



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Present
Councilor Boyajian-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boncore-	Present
Councilor Sanford-	Present
Councilor Calla-	Present
Councilor Mael-	Absent(6:45)
Vice President DelVento	Absent
Council President Gill-	Present

Discussion with Town Manager McKenna, Attorney's and Town Council with reference to proposed settlement to Officer Nancy Dalrymple and Suffolk Downs, possible future litigation on current negotiations.

No Motion

No Discussion on prior motion at this time, but will be discussed prior to March 15, 2014

No Motion

Discussion with lawyers on meeting between Town Lawyers and Suffolk Downs, still in negotiation.

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular meeting
2nd by Councilor Calla**

Roll Call Vote to adjourn from executive session

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

Passed Unanimously

Executive Session Adjourns 6:55 p.m.

Return to open session.



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 6:35

ROLL CALL

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

Suffolk Downs

Discussion with Town Manager McKenna and Town Council with reference to Suffolk Downs, current negotiations and impact on the Town of Winthrop.

Mohegan Sun will offer a proposal to the Town Manage on 3-10-14.

Decision should be made on this offer no later than 3-20-14.

Contemplating extending deadline of answer to their proposal.

If no agreement, arbitration will be next step.

Officer Nancy Dalrymple

Postponing any discussion until further information by Attorney's.

**Motion by Vice President DelVento to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular meeting
2nd by Councilor Calla**

Roll Call Vote to adjourn from Executive Session

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

Executive Session Adjourns: 6:55 pm

Return to open session.



TOWN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 11, 2014

Executive Session Commences: 6:40

ROLL CALL

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

Executive Session-Suffolk Downs

- Discussion with Town Manager McKenna, Attorney's (via phone) and Town Council with reference to Suffolk Downs, possible future litigation on current negotiations.
- The Town of Winthrop was informed that the Suffolk Downs Representatives turned down their initial offer and the Town will supply a counter offer. The Town has asked that this counter offer be responded too within 48 hours.-

Motion by Councilor Boncore to counteroffer our original amount and respond within 48 hours.

2nd by Councilor Varone

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Passed 5-1

- Town Attorney will communicate to Town Council and Town Manager by 3-12-14.
- Town Council Executive Session Meeting will be schedule for Monday 3-17-14 at 6:30 PM with an open door policy in the Town Managers Office.

Motion by Councilor Sanford to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular meeting (7:20 PM)

2nd by Councilor Varone

Roll Call Vote to adjourn from executive session

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

Passed Unanimously

Return to open session.



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Present
Councilor Boyajian-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boncore-	Absent (7:10)
Councilor Sanford-	Present
Councilor Calla-	Present
Councilor Mael-	Present
Vice President DelVento	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

Executive Session-Suffolk Downs

- Discussion with Town Manager McKenna and Town Council with reference to Suffolk Downs on negotiation protocol.
- Should we discuss with Everett
- Presentation of Attorney's letter
- Submit a letter of rebuttal
- Still awaiting the outcome of what might be offered to Boston as they are still in negotiations.
- Encourage citizens to participate Tuesday 3-25-14

Executive Session-Nancy Dalrymple

Motion by Councilor Sanford to allocate \$50,000 in back wage coverage from town insurance MIIAA toward the MCAD back wage liability.

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Roll Call Vote

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

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Varone to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular meeting

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Roll Call Vote to adjourn from executive session

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

Passed Unanimously

Executive Session Adjourns: 8:15 pm

Return to Open Session



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 7:08

ROLL CALL

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

-Discussion by Town Attorney of meeting with casino and are at a standstill, have consulted a traffic consultant and have presented this information to Mohegan Sun of which they have claimed a traffic study has already been done in reference to Winthrop. As of this time there is no negotiation and we will have to go into arbitration which at this point, they must present their best offer and we must present our best final offer 1 week from now and 3 arbitrators will make final decision.

-They will not accept our offer of approx. \$2.5 Million +

-There has never been an offer put on table since the \$745,000 original offer.

-Chelsea made an agreement with Caesar's and Mohegan Sun has to abide by it.

-Several Town Council members have had conversations with Chip Tuttle of Suffolk Downs and do agree that this agreement should be made and decided upon.

-Arbitration Process is on 5-6-14, which is the deadline.

-5-6-14 to 5-26-14 Arbitration

-Continued discussion on arbitration and decision has to be made.

-We must make a final offer prior to going into arbitration

-Hopefully Mohegan Sun will make a final offer of which we will have a chance to accept, prior to going into arbitration.

-Town Council in agreement that the original offer of \$745,000 will not be accepted.

-Town Council has continues discussion with attorney on surrounding community agreement, traffic, economic development all aspects of the impact this casino could have on our town.

-Currently we have a tentative meeting for May 1, 2014 at 4:00 pm with Mohegan Sun and 7:00 pm Executive Session unless an offer is made by Mohegan Sun or arbitration is decided on.

**Motion by Councilor Boncore to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular meeting (8:14 PM)
2nd by Councilor Calla**

Roll Call Vote to adjourn from executive session

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

Passed Unanimously

Executive Session Adjourns: 8:16 pm

Return to Open Session



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 7:08

ROLL CALL

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

- Town Attorney summarizes where we stand with the ongoing litigation with Mohegan Sun.
- Arbitration Process schedule for next Thursday
- Negotiation's were opened again on Tuesday

-Mohegan Sun has offered the following:

Annual Mitigation Pkg. Of \$2 Million Yr. for 15 yrs.
Allocated in specific ways / does not have escalation

-Town Manager has final authority to accept , reject or further negotiation.

-Town Attorney advises Town Manager to accept this offer

-Town Mangers final decision will be to accept this offer with minor additions if additions approved by Mohegan Sun

Though the Town Council has no vote on this decision, they want their "voice" noted on this arbitration offer:

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

**Motion by Vice President DelVento to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular meeting
2nd by Councilor Sanford**

Roll Call Vote to adjourn from executive session

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

Passed Unanimously

Executive Session Adjourns: 8:15 pm

Return to open session.



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 7:05

ROLL CALL

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

Officer Nancy Dalrymple Legal Fees

Town Manager McKenna discusses the proceeds coming to town, essentially the town must pay out funds, settle the claim and having insurer reimburse us for these payoffs. Two insurance checks issued to Town:
1-Directly through the town attorneys of which they will satisfy their legal expenses and pay the remainder to the town.

2-Directly to the Town from the insurance company.

The Town must outlay \$125,000 and get back \$96,000 as we have to pay civil penalty to the Commonwealth. These funds will be directed back into the Stabilization Fund.

These are to satisfy the attorney fees, Officer Dalrymple has already been paid, this is final resolution to what attorney fees are.

This payment is in reference to the Federal Case, the State Case is still outstanding

Town Manager McKenna discusses that settlements have been agreed on but Officer Dalrymple still feels it is within her rights to pursue, though she has accepted payment.

Vice President DelVento-Can we publicly acknowledge the town is receiving \$96,000 back.

Town Manager McKenna-Yes

Atlantis Marina Houseboats

Houseboats owners claim that because Town of Winthrop Zoning By Laws do not address houseboats, use is permitted.

Town Attorney taking position that because houseboats are not addressed in the Winthrop Zoning By Laws, use is not permitted.

Owners ignoring cease & desist orders and fines issued by Town. The Town will seek an injunction and pursue Legal remedies through the court.

President Gill states Executive Session was committed only until 7:30, do we want to continue this session?

Motion by Vice President DelVento to continue Executive Session after Regular Open Session

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed 6-1 (Councilor Letterie – No)

ROLL CALL

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

Executive Session Adjourns 7:30 PM

Return to open session.

Executive Session Continues-9:35 PM**ROLL CALL**

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

Casino Issue's

Town Manager McKenna and the Town Council discuss the Casino Mitigation Agreement.

Atlantis Marina Houseboats

The DEP has imposed these houseboats on our community. It is time for DEP to address these issues.

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to adjourn Executive Session
2nd by Vice President DelVento**

ROLL CALL

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

Passed Unanimously**Executive Session Adjourns 9:45**

Return to Open Session



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 8:10

ROLL CALL

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

Pending Winthrop Police Dept. Litigation

Town Manager McKenna and Chief Delehanty reports an officer has several grievances against the WPD and has begun legal actions.

Town Manager McKenna is now recommending a new program for the town employees:

“Safety and Respect at Work” which should be budgeted at approximately \$15,000-\$20,000.

Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilor Varone to accept the Feb. 11, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Abstain
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Boyajian to release the Feb. 11, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Councilor Sanford

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Abstain
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the Feb. 18, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Councilor Boyajian

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Yes
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Abstain
Vice President DelVento	Abstain
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Sanford to accept the March 4, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Councilor Letterie

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Abstain
Councilor Boncore-	Abstain
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Boncore to accept the March 11, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Councilor Boyajian
Passed Unanimously

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Abstain
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Abstain
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Abstain
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the March 17, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Vice President DelVento

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Yes
Councilor Boncore-	Abstain
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the April 30, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Councilor Boyajian

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Yes
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the May 23, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Councilor Sanford

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Abstain
Councilor Letterie-	Yes
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the June 17, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Vice Councilor Sanford

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Abstain
Councilor Letterie-	Yes
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Motion by Vice President DelVento to accept the August 19, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes
2nd by Councilor Boncore

ROLL CALL

Councilor Varone	Abstain
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Abstain
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Calla-	Yes
Councilor Mael-	Yes
Vice President DelVento	Yes
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

Executive Session Adjourns 9:10 PM

Return to Open Session



**TOWN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2014**

Executive Session Commences: 9:25

ROLL CALL

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

Town Manager Contract Extension

The Town Council discusses Town Manager McKenna's present contract and salary.

The Town Council makes decision to extend the Town Managers Contract effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 at an annual bases salary of \$148,000 effective July 1, 2015 with annual increases based upon performance incentives, per Section 12 of the present contract, dates of present contract will be adjusted in accordance.

Motion by Councilor Letterie to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Open Session Meeting 2nd by Councilor Boyajian

ROLL CALL

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

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 PM

Return to Open Session