to remove \$12,500 from the Senior Work program said funds.

*MOTION BY COUNCILOR MAEL
2nd BY COUNCILOR BOYAJIAN FOR DISCUSSION
MOTION BY COUNCILOR BOWCORE TO REFER TO THE
FINANCE COMMISSION
2nd BY COUNCILOR BOYAJIAN*

Vote: *PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

Date: *5-6-14*

TEF-063

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Craig Mael Date: April 28, 2014

Subject: Waterway Fees

TEXT of MOTION

Motion by Councilor Mael to lower Seasonal Ramp Fee for an annual pass from \$100 to \$60.

2nd By Councilor Boyajian
Passed Unanimously

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Date: May 6, 2014



TOWN OF WINTHROP OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1852

MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Mael

Date: 4-28-14

Subject: Houseboat Rules and Regulation

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor Mael that the Town Council refer to the appropriate Committee a request to hold a public hearing regarding the subject of Rules and Regulations for houseboats and non-motorized watercraft in the Town of Winthrop Waterways.

*2nd by Councilor Boyajian
Discussion*

*Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer this motion to the Planning Board
2nd Councilor Sanford*

*Passed Unanimously
May 6, 2014*