

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 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 Varone 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	Absent
Council President Gill-	Present

MINUTES

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to accept the Town Council Minutes of December 1, 2015, as circulated
2nd by Councilor Letterie**

Passed Unanimously

PRESENTATION

Miller Field Revitalization Lewis Lake Drainage Infrastructure Improvements Task -

Steve Calla-DPW Director Speaks on behalf of the Task Force:

2 Issues: Not a student/ athlete issue not a golf course issue....it is a community issue....

See Attached Information on Presentation

RECOGNITION

President Gill recognizes and expresses appreciation to those finishing their term as elected officials in the community.

APPOINTMENT

**Motion by Councilor Sanford to affirm the appointment of Gary Skomro to the School Building
Assistance Committee**

2nd by Councilor Calla

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING (S)-

Public Hearing Opened

Transfer \$987,716 from Free Cash to Fund 964 Capital Stabilization Fund

No Public Comment

Finance Committee-Positive Recommendation

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

Transfer \$601,048 from Free Cash to Fund 932 General Stabilization Fund

No Public Comment

Finance Committee-Positive Recommendation

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

Transfer \$60,000 Waterways/Harbor ways Retained Earnings Fund / Barge and Deck Repairs

No Public Comment

Finance Committee-Positive Recommendation

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Meeting-December 15, 2015 6:00 PM

Transfer \$987,716 from Free Cash to Fund 964 Capital Stabilization Fund-**Positive Recommendation**

Transfer \$601,048 from Free Cash to Fund 932 General Stabilization Fund-**Positive Recommendation**

Transfer \$60,000 Waterways/Harbor ways Retained Earnings Fund / Barge and Deck Repairs-**Positive Recommendation**

Transfer \$15,500 from Rink Retained Earnings to Rink Supplies and Equipment Line-**Positive Recommendation**

Transfer \$14,030 from Free Cash to Fund 965 Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund-**Positive Recommendation**

Transfer \$10,000 from Waterways/Harbor ways Retained Earnings Fund / General Fund Town Council Reserve-**Positive Recommendation**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-Amended FEMA Flood Maps – Concerns citizens contact the Building Department

-Town Council will have to vote final amendments presented to the Town from FEMA by the middle of March

-FEMA will be having a public meeting on Jan. 19, 2016 from 5-8 PM, at the Staff Sargent James J. Hill Elementary School Cafeteria, 51 Park Avenue, Revere, MA-Citizens concerns will be addressed.

-Discussion with Mass Development that helps municipalities with developments and finance issues. Town Manager McKenna plans on having them visit our community sometime in the near future for further discussions.

-End of Year Matters, some requesting immediate attention.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Winthrop Schools are at a Level 2

Several students scored perfectly on MCAS Test

Middle School/High School – On time / On budget

Tour of the new Middle School/High School available on You Tube

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council transfer \$987,716 from Free Cash to Fund 964 Capital Stabilization Fund...(See Attached Motion)

No Second Needed as Coming from Committee

Roll Call Vote

Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Varone-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
Councilor DelVento	Yes
Vice President Mael	Absent
Council President Gill-	Yes
Passed Unanimously	

**Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council
Transfer \$601,048 from Free Cash to Fund 932 General Stabilization Fund-...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming from Committee**

Roll Call Vote

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

Passed Unanimously

**Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council
Transfer \$60,000 Waterways/Harbor ways Retained Earnings Fund / Barge and Deck Repairs ...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming from Committee**

Roll Call Vote

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

Passed Unanimously

**Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council
Transfer \$15,500 from Rink Retained Earnings to Rink Supplies and Equipment Line...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming from Committee
Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council
Transfer \$14,030 from Free Cash to Fund 965 Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund...(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming from Committee**

Roll Call Vote

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

Passed Unanimously

**Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council
Transfer \$10,000 from Waterways/Harbor ways Retained Earnings Fund / General Fund Town Council Reserve
(See Attached Motion)
No Second Needed as Coming from Committee
Passed Unanimously**

Update on 15-17 Walden St. –Re-application submitted to the Winthrop Planning Board-Positive Public Hearing. Planning Board will return with same recommendation as prior with 2 amendments:

Property is in a Business A District (not Residential A)

WPB requests sole discretion on the building not being a re-use and if not have legal counsel make a recommendation to Rules & Ordinance for a change to make clear they will not re-use this building.

Councilor Letterie and Councilor Varone has been asked by Attorney for Walden St. to request a neighborhood meeting.

As this is not a Town Council related meeting, it will be arranged and hosted by Attorney McCool and/or the developer. Any Town Councilor who attends will be attending as a citizen not in their official capacity of a Town Councilor.

Motion by Councilor Boncore to transfer the following financial motions to the Finance Committee and advertise the necessary ones for a Public Hearing on January 19, 2016

Transfer \$150,000 Purchase New DPW Salter Truck

Transfer \$40,000 Purchase New DPW Utility Truck

Transfer \$36,000 Purchase New Police Cruiser

Transfer \$36,000 Fund School Capital Maintenance Program

Transfer \$35,000 Purchase New DPW Sidewalk Bobcat

Transfer \$25,000 Fund Feasibility Study Siting New Firehouse

Transfer \$25,000 Fund Town Records Scanning

Transfer \$25,000 Match FY 16 Green Infrastructure Grant Coughlin Park Feasibility Study

Transfer \$25,000 Town's Matching Grant Contribution Belle Isle Marine Ecology Park

Transfer \$20,000 Fund Town's Tree Planting Program

Transfer \$20,000 Fund Feasibility Study Inner Harbor Dredging

Discussion

Councilor DelVento states that at this time, there are appointments that are expiring and the members may not be elected prior to the Town Council Meeting on January 5, 2016, therefor the motions will have to be delayed until the January 19, 2016 Town Council Meeting of which elected officials shall be complete.

Motion Passed

Motion by Councilor Letterie that Town Council Transfer \$10,000 Fund Library Carpet Replacement...

(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boyajian

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie that Town Council Transfer \$7,650 Fund Short Term Interest Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN)...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Letterie that Town Council Transfer \$5,000 Employee Recognition Program Calendar Year 2015...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Sanford

Passed Unanimously

Town Council President Gill reads the 2015 State of the Town Message-Please See Attached

This being Town Council President Gill's last Town Council Meeting as President he gives his thanks and appreciation for the work that has been done during the past 4 years in this town by all involved with working with him and especially the citizens of this town for their support.

Winthrop is a better place to live, we have come a long way and Winthrop will continue to grow and improve.

Two Simple Words: THANK YOU

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilors thank President Gill for his work and their work together for the past 4 years.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 19, 2016-Public Hearing Town Council-15-17 Walden St.-SDOD

Last Official Act of being Town Council President is to call up newly elected Town Council President Driscoll and hand over the gavel.....

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Varone

2nd By Councilor DelVento

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 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: 11/25/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council transfer \$987,716 from Free Cash to Fund 964 Capital Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

12-1-15

Motion by Councilor DeVento to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Passed Unanimously

12-15-15

Motion by the Finance Committee

No 2nd Needed

Roll Call Vote

Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
Councilor Boncore-	Yes
Councilor Varone-	Yes
Councilor Letterie-	Yes
Councilor Boyajian-	Yes
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2nd by Councilor Boncore
Passed Unanimously

12-15-15

Motion by the Finance Committee
No 2nd Needed

Roll Call Vote

Councilor Calla	Yes
Councilor Sanford-	Yes
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Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

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TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council transfer \$60,000 from Waterways/ Harborways Retained Earnings Fund 752 to Waterways/ Harborways Line #7525-544350 to fund the Barge and Deck Repairs; or take any other action relative thereto.

12-1-15

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

12-15-15

Motion by the Finance Committee
No 2nd Needed
Roll Call Vote

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Councilor Sanford-	Yes
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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 11/25/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council transfer \$15,500 from Rink Retained Earnings Fund 682 to Rink Supplies and Equipment Line # 6725-542005 to repairs to equipment and facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

12-1-15

**Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee
2nd by Councilor Boncore
Passed Unanimously**

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**Motion by the Finance Committee
No 2nd Needed
Passed Unanimously**



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MOTION

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TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council transfer \$14,030 from Free Cash to Fund 965 Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

12-1-15

Motion by Councilor DelVento to refer to the Finance Committee

2nd by Councilor Boncore

Passed Unanimously

12-15-15

Motion by the Finance Committee

No 2nd Needed

Roll Call Vote

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Councilor Boncore-	Yes
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Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 11/25/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council transfer \$10,000 from Waterways/Harborways Retained Earnings Fund 752 to the General Fund Town Council Reserve Line# 0111052-576100 in accordance with the motion passed on 8/4/15; or take any other action relative thereto.

12-1-15

Motion by Councilor DeVento to refer to the Finance Committee
2nd by Councilor Boncore
Passed Unanimously

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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$250,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the Town's Matching Grant Contribution for the Belle Isle Marine Ecology Park;

or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

Motion by Councilor Boncore to refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a Public Hearing on Jan. 19, 2015
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

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Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$150,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the purchase of a new DPW Salter Truck;

or take any other action relative thereto.

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Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$40,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the purchase of a new DPW Utility Truck;

or take any other action relative thereto.

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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$36,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the purchase of a new Police Cruiser;

or take any other action relative thereto.

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Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$36,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the School Capital Maintenance Program;

or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

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MOTION

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Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$35,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the purchase of a new DPW Sidewalk Bobcat;

or take any other action relative thereto.

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MOTION

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Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$25,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the Feasibility Study Siting of New Firehouse;

or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

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MOTION

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Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$25,000 from Fund 932 General Stabilization to continue funding Special Article 0196052-588074 FY15 Town Records Scanning;

or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer \$25,000 from Special Article #0196052-588021 FY14 Landing Riprap Seawall to a new General Fund Special Article for the purpose of fund the Town's Grant Match for the FY16 Green Infrastructure for Coastal Resilience Grant Coughlin Park Feasibility Study;

or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$20,000 from Fund 932 General Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the Town's Tree Planting Program;

or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

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MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$20,000 from Fund 964 Capital Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article to fund the Feasibility Study Inner Harbor Dredging;

or take any other action relative thereto.

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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer of \$10,000 from Fund 965 Building Stabilization to the General Fund Special Article Library Carpet Replacement;
or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

Motion by Councilor Letterie
2nd by Councilor Boyajian
Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer of \$7,650.00 from FY16 Capital Improvement Reserve #0196052-588093 to the Short Term Interest Line 0171152-592500 Short Term Interest for the purpose of funding short term interest payments in relation to Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN's);

or take any other action relative thereto.

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2nd by Councilor Boncore
Passed Unanimously



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MOTION

Submitted By: James McKenna, Town Manager

Date: 12/3/15

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to approve the transfer \$5,000 from Town Council Reserve #0111252-576050 to the Town Manager's Conference and Training Line 0111252-576050 for the purpose of funding the employee recognition program for calendar year 2015;

or take any other action relative thereto.

12-15-15

Motion by the Councilor Letterie
2nd by Councilor Sanford
Passed Unanimously

2015 STATE OF THE TOWN MESSAGE

Winthrop Town Council

Peter T. Gill, President

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and express appreciation to all of our department heads and their staffs as well as to our appointed Town Boards and Committees, the Town Manager and the Town Council for their accomplishments. Their spirit of cooperation, enthusiasm and effort is responsible for significant improvement and performance in the delivery of Winthrop's town services in 2015.

The progress of Winthrop's accomplishments of 2015, including but not limited to the following, will continue to be monitored in 2016:

Completion of the new Middle/ High School.

Completion of the Miller field /Lewis Lake restoration project.

Completion of Winthrop Beach restoration project

Completion of Project 4 – repair / replacement of water, sewer infrastructure, sidewalks and roads – Pico Beach and Cottage Hill areas

School improvement plan including keeping pace with today's technology.

Strengthened partnership and sharing of resources between general government and the school department.

Continuing of implementation of comprehensive town wide building maintenance plan.

Infrastructure repairs and replacement, including road, sidewalk, water/sewer

Capital improvement program for facilities updates, equipment and vehicle replacement.

See 5 year capitol improvement updated 2015.

Cleanliness and overall beautification efforts of the town including parks improvements, landscaping and tree replacement programs.

Engineering and development for Winthrop Street Corridor Improvement project

Continued of replacement to more energy efficient systems-heating, lighting, cooling, etc

Development of the Belle Isle Marsh Ecological Park (Town received \$950,000 grant)

Completion of Ordinance Review Committee study of town charter and ordinances

Private investor projects currently underway

Parking strategy committee – both commercial and residential

Public Safety - central dispatch resulting in more effective, efficient use of resources

Opiate addiction recovery, peer mentoring program

Continued increased revenue as a result of

Aggressive tax title and foreclosure measures as well as Real Estate liens for outstanding water / sewer obligations etc.

Grant seeking efforts – (some grants require matching funds which must be provided for in the annual budget).

Monitoring of fees for services as well as enterprise funds. Fees should cover the cost of service plus continue to build appropriate reserves.

Intensified enforcement of all town ordinances, increasing revenue as well as encouraging compliance and resulting in a cleaner, healthier environment.

In addition to continued focus on the 2015 accomplishments, some of which are “works in progress” which need to be monitored and continued, the following are proposed as we plan for the future of Winthrop:

Major redesign and redevelopment of Winthrop Center with focus on the Pauline Street, Woodside to Putnam Street parcels with the assistance of the Harvard Innovation Lab

Encouragement of investment in improvement of existing residential and commercial real estate as well as new development increasing Winthrop’s real estate tax base as well as improving our economy and overall attractiveness to our residents and visitors as well as to future investors

Encouragement of investment by streamlining and simplifying the licensing, permitting and zoning processes as well as updating ordinances where appropriate.

Development of investor incentive programs, ex: tax incentive programs.

Further encouragement new business development (Business Planning Handbook 2014)

Implementation of the ferry service business plan including service to the Boston Harbor Islands and other recreational uses.

Development of Walk Winthrop Project.

Development of a marketing plan for the town.

Planning and design of Belle Marsh Ecology Park and walkway.

Establishment of a committee to study the re-use of former middle school building.

Consideration of additional clerical and technical support for boards and committees to enhance board participation and improve compliance with open meeting laws.

Continued finance department progress including budget planning and monitoring of enterprise funds, and increasing stabilization funds (established 2014).

Continued positive annual DOR report with historic certified free cash and no suggestions for improvement of financial management practices.

Winthrop was recognized by the Mass Department of Revenue as a model community for fiscal stability for FY 15

***** CONCLUSION *****

Winthrop is a desirable seaside community offering the opportunity of safe, affordable living within easy commuting distance to Boston, a world class city.

We need to be committed to the preservation and improvement of Winthrop’s amenities and resources.

It is vital to continue to provide an inviting and pleasant atmosphere for our residents and visitors.

We need to continue to maintain and improve our community to attract new homeowners to Winthrop and encourage present homeowners to remain in Winthrop.

We need to encourage citizens to become more involved in the future of Winthrop; to communicate their vision, opinions, priorities, and ideas; and to invest, in the future of our community.

Peter T. Gill, President
Winthrop Town Council
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