

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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 Harvey Hearing Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Boyajian leads the Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF SILENCE- Carolyn Marks

ROLL CALL

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

Town Manager McKenna introduces the towns new Deputy Assessor, Steve Roche

RECOGNITION

Frankie Fabiano- 40th Birthday

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the Town Council Minutes of the December 2, 2014, as circulated

2nd. By Vice President DelVento

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Vice President DelVento to accept the Executive Session Minutes of the December 2, 2014 as circulated with an amendment to record Councilor Varone as being present

2nd. By Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Vice President DelVento to accept the Executive Session Minutes of the August 19, 2014 as circulated

2nd. By Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously (Councilor Letterie Abstains)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Hingston, auditor of the town, writes a letter recognizing how well the town's finance team is doing and the great work they have accomplished.

Mr. Tardiff wrote letter with concerns of the 1 hr. parking on Pauline St.- President Gill will refer this letter to TSAC and ask that they respond to Mr. Tardiff.

Christmas Cards Received

PUBLIC HEARING

Veterans Agent Supplementary Budget Transfer of \$80,000-

Veterans Agent Rose Mazzuchuelli speaks on behalf of this transfer being approved as to better help our Veterans with their living expenses. By providing this service the town will be reimbursed within a year approx.75% by the State. If the town does not provide the Veterans with financial help, the Veterans could apply directly to the Veterans Services and then we become noncompliant with the state, therefore we would be responsible to reimburse the state the finances paid by the Veterans Services 100% and also a 15% fee on top of this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee-Vice President DelVento-Meeting 12-16-14 at 6:30 PM

Veterans Agent Supplementary Budget Transfer of \$80,000 discussed and voted to be referred back to Town Council with no recommendation

Motion by Councilor Letterie to move to New Business

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Vice President DelVento that the Town Council transfer \$80,000 from Free Cash to Veteran's Agent Contract Services....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Rules and Ordinance

Meeting will be scheduled for Jan. 13, 2015

TOWN MANGER REPORT

-DPW Director, Steve Calla reports on the supplemental for contract 4

-Closing out Coughlin Park Grant and the State has requested for a specific "language request" from the Town Council:

Town Council vote to confirm appropriation

To accept grant of \$200,000

Deed Restriction as park land

Town Manager asking Town Council to refer the above to the Rules and Ordinance and come forward with a favorable report to close this out and receive the funds.

-Building Department mid-year activity report was forwarded to Town Council on comparing activity from last year.

-Proposed plan for Belle Isle Marsh Ecology Park and pathway to Short Beach (Phase 2 of Walk Winthrop)

-CFO Mid-Year Financial Report

-Status on pole on Cross St., DPW Director Calla explained to National Grid the town's wishes not to have any additional street poles and to reconsider owner's easement option, still waiting for response from National Grid

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Cheerleaders and Football team will be recognized December 22, 2014 at the High School

Computer Carts are in and functioning well

Athletic Director Peter Gobel is retiring on Dec. 31, 2014, Superintendent Macero has put interim plans into place until a permanent appointment is made.

Dec. 10, 2014 Judge McDonald from the E. Boston District Court and Probation Officer Tom Tassinetti visited the High School American Gov. Class with the main mission of discussing the dangers of alcohol and drugs, they were very impressed with the student's involvement.

Richard Honan visited Ms. Sargent's 2nd grade class and had them help with the packages sent to our Vets overseas.

Councilor Mael discusses the Harbor Barge and what is current situation?

Town Manager reports a consultant has inspected the barge and condition is favorable, but things do need to be addressed and bids will be sent out for work that is needed. All in all, good report and will be moving forward with project.

OLD BUSINESS

Sale of Town Land-Town Manager requested their attorney to have land marked and establish on the ground where this property lies so that Town Council can view and make sure of exact location.

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer the Sale of Town Land to the Rules & Ordinance Committee and they will deal with it when they receive information from the applicant.

2nd by Councilor Varone

Passed Unanimously

The Winthrop Planning Board presented a preliminary report on Houseboats to the Town Council and is currently working on final presentation.

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer the Planning Board report for a joint referral to the Public Health and Safety and the Rules & Ordinance Committee

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Vice President DelVento to refer the 60 Hermon St. SDOD for a joint referral to the Public Health and Safety and the Rules & Ordinance Committee

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Discussion

Passed Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Letterie to waive Rule 2C

2nd by Vice President DelVento

Passed 6-2 (Councilor Boncore-No / Councilor Varone-No)

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager's office to submit a grant application to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Our Common Backyards Grant Program for the amount of \$200,000.... (See Attached Motion)

2nd by Vice President DelVento

Passed Unanimously

President Gill acknowledges and thanks Robert & Loretta Porter for their generous donation of the rebuilding of the town seawall at Sargent St.

UPCOMING EVENT

Dec. 23, 2014 at the Winthrop High School, joint drama program

January 22, 2015 Feldman Seaside Apartments is having grand opening at 10:30 A.M.

January 23-24, 2015 MMA Trade Show

Happy Holidays from the Town Council

President Gill thanks the Town Council and all the Committees and Boards for their dedication to the town.

Chief Flanagan reports Santa's route will be made available on Town Website, Winthrop Transcript and WCAT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President DelVento

2nd By Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT / 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**



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 11/24/14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council transfer \$80,000 from Free Cash to Veteran's Agent Contract Services account 0154352-544350 to supplement Veteran's benefit payments or take any action relative to thereto.

Vote: _____

Council President: _____

Date: 12-16-2014

Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

*MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT DEL VENTO
2ND BY COUNCILLOR LETTERIE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: President Gill

Date: 11-25-114

TEXT of MOTION

That the Town Council review the Rules & Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council and make appropriate revision, if any, or take any other action relative thereto.

Vote: 12-16-2014

Date: _____

POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER
1-13-2015 RULES & ORDINANCE MEETING JOINT
WITH PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 12.15.14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager's Office to submit a grant application to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Our Common Backyards Grant Program for the amount of \$200,000; and to appropriate a total sum of \$250,000, including the grant amount, to restore and refurbish Coughlin Playground on Point Shirley; and to permanently dedicate the land in perpetuity at Coughlin Playground as recreation space under MGL Chapter 45 Section 3;

or take any other action relative hereto.

Vote: _____

Council President: _____

Date: 12-16-14

Motion by Councilor Letterie to waive Rule 2B
2nd by Vice President DelVento
Passed 6-2 (Councilors Boncore-No, Councilor Varone-No)

Motion by Councilor Letterie to pass Main Motion
2nd by Vice President DelVento
Passed Unanimously