

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 21, 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-	Absent
Councilor Boncore-	Absent
Councilor Varone-	Present
Councilor Letterie-	Present
Councilor Boyajian-	Present
Councilor DeVento	Present
Vice President Mael	Present
Council President Gill-	Present

### **MINUTES**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept the Town Council Minutes of July 7, 2015, as circulated**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Calla**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE--Speaker of the House DeLeo**

Discusses the enactment of the State Legislative FY 2016 Budget of \$38.145 billion, which in return emphasizes growth and support within the Commonwealth, including Winthrop which includes funding for Winthrop of: \$175,000 CAPIC, \$500,000 Safety and tornado disaster, \$500,000 Mental Health/Substance Abuse, \$500,000 Save School Environment, \$1.2 Million SAFE (Student Awareness Fire Education), \$25,000 Chamber of Commerce, \$250,000 Child Safety Grant and more than \$1 Million for Metropolitan Beaches. Speaker DeLeo has high hopes for our community including the drainage project of Miller Field/Lewis Lake, Miller Field renovations and is in current discussion with the DCR concerning Winthrop Beach.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Continuation of Walden St. SDOD-**

President Gill once again explains the purpose of the SDOD and the procedures of how it works between the Town Council and the Winthrop Planning Board. He continues by reading the Winthrop Planning Boards recommendation of their positive vote of the SDOD to the Town Council.

Neighbors and citizens of Precincts 1 & 2 voice their concerns of this project of which the Town Council addresses along with Chairman of the Winthrop Planning Board, Peter Roche who did not want to get into any specifics of this project. The concerns of the neighbors, abutters, interested citizens as well as the building owner will be addressed with the Winthrop Planning Board when/if the Town Council approves this SDOD.

**Public Hearing Closed**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Contract 4 MWRA Sewer Loan-**

**Public Hearing Open**

No Public Comment

Finance Committee Positive Recommendation

**Public Hearing Closed**

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **Ordinance Review Committee Final Report/Recommendations – Changes to Town Charter**

Committee Chairman, Joseph Boncore discusses the procedures of the Ordinance Review Committee and the Ordinance Changes that are being presented to the Town Council for their review-  
(See Attached Ordinance Charter Changes)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Joyce Lagerblade (P4)** Comments on the traffic at the Gorman Fort Banks School and the fact that the parents are blocking Overlook Drive and cars cannot come and go.

**Dawn Manning (P3)** Comments on the Ferry

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**David Benoit** wrote letter concerning the trash violations in Winthrop....President Gill will forward to the Rules & Ordinance Committee for their review.

**Karin Chavis** wrote letter of the issue of the help needed in "the loop" of the Gorman Fort Bank School during school hours of pick up and drop off of children.....President Gill will refer to TSAC for their review.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance Committee Meeting-July 14, 2015**

#### **Contract 4 MWRA Sewer Loan-Positive Recommendation**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento for a 5 minute recess**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Varone**

**Passed Unanimously**

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

-Beach Policy-"Carry In/Carry Out" trash-Town Manager McKenna requests the Town Council to study options to promote a healthier environment at the town beaches and parks.

-The Town has signed an agreement with a third party for MIS services-Retrofit Technologies

The Town is still looking to begin a Technology Committee, any interested parties, please contact Town Council President Gill

-FEMA-Have successfully appealed the previous maps and this will affect the flood zone and the citizens involved. Not sure what the results of this appeal will mean but the Town Manager is working diligently on behalf of the community.

MWRA Mitigation Agreement being drafted-

Chief Flanagan in negotiations with the MWRA and this contract...(see attached information)

-Contract IV Update-DPW Director Calla

-Ferry Update-There is not a specific launch date. It is our hope sometime in September. There will be a team from the contractors in Maryland who will be visiting the sight to evaluate the barge, approach and take notes of the logistics. Ferry team must be sent to Maryland for training. At this point it is very difficult to specify an exact date of launch.

**With no objection, President Gill moves to New Business:**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Town Council approves the Petition of PJP Realty Trust, LLC....**

**(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by President Gill**

**Discussion**

**President Gill makes motion to postpone motion**

**Passed Unanimously**

## **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Schools closed for Summer

Middle/High School construction-on time

**Moving back to Old Business**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion by the Finance Committee that the Town Manager is authorized to access \$537,681.09 in available funds from the MWRA Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance Program.....(See Attached Motion)**

**No 2<sup>nd</sup> Needed**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **DCR Presentation of July 14, 2015 – Town Council discussion**

Councilor Letterie discusses the presentation and wants to make sure the appropriate authorities are notified of our concerns and the next meeting involves more knowledgeable individuals from DCR of the beach restoration project to discuss all concerns.

President Gill requests a motion under new business for a follow up presentation from the DCR to attend the Town Council Meeting of September 1, 2015 to address the concerns of the Town Council and the citizens in reference to the beach restoration project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Citizen on George Street has a parking concern that was reviewed by TSAC. TSAC has since made several requests on this issue that have been addressed.....President Gill refers this matter back to TSAC in which it will be returned to the Town Council for future discussion.

*Motion that the Town Council vote to approve the following proposed amendments to the Town of Winthrop Charter, subject to the approval of the Attorney General and the registered voters of the town pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43B, Section 10:*

1.

**Motion by Councilor Letterie that Article 2, Section 2-4(a), providing as follows be amended....(See Attached Motion)  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor DelVento  
Passed Unanimously**

2.

**Motion by Councilor Letterie that Article 2, Section 2-1 be amended by adding the following subsection....  
(See Attached Motion)  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Calla**

**Discussion-Concern of no structure as to what caused "abandonment".**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to amend main motion by adding "an allowance for exemption to this rule may be granted by 2/3rds vote of a majority of the full body of the Town Council"**

**Main Motion as Amended**

**Passed Unanimously**

3.

**Motion by Councilor Letterie that Article 5, Section 5-1 be amended by adding the following subsection....  
(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Varone**

**Discussion-Concern of no structure as to what caused "abandonment".**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to amend main motion by adding "an allowance for exemption to this rule may be granted by 2/3rds vote of a majority of the full body of the appropriate Board or Committee"**

**Main Motion as Amended**

**Passed Unanimously**

4.

**Motion by Vice President Mael that Article 4, Section 4-2(b) be amended by deleting the following sentence.....  
(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Boyajian**

**Discussion**

**Not Passed (6-No 1-Yes)**

**Motion by Vice President Mael to reconsider Main Motion after discussion from Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, Joseph Boncore**

**No Second**

**Reconsideration-Not Passed**

5.

**Motion by Vice President Mael that where the Charter requires notice by publication in a "newspaper" of "local newspaper".....(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Varone**

**Discussion-Several topics by Town Council and Town Manager in reference to more efficient public knowledge**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by the Winthrop Town Council to adopt the Siemens Contract resolution as submitted by the Town Manager**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento that the Town of Winthrop be allowed exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half....Miller Field/Lewis Lake.....(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice President Mael**

**Discussion**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing the transfer of \$40,000 for a DPW Utility Truck....(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Calla**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Vice President Mael that the Town Council request a maintenance plan and commitment....  
(See Attached Motion)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Boyajian**

**Discussion**

**Motion by Councilor Boyajian to amend main motion to ask for their plan to be presented at the September 2, 2015**

**Town Council Meeting**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Calla**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Main Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to draft a letter to the Commissioner of the DCR for a follow up presentation at the September 1, 2015 Town Council Meeting to address the citizens and Town Council concerns regarding the Winthrop Beach Restoration**

**Motion by Councilor Letterie to waive rule 2(c)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Boyajian**

**Main Motion Passed Unanimously**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Dawn Manning (P3) Discusses the MWRA Mitigation Contract**

**Rich Boyajian (P3)-No contract has been signed, it has been voted on.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilor DelVento**

**2<sup>nd</sup> By Councilor Boyajian**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 PM**

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT / [www.youtube.com](http://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