

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2020

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, Council President Boncore called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco leads the Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF SILENCE

- Marjorie Hill-Devine-Winthrop Public Library Director 1990-2003
- Daniel Mullane- Served as the Chair of the Winthrop Personnel Board
- Peter Felt- Our own Santa who volunteered his time to brighten up the day, all around good guy

ROLL CALL

Councilor Ferrino	Present
Councilor LoConte	Absent
Councilor Flockhart	Present
Councilor DeMarco	Present
Councilor Ruggiero	Present
Councilor Honan	Present
Councilor Christopher	Present
Council Vice President Letterie-	Absent
Council President Boncore	Present

ELECTION

Town Council Vice President

Motion by Councilor Christopher to nominate Councilor Letterie for Vice President of the Winthrop Town Council
2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Discussion

Councilor Letterie sent letter accepting nomination, if he is nominated

Council President reads letter into record

Council President requests any further nominations, there are none

Motion is Unanimously approved that Councilor Letterie is Vice President of the Town Council

2020 STANDING COMMITTEES

Council President Boncore appoints the Town Council Standing Committees-Please see attached list

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of December 17, 2019, as Circulated

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Ferrino to accept the minutes of December 17, 2019

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

National Grid Pole Attachment Relocation-Main St.

Keenan Brinn is in attendance as an Extenet associate and requests Public Hearing to be continued until the Jan. 21, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Motion by Councilor Christopher to continue this Public Hearing

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Council Christopher as Chair of Rules & Ordinance discusses the Rules & Procedures of the Town Council
Information has been issued to each councilor for review

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Bacon (P5)-Asks councilors to do appropriate research for all issues for all the citizens of Winthrop to count on them.

Nan House (P3)-Congratulates Town Council

Karin Chavis (P2)-Issues the same, Ferry being her main issue, budget, is Quincy continuing. Requesting a copy of Ferry Budget. Wants information on Public Safety Building. Also, the \$1.5 Million funded to the town, where has this been funded to?

Nick Bracy (P1)-Wants to make aware of school system and discusses how it can be better than it is right now, work needs to be done to improve our school system.

Councilor DeMarco also shares these concerns.

Julia Wallerice (P2)-Congratulates Town Council discusses the New Winthrop and what to look forward to, empty buildings, sewer, airport pollution and noise, sewer and drains. Requests Town Council to lead us to constant improvements.

Bob Carroll (P6)-Encourages Town Council to share their goals, quality of life, move forward, bus signs, fixing playgrounds, establishing a dog park, creating bus lanes. Hope momentum can be built.

Edward Snow-Bike rider and remarks the side roads are not bike friendly and needs work.

Council President reflects that any citizen can use SeeClixFix and notify the DPW immediately.

John Eade (P1)-Discusses Winthrop is a great town to live in....but there are a lot of improvements that need to be done. Controversy has been a town issue.

Lisa Alberghini (P4)-Echoes much of what has been said....all realize what a special town Winthrop is and moving forward hope this brings more opportunity and responsibilities, encourages positive action, respect work that has been done by previous groups, ie: Master Plan, a lot of hard work has been done to help move Winthrop forward. Take issues on the empty buildings, lets talk about future.

Public Comment Closed

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

None

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Management Risk Management Task Force (See Attached) this complies of what Town Insurer is requiring.

Letter from Mass Dot, additional amount of funding Chapter 90 of \$27,732.00, very helpful.

Out of State Monday Jan 13th & Jan. 14th, CFO Anna Freedman will address most issues in the Town Manager Office

Reflects the Public Comments, reviewing bike markings, will have information on Ferry and \$1.5

Working on Bus stop signs, dog park....

Shares frustration with road conditions, working to only improve.

Echo comments reflecting back on work that groups and citizens have done for our community and encourages all to look at work that has been done. The Master Plan has a lot of reflecting on the Middle School site, very informative.

Climate change is one of his top priority and very concerned at how vulnerable Winthrop is.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Continuing negotiations with teachers

Dinner Theater beginning

Budget Prep beginning

OLD BUSINESS

Middle School Zoning

Council President reflects that his building needs to be zoned as soon as possible, he will send this issue to a Joint Committee of the Rules & Ordinance and Economic Committee and have information at our next meeting on the zoning issued.

NEW BUSINESS

National Grid-Pole Attachment Relocation Main St.-Continued

Motion by Councilor Ferrino that the Town Council refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a public hearing that the Town Council appropriate \$1,265,000 /Portion Final Judgement: Racow vs. Town of Winthrop...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Christopher

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Ferrino that the Town Council refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a public hearing that the Town Council appropriate \$325,000.00 from the FB Reserved Overlay Surplus account /General Fund.. (See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Christopher

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to refer to the Rules & Ordinance that the Town Council designates the Town Hall as Early Voting Site Feb.24th -28th, 2020...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Christopher

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Council President Boncore to appoint Ron Vecchia as Chair of the Board of License of the Town of Winthrop

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

Motion by President Boncore to appoint Councilor Ruggiero on the Town Managers Task Force Committee

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julia Wallerice (P2)-Questions where funds coming from for lawsuits and what is town doing to prevent this kind of behavior.

Councilor Boncore reiterates that this is why the Town Manager has a Risk Management Task Force Committee for this reason

Lisa Alberghini (P4)-Questions on budget settlement costs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Tree Pick Up on Regular Trash Day week of Jan.6th & 13th, 2020

Chamber of Commerce-New Officer Installation on Jan. 15, 2020 7:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Ferrino

2nd By Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned 7:48M

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:

Handwritten Notes / Committee Openings Documents

Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motions

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Denise Quist



TOWN OF WINTHROP

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

January 7, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

Motion Summary

Title: Judgment Bonds
Motion ID: TCM20-023
Amount: \$1,265,000
Funding Source: General Obligation Bond

Motion Details

Motion Type: Borrowing Authorization
Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager
Date Submitted: 12/30/2019

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Winthrop Town Council adopt the following order:

ORDERED: That the Town appropriates the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,265,000) to pay a portion of the final judgment against the Town by the Superior Court in the matter of Racow v. Town of Winthrop, Civil Action No. 1484-cv-03200; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(3), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and that the Treasurer is authorized to seek the approval of the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to issue the bonds or notes authorized by this order for a period of time not to exceed 10 years pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(3).

1-7-20

Motion by Councilor Ferrino that the Town Council refer to the Finance Committee and advertise for a public hearing...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Christopher

Passed Unanimously



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

January 7, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

Motion Summary

Title: Overlay Surplus Appropriation for FY20 Legal Judgment/Settlement

Motion ID: TCM20-023

Amount: \$325,000

Funding Source: Overlay Surplus – FB Reserved Of Overlay Surplus

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriation

Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager

Date Submitted: January 2, 2020

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council appropriate \$325,000.00 from the FB Reserved Of Overlay Surplus account to fund a General Fund Special Article #0916058-5881XX FY20 Legal Judgment/Settlement; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source		
Account	Description	Amount
01-322000	FB Reserved Of Overlay Surplus	\$325,000

1-7-20

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2nd by Councilor Christopher

Passed Unanimously

TOWN of WINTHROP



MOTION

Submitted By: Carla Vitale Date: January 7, 2020

Article Number: _____ Subject: Designation of Early Voting Location

TEXT OF MOTION

The Winthrop Town Council in accordance with 950 CMR 47.04 and 950 CMR 51.00 designates the Winthrop Town Hall, as the Early Voting Site for the Town of Winthrop for the time period that runs from February 24, 2019 to February 28, 2019.

Signature of Petitioner: _____

Received by: _____ Time: _____

The location will be the Second Floor Rotunda of town hall, this site was chosen after discussion with the Assistant Town Manager.

1-7-20

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to refer to the Rules & Ordinance ...(See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Christopher

Passed Unanimously