

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 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 Boyajian leads the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DelVento to accept the Town Council Minutes of July 14, 2015, as circulated

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed 6-0 (Councilor Sanford Abstain / Councilor Boncore Abstain)

Motion by Councilor Boyajian to accept the Town Council Special Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2015, as circulated

2nd by Councilor

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Opened

Discussion

Positive Recommendation from the Finance Committee

Transfer \$40,000 Utility Truck

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Jim Soper (P2) Comments and reads, for the record, an email he sent to the Town Council on the 15-17 Walden St. SDOD. He requests the Town Council to consider a **No Vote** on this proposal of the SDOD.

He also requests that the Town Council has a meeting including the Building Inspector or Town Attorney to answer questions and makes a point that Councilor Letterie (P2) is not present, another reason, not to have vote.

-Luann Camarda (P1) Opposes the 15-17 Walden St. SDOD due to not having enough information on "what is being built" and also points out Councilor Letterie's absence and vote should not take place.

CORRESPONDENCE

-Luann Camarda- Email opposing the 15-17 Walden St. SDOD at this time due to lack of cooperation from the building owner to work with the neighborhood.

-Joan Consilvio- In-Favor of the 15-17 Walden St. SDOD at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Meeting-August 4, 2015

Transfer \$40,000 Utility Truck-Positive Recommendation

Rules & Ordinance-Meeting to be scheduled for August 13, 2015

TSAC-Chief Delehanty / 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Public Works-Meeting to be Scheduled

With No Objection's - Move to Old Business

Motion by Councilor Calla to postpone that the Town Council approve the Petition of PJP Realty Trust, LLC (See Attached Motion) vote until the next Town Council Meeting of 8-18-15 so that all Town Councilors present

2nd by Vice President Mael

Discussion

Motion withdrawn from Councilor Calla

2nd withdrawn from Vice President Mael

Motion by Councilor Boncore to postpone the 15-17 Walden St. SDOD Vote until the 9-1-15 Town Council Meeting

Discussion

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

President Gill makes clear, once again, the responsibility of the Town Council is to vote the zoning only, by statute, the Town Council does not participate/dictate in what is going on that property or design plan.

Passed Unanimously

Moving back to Open Meeting

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-Received several phone calls with respect to the mosquito spraying-Update from Meredith Hurly is one mosquito around the Lewis Lake Area has tested positive for the West Nile. The drainage pending drainage project will be a great help with eliminating this problem. Any spraying is not harmful to any bees.

-Barge Update at Landing-Great results

-Update on Sargent St. Case which, was won by the Town. This brings up the subject of several resident's using their residence for unlicensed "Airbnb". These homes will be shut down as "neighborhood hotels." Culture is changing and we do not want to economically harm either party, but guidance and licensing has to be an issue for these people. Safety is a number one factor. The Ordinance must be enforced. It's only fair to those that are correctly following the ordinance. The Town Council wants enforcement to begin immediately.

-Sidewalk Improvement Contract Awarded: work begins approx.. 2 weeks out.

-Street Light Update with Siemens

-Overlay Surplus and 9 Year Cyclical Reevaluation-Assessor Steve Roach discusses this issue.

-FEMA Map Appeal Update: 76 % of parcels under review that were potentially included in new maps will now see a reduction. 30% parcels completely redacted. (Information available at the Town Managers Office)

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Middle School High School on time and on budget

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that the Town Council transfer \$40,000....

(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

DCR Update: Requested the Town Manager to send a letter to the DCR Commissioner about plans for completion and maintenance following completion and urged to come to Town Council Meeting on 9-1-2015.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please email Council DelVento for these to be addressed by the DCR.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing that the Town Council Transfer \$93,606 from the General Fund....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Reserve to fund a special article for Ordinance Review Committee expenses....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Varone Pursuant to the Mass General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32 and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, the Town Council vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 from the Council Reserve....

(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Varone that the Town Council transfer \$9,575.00 from the Maintenance Stabilization Funds (965)....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee that the Town Council establish a policy of depositing \$50,000 of the annual MWRA Mitigation payment....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Motion by President Gill that the Town Council authorize the Town Council President to accept the MWRA ten year mitigation for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2025....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Boyajian that the Town Council vote to accept the sum of \$100,000.00, a gift to the Winthrop Public Library....(See Attached Motion)

Motion by Council Sanford Pursuant to the Mass General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32 and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, the Town Council vote to appropriate \$4,986.00 from the Building Stabilization Fund....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

DPW-Steve Calla gives an update on the Fabiano Playground, and how well it is coming along....

President Gill reports on the weekend festivities, the Antique Show, the Farmers Market, both did very well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Boyajian

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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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1077 Fax: 617-846-5458

MOTION

Submitted By:

Date: 7-15-15

Motion: I move that the Town Council approve the Petition PJP Realty Trust, LLC to amend the Town of Winthrop Zoning Map so as to include 15-17 Walden St. Street, Winthrop within the SDOD Zoning or take any other action relative thereto

(See the Petition of PJP Realty Trust, LLC dated January 15, 2015 and Recommendation of the Winthrop Planning Board to the Winthrop Town Council dated May 16, 2015)

7-21-15

Motion by Councilor DelVento

2nd by Council President Gill

Discussion

Motion will be postponed until the August 4, 2015 Town Council Meeting

Passed Unanimously

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor Calla to postpone vote until the next Town Council Meeting of 8-18-15 so that all Town Councilors present

2nd by Vice President Mael

Discussion

Motion withdrawn from Councilor Calla

2nd withdrawn from Vice President Mael

Motion by Councilor Boncore to postpone the 15-17 Walden St. SDOD Vote until the 9-1-15 Town Council Meeting

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 7/16/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council transfer \$40,000 from Capital Stabilization Fund 964 to fund a new DPW W-3 Utility Truck;
or take any action relative to thereto.

7-21-15

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

8-4-15

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



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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 7/28/15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council transfer \$93,606.00 from the General Fund Abatement and Exemptions Account 01-221013 to fund the Assessors 9-Year Cyclical Inspection Program and other Assessor IT System needs as follows:

- Assessors 9 year cyclical review \$78,000
- Assessors Vision Software upgrade \$5,606
- CAI Mass GIS implementation contract \$4,000
- Computer Hardware for Assessors and Inspectional Services \$6,000

;or take any other action relative hereto.

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor Varone to refer this Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing
2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 7-21-15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council transfer \$5,000 from Town Council Reserve (0111052-576100) to fund a special article for Ordinance Review Committee expenses; or take any action relative to thereto.

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor Varone to move the question that the Town Council transfer \$5,000.00 from Town Council Reserve to fund a special article for Ordinance Review Committee expenses....(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously



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Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 7-30-15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32 and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, I move that the Town Council vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 from the Council Reserve for the Town's Matching Share of the purchase of a Pump Out Boat; and that said \$10,000.00 be transferred back into the General Fund upon the Certification of Waterways Retained Earnings; or take any action relative to thereto.

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor Varone
2nd by Councilor Boyajian
Discussion
Passed Unanimously



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Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 7-30-15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council transfer \$9,575 from the Maintenance Stabilization Fund (Fund 965) to fund a special article for improvements to the Police Department's prisoner detention cells and holding area; or take any action relative thereto.

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor Varone
2nd by Councilor Boyajian
Discussion
Passed Unanimously



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James McKenna
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor DelVento

Date: 8-4-15

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that Town Council establish a policy of depositing \$50,000 of the annual MWRA Mitigation payment into a dedicated account for the exclusive use of issues related to the MWRA Truck Route; or take any action relative to thereto.

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

Passed Unanimously



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Submitted By: President Gill

Date: 8-4-2015

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize the Town Council President to accept the MWRA ten year mitigation for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2025; or take any other action relative thereto.

8-4-15

Motion by President Gill

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Discussion

Passed Unanimously



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Submitted By: President Gill

Date: 8-4-2015

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to accept the sum of \$100,000, a gift to the Winthrop Public Library from the Estate of Thomas L. O'Brien, Jr. for the purchase of new fiction and Non-fiction hard cover books; or take any other action relative thereto.

*This motion is formally accept to the gift acknowledgement at the Town Council Meeting 7-7-15

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor Boyajian

2nd By Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously



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Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager and
Timothy Gordon, CFO

Date: 7/30/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32 and in accordance with the Charter of the Town of Winthrop, I move that the Town Council vote to appropriate \$4,986.00 from the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund for the purpose of repairing the elevator in the Winthrop Public Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

8-4-15

Motion by Councilor Sanford

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously