

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 Letterie leads the Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Retired Firefighter Leo Murphy

ROLL CALL

Councilor Calla	Present
Councilor Sanford-	Present
Councilor Boncore-	Present
Councilor Varone-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boyajian-	Absent
Councilor DeVento	Present
Vice President Mae'l	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

A True Copy Attest:

Cerla Vitale

Town Clerk

Date: FEB 11 2015

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the Town Council Minutes of the January 6, 2015, as circulated

2nd. By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously (Councilor Calla Abstains)

DISCUSSION

William P. Gorman Fort Banks Handicap Playground –

James Fabiano discusses the Handicap Playground at the Gorman-Fort Banks School in memory of his daughter Marianna Fabiano.

President Requests to move to New Business to make a motion on behalf of playground
No objections

Motion by Councilor Calla that the Town Council endorses construction of the handicap playground at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School contingent upon approval of the final plans of construction by the School Committee.

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Motion to waive Rule 12C

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council transfers \$10,000 towards the construction of the proposed handicap playground at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School contingent upon approval of said project by the School Committee, source of funds to be determined by the CFO

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

Linda Brassard (P3), Chairwoman of the Parks Committee thanks the departments that have helped with the improvement of our parks in Winthrop and with the approval of the handicap park.

FY 15 Single Family Real Estate Tax Assessments

President Gill introduces Town Assessor, Steven Roche, board members Alan Maruzzi and newest board member Diane Mackin.

Discussion of Real Estate Rates and how each home is evaluated.

If you are concerned about amount prop value, there is a process to follow:

-Apply abatement application (deadline Feb. 2, 2015). You can also request a hearing with the Assessor's Office.

Transfer of \$57,950.00 from Capital Reserve to CZM Grant (Matching Funds)
Discussion
Public Hearing Closed

60 Hermon St. Special Development Overlay District (SDOD) Petition (Continuation of Public Hearing from January 6, 2015)

Motion by Councilor Boncore to continue this public hearing to a future date
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

Correspondence from the Pillar Apartments with opposition to this SDOD
Petition from neighbors "Yes to Condo's at 60 Hermon St."
Petition will be referred to the Planning Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Application from PJP, Realty Trust, LLC submits petition for the Town to approve 17 Walden St. an SDOD for this property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee-Meeting January 20, 2015

Transfer \$57,950.00 from Capital Reserve to CZM Grant (Matching Funds)-Positive Recommendation
Transfer \$15,000.00 from Capital Reserve to DPW Expenditure Line-Positive Recommendation

Rules & Ordinance / Public Health & Safety- Meeting January 13, 2015

60 Hermon St. Special Development Overlay District (SDOD) Petition-(See Minutes for full discussion)

Motion by Councilor Varone tabled discussion until after Precinct Meeting

2nd by Nicholas DeVento

Passed Unanimously

Houseboat Report-(See Minutes for full discussion)-Joint Committee Rules & Ordinance and Public Health & Safety
will write rules and regulations for these houseboats, this process will take several months.

**Motion by Councilor DeVento to table this discussion during rules and regulations being written and discussed
and to schedule a meeting once a month for discussion on these issues**

2nd by Councilor Varone

Passed Unanimously

Rules & Ordinance Meeting January 20, 2015

Rules and procedures of the Winthrop Town Council-Changed, reviewed and passed.

Motion by Councilor Varone tabled discussion pending further information from applicant

2nd by Councilor DeVento

Passed Unanimously

Sale of Town Land (See Minutes for full discussion) -No copy of P&S and no new measurements

TOWN MANGER REPORT

-Meeting with Commissioner Murray of DCR to discuss the Veterans Rd./ Lewis Lake Project and will also discuss the Belle Isle Marsh proposed park and walkway system.

-Winthrop Street Navigator Program is seeking to hire a FT substance abuse counselor/social worker to work with people in recovery through the Winthrop Police, Winthrop Fire and Winthrop Health Departments, this problem needs a "hands on approach"

-Concerns regarding the FY16 Budget-Strong "rumor" that the Health Insurance expenses will increase substantially due to state and national policies on health insurance.

-Met with the Library Trustees regarding the hiring of a new Library Director

-Attended an Economic Development Training Seminar to better understand some of the latest incentive tools the state is offering that will benefit our Town.

-Ribbon cutting of the Feldman Apartments on Veterans Road-10:30 AM Jan. 22, 2015

-Attended a Ferry Compact meeting at Mass DOT, all communities that have a Ferry come together share knowledge of their Ferry Services. Winthrop's Ferry is currently being built and on schedule.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

School Committee established an SAT prep course with a grant from Viking Pride with tuition (\$100 towards \$250 cost) course will be offered by teachers, after school
Academic Grant for MCAS program also being offered
School Committee has begun their budget process and have had their first Budget Committee Meeting.
Peter Gobiell retiring from Athletic Director, Transportation Director and Dept. Head. School will re-define this position, interim to be hired for balance of school year.
Councilor Letterie updates on the SBAC Meeting-Steel has been delivered for High School and construction has begun And should be completed by May 2015
Town has been reimbursed \$5.8 Million Dollars
Possibility of installing Security Camera's.
Councilor Boncore discusses Winthrop Residents working on this project, Councilor Letterie will require.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor DelVento to amend the minutes of 5-21-13 under New Business to amend the minutes to read "waive 12C" not "waive 2-9C"

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee to approve the transfer of \$57,950.00 from Capital Reserve....

(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed as Coming from Committee

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee to approve the transfer of \$15,000.00 from Capital Reserve to DPW Expenditure...

(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed as Coming from Committee

Passed Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing at the 2-17-15 Town Council Meeting that \$650,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing sidewalk improvements.....(See Attached Motion)

2nd By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to the Finance Committee the following motions:

Transfer of \$10,915.21 (See Attached Motion)

Transfer of \$150,000 (See Attached Motion)*

*Advertise Public Hearing for 2-17-15 Town Council Meeting

Appropriate from Rink Retained Earnings \$30,844 (See Attached Motion)*

*Advertise Public Hearing for 2-17-15 Town Council Meeting

Transfer of \$6,000 (See Attached Motion)

Transfer \$10,000 (See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Economic Development Committee that the Grover's Ave. parking lot.....(See Attached Motion #1)

2nd by Councilor Calla

Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Economic Development Committee that the Town Council appropriate \$12,000(See Attached Motion #2)

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer to the Finance Committee that changes be made to the town fee schedule....
(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Rules & Ordinance Committee to amend Chapter 10.48
(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Letterie
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to accept the agreement by and among the City of Revere(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Calla
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie to set up and establish an Ordinance Review Committee per Chapter 9-6
2nd by Councilor DelVento
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to affirm the appointment by President Gill of Miriam Regan-Fiore to the Citizens Advisory Finance Committee, term to expire June 30, 2015
2nd by Councilor Boncore
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Rules and Ordinance to amend Rule 7 of Winthrop Rules and Procedures by deleting the current Rule 7 and putting in place thereof New Rule 7 Executive Session Rules effective July 1, 2010 and to update town website accordingly.
No 2nd Needed as Coming from Committee
Passed Unanimously

Councilor Calla requests that future appointees for committees be requested to attend the Town Council Meeting

Motion by Councilor Letterie to waive rule 2B in reference to 17 Walden St., SDOD petition
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed (5-2) (Councilor Boncore-No / Councilor Varone-No)

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer the petition regarding 17 Walden St. SDOD to the Winthrop Planning Board
2nd Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Kuhn (P2) Discusses Houseboat Issues
David Kelston (P2) Discusses Houseboat Issues

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22, 2015 Feldman Seaside Apartments is having grand opening at 10:30 A.M.
January 24, 2015 Winthrop Hockey Boosters-50 Yrs. Of Winthrop Hockey
January 23, 2015 Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner-Harborside 6:30 PM
January 24, 2015 Dinner Honoring Richard Honan – CPYC 6-11 PM
February 3, 2015 Board of Health Presentation regarding tobacco regulations

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Boncore

2nd By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 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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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 1/14/15

Subject: Cottage Hill and Pico Beach areas Sidewalk Improvement

TEXT OF MOTION

That \$650,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing sidewalk improvements in the Cottage Hill surrounding area and Pico Beach surrounding area, including all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$650,000 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 and apply 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 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.

1-20-15

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing at the 2-17-15 Town Council Meeting

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 1/7/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer of \$150,000 from Fund 900 Water Meter Upgrade Project for the purpose of funding the Radio Read Meters MWRA Project in the Water Enterprise Fund 902;

or take any other action relative hereto.

1-20-15

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing at the 2-17-15 Town Council Meeting

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 1/13/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that Town Council appropriate from Rink Retained Earnings the amount of \$30,844.00 to fund the Rink Contract Services 6725-544350 for the purpose of necessary repairs and maintenance of Rink Equipment such as motors and compressors;

; or take any action relative to thereto.

1-20-15

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing at the 2-17-15 Town Council Meeting

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Submitted By: Town Council

Date: 1/20/2015

Subject: Gorman/Fort Banks Handicapped Playground

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor Calla that the Town Council endorses the construction of a handicap accessible playground at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks playground, contingent upon approval of final plans of construction by the School Committee

2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Submitted By: Town Council

Date: 1/20/2015

Subject: Gorman/Fort Banks Handicapped Playground

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council transfers \$10,000.00 toward the construction of the proposed handicap playground at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School upon approval of said project by the School Committee, source of funds to be determined by CFO

2nd by Councilor Calla
Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 12.30.14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer of \$57,950.00 from Capital Reserve for the purpose of matching the CZM grant for the Lewis Lake Tide Gate Engineering;

or take any other action relative hereto.

1-6-15

Motion by Councilor Sanford to refer to the Finance Committee

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously

1-20-15

Motion by Finance Committee to approve main motion

No 2nd Needed as coming from Committee

Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 12.30.14

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from Capital Reserve to DPW Expenditure Line 0196052-588023 for the purpose of finishing the Winthrop Street Corridor Phase One Engineering;

or take any other action relative hereto.

1-6-15

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to the Finance Committee and to be advertised for a Public Hearing at the 1-20-15 Town Council Meeting

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

1-20-15

Motion by the Finance Committee to approve main motion

No 2nd Needed as Coming from Committee

Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Submitted By: Town Council

Date: 1/20/2015

Subject: Amend 5-21-2013 Town Council Minutes

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor DelVento to correct the 5-21-13 Town Council minutes to read
"waive rule 12C"

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

Councilor Powers is voting no on the Fees Schedule as he is not convinced these Fees are a legitimate cost. **Councilor Boncore** also voting no as there are several items coming up for vote in the future that will cause an increase on the town's people.

Vice President Varone asks for a roll call vote.

Councilor Mael does not want to raise revenues but also wants more information on fee costs, they may need to be increased on some departments. He would like to table until more information on cost provided.

Town Mgr. McKenna reflects that this matter has been discussed within each department and the Council for several months. Each fee has already been set, not increased accordingly, and now needs to adjusted correctly to reflect the changes in the past years.

Council President Gill acknowledges this Fees Schedule has been on the table for some time. We have to put faith in our Town Mgr. and Department heads since these fees have not been adjusted since the 90's; they are due for an adjustment. We do not have the time or resources to look over each and every service. It has been determined some of these services are costing more, some aren't. It is time to adjust this schedule now.

Councilor DelVento states that the Finance Committee has been working to get them up to date. If Council wants to "pull some out" and discuss, do this, do not dismiss this entire Fee Schedule.

Roll Call Vote on Adopting the Town Mgrs. FY-12 Fees Schedule. A Yes Vote Passes the Main Motion as Amended with the Amendments made (See Above Schedule)

Councilor Mael-Yes

Councilor DelVento-Yes

Councilor Powers-No

President Gill-Yes

Vice President Varone-Yes

Councilor Boncore-No

Councilor Calla-Yes

5-2 Motion Passes

No Further Old Business


NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Vice President Varone to refer to the Finance Committee move that in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Mgr. is authorized to issue refunding bonds....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Powers

Discussion-

Councilor DelVento asks of time sensitivity on this motion as they are dealing with the Budget at this time. He asks that this motion be advertised and vote on at next Town Council Meeting.

 **Motion by Finance Committee to waive rule 2-9c and vote this at the next town Council Meeting, advertising prior to meeting and Public Hearing scheduled for that meeting**
Passed Unanimously

June Meeting Schedule: June 5, 2013 and June 18, 2013

All in favor of changing June 4, 2013 Town Council Meeting to June 5, 2013
Passed Unanimously

President Gill asking all chairman on the current boards and committees to review the current members and advise if re-appointments will be made and encourages the public to look at website on available committee and board seats.

The next Public Hearing will be on June 18, 2013 at the Cummings School on the Rental Property Inspection.



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Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 1/13/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfers of:

From Fund 710 Workers Compensation Special Revenue	\$3,299.93
From Fund 713 Unemployment Special Revenue	\$6,689.00
From Fund 659 Health Clinic Reimbursement Special Revenue	\$926.28
Totaling	\$10,915.21

To Fund 585 Solar Energy Special Revenue	\$9.10
To Fund 519 North Suburban Home Special Revenue	\$9,979.83
To Health Medicare Reimbursement Special Revenue	\$926.28
Totaling	\$10,915.21

For the purpose of closing prior year fund balance deficits;

or take any other action relative hereto.

1-20-15

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to the Finance Committee

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 1/13/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer of \$6,000 from Inspectional Services Personnel 0124151-511100 to Health Department Personnel 0151051-511100 for the purposes of funding departmental budget through June 30, 2015;

or take any other action relative hereto.

1-20-15

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to the Finance Committee

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously



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Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Town Manager

Date: 1/13/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from Inspectional Services Personnel 0124151-511100 to Town Manager Contract Settlements 0111251-511109 for the purposes of funding contract settlements;

or take any other action relative hereto.

1-20-15

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2nd by Councilor Letterie

Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 1/14/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion 1- Ordinance: Grovers Ave parking lot shall be metered parking during the months of May through September during the hours of 8:00am to 6:00pm daily. A metered charge of \$.25 per 15 minutes shall be charged. Violators of the Ordinance shall be subject to a parking enforcement penalty of \$40.00.

Motion 2- Funding: I move that the Town Council appropriate \$12,000 from the Capitol Stabilization Reserve Account for the purposes of procuring a pay and display meter for the Grovers Ave parking lot.

; or take any action relative to thereto.

1-20-15

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Economic Development Committee

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

TEXT of MOTION

That the Town Council vote to amend the following changes to the town fee schedule to reflect the changes made to Chapter 10.48 of the Town Ordinances regarding the Resident Parking Program

; or take any action relative to thereto.

Vote: _____

Date: _____

1-20-15

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LETTEEE TO REFER TO THE RULES AND ORDINANCE
2ND BY COUNCILOR SANFORD
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TEXT of MOTION

That the Town Council vote to amend Chapter 10.48 of the Town Ordinances regarding the Resident Parking Program as follows;

or take any action relative to thereto.

Vote: _____

Date: _____

1-20-15

MOTION BY COUNCILOR DELVENTO TO REFER TO RULES&ORDINANCE
2ND BY COUNCILOR LETTERIE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



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MOTION

Submitted By: Town Council

Date: 1/20/2015

Subject: City of Revere and Town of Winthrop Dispatch Center

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor DelVento to accept the agreement by and among the City of Revere and the town of Winthrop for the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications District and Dispatch Center and to authorize the Town Manager to enter in such agreement

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Submitted By: Town Council

Date: 1/20/2015

Subject: Ordinance Review Committee

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion by Councilor Letterie to set up and establish an Ordinance Review Committee,
per chapter 9-6
2nd by Councilor DelVento
Passed Unanimously