

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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 DelVento leads the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Sanford to accept the Town Council Minutes of the January 20, 2015, as circulated

2nd. By Councilor DelVento

Passed Unanimously (Councilor Boyajian Abstains)

CITATIONS

The Town Council recognizes the Winthrop Fire Department, Winthrop Police Department and the DPW for their outstanding work and diligence during the "Blizzard of 2015" providing the safety and wellbeing for the citizens of Winthrop.

Also being thanked for their diligence and helping the town through these storms are the Housing Authority, School Department, Regional Partners Mass Port and MWRA, Speaker DeLeo, and last but not least our citizens, for their patience and understanding during this time.

PRESENTATION

The Board of Health, Nick LoConti, Heather Engman and Tracy Honan and provide a slide show on the "Summary of the New Proposed Tobacco Regulations".

There will also be a Public Hearing on this at the Board of Health Meeting, Thursday, Feb.12, 2015 at 7:00PM.

The Town Council discusses these regulations and looks forward for input from the community and their reaction to these proposed regulations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Mael comments on the passing away of Kay Hurley from the highlands area. There are opportunities for "minor" pieces of remembrance, maybe a park bench in the Highlands Park in her name.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ken Kilmain, Wave Way Ave, on behalf of himself and his neighbors, through a letter, commending the town for the hard work done during the storm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development- Meeting re-scheduled to 6:00 PM February 17, 2017 Harvey Hearing Room

Finance Committee- Meeting re-scheduled to 6:00 PM February 17, 2015 Town Council Chambers

Public Hearings will be held at the Town Council Meeting February 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Town Manager McKenna reports on the following:

Storm Briefing

MOVE TO NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Boyajian to waive Rule 2C

2nd by Vice President Mael

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Sanford that the Town Council re-appoint Chief Paul Flanagan to the MWRA Board of Directors for a 4 year term to expire Feb. 14, 2019

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

Reimbursement as of today, the blizzard is a stand-alone event, we are eligible up to 75% of \$70,000.

As of this date, we've submitted a damage assessment form for \$69,000+, we have gotten most private contractors paid for without effecting our current snow removal deficit.

RETURN TO TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Met with Hallmark Health to discuss opening a primary care health office in Winthrop

Beginning the FY16 Budget Process

School Committee is meeting to look over proposes FY16 Budget

Public Service Announcement Video-Thank you to Sarah and Jenny Delehanty for "The Dangers of a Snow Storm"

Town Council discusses each subject.

CFO Tim Gordon discusses the current snow removal budget and how to move forward with recommendations for future snow removal budgets. Our current snow removal budget is \$90,000. Our current total cost is \$331,125.00, we are in a deficit of \$241,125. Each year the snow and ice budge has been increased by \$10,000, we should continue to do this. If you budget more than you incur, you are not able to carry as a deficit for the following year, it is a delicate balance. Our stabilization fund is to deal with extraordinary circumstances, which this year's snow removal is proving.

Town Council discusses the current situations with snow removal.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Budget Committee Meeting for FY16

Plan being studied for "make up" classes, if needed.

Middle High School building on time / on budget, pouring concrete in spring

Music Matters fundraiser re-scheduled to March 13, 2015-- winthropmusicmatters.org for ticket information.

Boys Hockey clinched a spot in State Tournament

OLD BUSINESS

Metered Parking Grover's Ave/Appropriate \$12,000 Capital Stabilization Fund-

Postponed until Economic Development Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Sanford to refer to the Finance Committee that the Town Council transfer \$10,000 from Fund 964 Capitalization to the General Fund Special Article....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee that the Town Council transfer \$24,000 from the Town Council Reserve Account to the Town Managers Contract Services(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to approve the provisions of MGL Chapter 31D.....(See Attached Motion)
2nd by Councilor Boyajian
Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Manning (P3)-Asks about snow removal and where it is being dumped.
Chief Flanagan states where it is being dumped and our current procedures of dumping.

Chief Flanagan asked citizens to log onto web site and sign up for Code Red phone calls for up to date information.
This is not an automatic delivery, you must say "hello" for the message to be delivered.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor DelVento
2nd By Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously
Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 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: 2/5/15

TEXT OF MOTION

I move that the Town Council approve the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D, which allows the town to incur liability and make expenditures in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal during Fiscal Year 2015;

or take any action relative to thereto.

Vote: _____

Council President: _____

Date: _____

Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

2-10-15

MOTION BY COUNCILOR DELVENTO TO APPROVE MAIN MOTION
2ND BY COUNCILOR BOYAJIAN
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 1/29/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion - I move that the Town Council transfer from fund 964 Capital Stabilization \$10,000 to the General Fund Special Article to off sight the Gorman Fort Banks Handicap Playground Project; or take any action relative to thereto.

Vote: _____

Council President: _____

Date: _____

Town Manager: _____

2-10-15

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SANBORD TO REFER
TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2ND BY COUNCILOR BOYAJIAN
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

CFO: _____



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Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 1/29/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion - I move that the Town Council transfer \$24,000 from the Town Council Reserve Account (0111052-576100) to Town Manager Contract Services (0111252-544350) for the purposes of funding legal services; or take any action relative to thereto.

Vote: _____

Council President: _____

Date: _____

Town Manager: _____

CFO: _____

2-10-15

**MOTION BY COUNCILOR DELVENTO TO REFER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2ND BY COUNCILOR BOYAJIAN
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Summary of New Proposed Tobacco Regulations

Winthrop Board of Health

February 10, 2015

Proposed Regulations

- * The existing Winthrop tobacco regulation is not consistent with the Massachusetts Smoke Free Workplaces Law
- * Board of Health worked with tobacco control expert from the Massachusetts Municipal Association
- * Proposed new regulations:
 - * Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products
 - * Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places

Background: Logan Airport Health Study

- * Children in Winthrop living in high exposure areas are 3 to 4 times more likely to suffer from asthma
- * Adults in Winthrop living in high exposure areas are more likely to suffer from COPD
- * The Department of Public Health recommended that Winthrop take action to further reduce conditions exacerbating asthma and COPD and to enforce “youth access and secondhand smoking laws and provide educational/outreach resources to support smoke-free workplace and housing programs.”

Background: Winthrop Community Health Needs Assessment

- * Top 3 perceived health concerns in Winthrop
 - * Substance abuse
 - * Environment
 - * Cancer
- * Winthrop residents experience higher rates of asthma, COPD, and cancer than state average
- * 2009 and 2011 data indicates that Winthrop high school students use alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana at rates higher than the state average

Summary of Proposed Changes

- * Expand the definition of tobacco products to include non-regulated nicotine delivery products, including e-cigarettes
- * Require smoking cessation signage at stores that sell tobacco products
- * Require minimum prices on cigars and packages of cigars to mirror minimum prices in Boston
- * Cap Winthrop tobacco permits at 20

Summary of Proposed Changes

- * Increase minimum legal sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21
- * Ban the sale of blunt wraps
- * Ban self service displays and commercial “roll your own” machines
- * Ban cigarette vending machines
- * Ban sale of tobacco products in educational institutions

Summary of Proposed Changes

- * Ban smoking and the use of tobacco products at Town parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and beaches
- * Ban smoking and use of tobacco products in hotels
- * Ban smoking and use of tobacco products in restaurants any place where wait staff serves food
- * Prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in every location where use of regular cigarettes is prohibited

Notes

- * The regulation does not prohibit rolling papers that are not composed of tobacco
- * The regulation does not ban e-cigarettes; rather, the regulation imposes the same restrictions on e-cigarettes as regular cigarettes
- * The regulation does not prohibit flavored cigars

Public Hearing

- * Thursday, February 12, 2015
- * 6:00 pm
- * Harvey Room of Town Hall
- * Board of Health welcomes comments on the proposed regulations