

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 14, 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 Boncore leads the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION-

Winthrop Beach Restoration Update-DCR

David Ouellette Assistant Project Manager-DCR

Mike Galvin-Acting Water Resources Engineering

Discussion begins with updating the current situation of Winthrop Beach and how it looks. The restoration project began and storm protection is still the main priority. Realizing the problem with the sand is at a "wait and see" right now as "Mother Nature" will do her part with the sand situation and DCR will return for a meeting after the summer.

Public Questions begin with.....

Chris Carlson (P2)- Reads excerpt from June 18, 2015 Transcript

5-14-15 Transcript: Steve Colometo DCR Engineer was surprised by mounds of rocks....expected some erosion but nothing that had happened, he stated "will do some grading to make rocks disappear"

DEP Permit: The Department finds that the Project will enhance the ability of the beach to prevent storm damage and to provide recreational opportunity?

Beach has eroded back to wall, what damage lies ahead when the northeaster comes in and starts throwing these rocks against homes on Shore Drive.

Joanne Hillman(P6) Questions what Phase this project is in and asks if the 4th being cosmetic and also whether or not the North end of the Beach walkway to Seal Harbor, is this included?

She thought it was in original project.

DCR-Not currently in project

Sean Foley (P3) Shore Drive Resident and is very happy with project.

Norman Hyett (P6)-Lives on Shore Dr. (No. End-the end most everyone complaining about)

Wife has lived in home for 65 years and flooding has been improved immensely.

Patricia Magrath Girard (P2) Life long resident-has not had an opportunity to visit beach due to current situation. No parking at Yirrell and needs handicap/disability use.

Cannot get elderly/disabled to the water....

TM-There was discussion that concern was raised about access and make sure people can use beach effectively. Feels there is sincere interest from the DCR. Issue has been brought up.

DCR- Pearl Ave access will be handicap accessible (2)

Nick Bracy (P1)-Asks what DCR final vision of what this project is?

DCR-Have to look at reality of the wave situation and realize some areas will be more rocky....

Have to balance two issues of sand vs. rock for protection

John O'Driscoll (P6) Concerned that there is NO access at all to beach, will you have to climb over rocks because of erosion problem or will there be any sandy access to the shore.

DCR-Graded 6 pathways from seawall down to surf

Richard Gill (P1)-Questions that Revere Beach is roughly same direction, why don't they have this problem.

DCR-Protected by Nahant

Tracy Carson (P2)-Permit (2012) states tailings would not be taken down, why was this? Not in permit.

DCR-Usually a (beachfill) mix material not just sand-states he does not know if they just brought in rock?

Frances Burnett (P6)- States if they are ahead of schedule why are there so many things still up in the air?

DCR-Contractor task almost completed... Created 200 ft. flat area slope 15-1

Now Mother Nature re-grading, wait and see process to see how evolves over the year

Steff Kelsey (P6)-Requests Beach Website be updated, keep the public more informed.

Bob Driscoll (P5)-Project almost done but still waiting to see about weather.

What happens if done? What options do we have as we wait and see?

DCR-Construction project just about done, but engineering consultants still on board, will be working with them. Will this project have to be re-open

DCR-Depends if something major or not

Stephanie Costin (P3) (Terrace Ave.) (South End-Behind water tower)-All rocks have now come to her property...you can walk out on Lagoon close to 200' and still only be at your waist, sand and rock filling in tidal pool, this will be an environmental problem. Engineers were very confident this was not going to happen...WHAT HAPPENED to their confidence. Confused at the "wait and see"

Patty Hurley Felt (P4)-There is a dangerous drop in water, no access, wait and see what is happening, has final inspection been done?

Guy Brandenstein (P6)-How long do we have to run in circles? Do we have any guarantees in the future?

Rose Mazzuchelli (P6) Why sidewalk built so wide (bumpout) between Pearl Ave & Dolphin?

Skip Marcella (P6) This is not a beach right now....

Cheryl Tobey (P3) working with project since it started...Entire point of project was for shore protection. Unfortunately, we could not get beach done the way wanted due to environmental issues.

Dave Gordon (P6)-First year that we have not had major storms come over wall, beach protection seems to be working but will the original drawings be stuck too? These were signed off on by contractor, this is what beach should be?

Robert Pino (P6)-Sand was going to migrate to North? Rocks would be put on top to help then more sand.... Sand has not migrated to the North and actually reality going to south along with stones. After first storm, sand gone and just rock?

Chief Flanagan-Very grateful that during last winter not a lot of water....Biggest concern wall that was up by Tewksbury had worked very effectively until a 50MPH, sand has compromised the 40' sea wall...What is % of fill that is lost due to last winter. There was never a real ferocious storm. We lost a 1/3 in 3 years. We have notoriously been "the missing link" in the eyes of the DCR. How do we get DCR back when/if this does disappear? Where do we get help?

Councilor Sanford-Could be more damage due to engineering....One of Winthrop's asset is Winthrop Beach, Councilor Calla-Someone from DCR should have been sent that is more informative

Councilor Boncore-Not happy with sand, especially on Yirrell Beach. Sand has always come from North to South. This is a disgrace. Shore Drive ugly and now Yirrell Beach becoming dangerous. Sand needs to be taken from Yirrell and put back on Winthrop Shore Drive, can DCR help us with your equipment.

Councilor Mael-Come back and be more informative. If nothing else we will get behind town....

Councilor Letterie-Were told many, many times, not only a beach protection but a beach restoration. No one is coming to Winthrop Beach, there is little only 1/10th of a beach left. This was a beach and it is not any more.

Councilor Boyajian-We might benefit from talking to maintenance. How are we going to monitor and how are we going to fix it?

Councilor Varone- Very upset, expected finished project to be beach. Not what it is becoming. DCR should continue monitoring.

Councilor DelVento-Agrees protection is helping but we do need to work on the tidal pool situation. Is dredging phase still on? Short term look at these immediate issues.

Chief Delehanty concerned about paving being done before school begins from Revere St. and Crest Ave.

Citizens' concerns: ROCKS/SAND North End Stairs-Public Safety Hazard, handicap/disability access, tidal pool, bump out

President Gill- Another meeting will be scheduled for the Town Council Meeting September 1, 2015 with more informative representatives from DCR and an update of the situation.

President Gill calls for 10 minute recess

Return to Open Session....

PRESENTATION

Miller Field/Lewis Lake Drainage Reconstruction Projects (Approx. 3 year project)

Town Manager McKenna introduces his plans for Miller Field, Lewis Lake and the new Middle/High School.

This project is going to be very beneficial to the community...(See Attached Information regarding this project)

DPW Director Steve Calla discusses this project in relationship to the environmental impact, construction and the permitting process of this project.

Art Leventas, Project Engineer, Woodard & Curran-Discusses the engineering aspects of this project on several different levels.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that the Town Council authorize the transfer of \$132,800 from the Capital Stabilization Fund....(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council authorize the redevelopment of Miller Field....

(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Public Safety Committee and TSAC that the Town Council vote on permanently closing Cross St. from the Southeasterly boundary of Miller Field...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Town Council authorize the proposed drainage improvements at Lewis Lake...

(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Passed Unanimously

No Objection to Public Comment:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Bracy-As a neighbor to Cross St., discusses why Cross St. considering being closed permanently
Councilor Letterie explains that if it is determined it would be a good idea with the ongoing project we should be pro-active.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Letterie

2nd By Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 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: 6/16/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion –I move that the Town Council authorize the transfer of \$132,800 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for engineering services relative to the redevelopment of Miller Field and Drainage Improvements at Lewis Lake; or take any action relative to thereto.

6-16-15

Motion by Councilor Letterie to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

7-7-15

Public Hearing-Opened
Discussion

Motion by Councilor Letterie to Close Public Hearing
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

7-7-15

Motion by Councilor DeVento to postpone this motion until the July 14, 2015 Town Council
Special Meeting
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

7-14-15

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation
No 2nd Needed
Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Date: 7-7-15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the redevelopment of Miller Field subject to funding and review of plans for said redevelopment or take any other action relative hereto.

7-7-15

Motion by Councilor Letterie to postpone this motion until the July 14, 2015 Town Council
Special Meeting
2nd by Councilor Boyajian
Passed Unanimously

7-14-15

Motion by Councilor Letterie
2nd by Councilor Boncore
Discussion
Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Date: 7-7-15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to permanently close Cross Street from the Southeasterly boundary of Miller Field to the Northwesterly boundary of Winthrop Little League Field as part of the Miller Field redevelopment or take any other action relative hereto.

7-7-15

Motion by Councilor Letterie to postpone this motion until the July 14, 2015 Town Council Special Meeting

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion-

Notify neighbors of potential permanent closing and do a traffic study of this area
Passed Unanimously

Public Comment: Chief Delehanty requests the traffic study be done once the Fort Banks Gorman School opens for the school year to get a full concept of all traffic involved in this area.

7-14-15

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Public Safety Committee and TSAC

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Date: 7-7-15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the proposed drainage improvements at Lewis Lake subject to funding and review of plans for said redevelopment or take any other action relative hereto.

7-7-15

Motion by Councilor Letterie to postpone this motion until the July 14, 2015 Town Council Special Meeting
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

7-14-15

Motion by Councilor Letterie
2nd by Councilor Boncore
Passed Unanimously