

# **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 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 DeLeo Senior Center

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President DelVento leads the Pledge of Allegiance

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **PRESENTATION**

Kopelman & Paige-Open Meeting Compliance-

Attorney Betsy Lane discusses the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws: New laws and any changed laws....answers questions from Town Council, Committee Members and public audience  
All information on the Open Meeting Laws will be made available and posted on the website and through WCAT.

Motion to Recess: 8:40PM

Return from recess: 8:50 PM

Moment of Silence for Bill Hurley, Winthrop School Teacher

## **MINUTES**

**Motion by Vice President DelVento to accept the Minutes of the September 2, 2014, as circulated**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

Superintendent Macero gives update on school transition during construction of new Middle High School  
All going very smoothly, typical issues being handled by faculty and children, all adapting.  
Comments on the Paul and Norma Facella Scholarship "Students from Winthrop will always have a Chance"  
Final paperwork completed with the death endowment of the Paul Fasella totaling close to \$6.5 Million to be used for the Winthrop Schools.  
Councilor Boncore asks that if Winthrop Residents/Companies could be hired for construction to new school.  
Superintendent Macero comments that most companies have already been hired and some still bidding, but he will look into.

**Motion by Councilor Varone to suspend meeting and move to old business to explain motion from previous Town Council Meeting for discussion on the subject of Councilor Boyajian's motion that the Town Council encourages the MWRA to establish a citizens advisory committee....(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice President DelVento**

**Passed (6-1 Councilor Boncore No)**

**Discussion:** Councilor Boyajian is not present but he did write a letter to clarify his intentions of this motion. His intention was not to form a subcommittee or for the Town Council to have any official role with this committee. He wants to make sure our citizens have a "seat at the table" to voice their concerns and to meet more frequently with the MWRA and have amore informative connection with them as he does not feel the current informal meeting schedule is not enough. If the current situation suits the citizens, he will gladly withdraw his motion on his return.

**All in Favor of Moving the Question on the Motion**

**Passed Unanimously**

**The Questions is moved, now a vote will take place**

**All those in favor that The Town Council will encourage the MWRA to establish a Citizens Advisory Committee....**

**(See Attached Motion)**

**1 Yes**

**All those opposing.....**

**6-No**

**Question does not pass, it will be left with the citizens to form a committee if wanted.**

### **Reverting back to Public Comment**

Dawn Manning (P3)-Comments that the citizens will have form their own MWRA Committee, the Town Council will not be involved. Enforcement should be made by any citizen with concerns.

President Gill requests that all inquiries please be emailed to him for discussion.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Storing Motor Vehicles-**

Referred to Planning Board-They are scheduling a Public Hearing

**No Comments**

**Public Hearing Closed**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee-Meeting 9-15-14 6:30 PM**

Appropriate \$2,800,000 Financing Replacement of Aged Water Main-Cottage Hill/Pico

Motion by Councilor Letterie to move motion to Town council.

### **TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

Moving forward with repair of the barge and scheduled maintenance.

MAPC will select a bid to replace street lights.

Logistics and planning for the Fall Fest at French Square (9-28-14) are well on their way and look positive.

**CFO-Tim Gordon-Long Term Bond for school project was successful in obtaining lower rates (\$320,000 debt service savings) these savings go directly to the town's people, very positive.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion by the Vice President DelVento that \$2.8 Million is appropriated for the purpose of financing the replacement of aged water main and lead services in the Cottage Hill surrounding area and Pico Beach surrounding area....(See Attached Motion)**

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

**Discussion-**

**This motion shall be set for a public hearing on Oct. 7, 2014 and advertised**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Shirley Street Pole Petition is on hold awaiting information from National Grid.**

**Trash Ordinance Compliance information was sent in the last water & sewer bills. There were no changes made in the ordinance, it is a "reminder" of the ordinance for the towns people to be aware of their trash and how and when it is put out. President Gill would like all to pay attention and would like these rules upheld.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Vice President DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee to transfer \$20,000 to fund specialize training and assistance relative to employee relations...(See Attached Motion)**

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

**Passed Unanimously**

**The Town Council Meeting will be October 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

**The Fall Forum will be scheduled for October 7, 2014 at 8:00 PM**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Volunteers are needed for the Scholarship Committee and Tree Committee**

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

Neil Shapiro Annual Walk- Sept. 20, 2014

Planning Board Workshop-Houseboat Marinas and Moorage's-Sept. 23, 2014 7:00PM DeLeo Sr. Center-(Note Date Change)

Fall Festival 9-28-14 at French Sq. 4-7- PM

Fall Forum October 7, 2014 8PM DeLeo Senior Center

Winthrop Walk to School Day – October 8, 2014

Councilor Mael would like to publicly thank Paul Levy from Woodside Hardware for his helping with the Public Landing

Councilor Mael would like to thank Rich Fatel for his donation of the original two rocking chairs at the landing, he has agreed to donate one more and Councilor Mael looking for any one else looking to donate a rocking chair to make a total of four(4).

Councilor Mael is interested in the town being compensated for monies spent by them to investigate any individuals "in depth" requests.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kathleen Capuccio (P2)-Comments on the MWRA contract with the Town coming up for renewal.  
She will send a detailed email to Town Manager of her concerns.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Boncore**

**2<sup>nd</sup> By Vice President DelVento**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 PM**

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT / [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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

## MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 9/02/14

Subject: Cottage Hill and Pico Beach Areas Water Main Replacement Project  
Bond Issue

## TEXT of MOTION

That \$2,800,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the replacement of aged water main and lead services in the Cottage Hill surrounding area and Pico Beach surrounding area, including all costs incidental or related there-to; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$2,800,000 and issue bonds or notes of the Town under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such money from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, which grants and/or aid shall be expended for the project in addition to the amount appropriated and to be borrowed under this order; and that the Town Manager is authorized to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, such rights, titles and easements as they may be necessary for such purpose, to abandon such rights, titles and easements as are no longer required, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project.



# TOWN OF WINTHROP

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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**James McKenna**  
Town Manager

### MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 9.9.14

### TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from Town Council Reserve (0111052-576100) to Town Attorney Account (0115152-544350) for the purpose of funding specialized training and assistance relative to employee relations.

or take any other action relative hereto.

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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