

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 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

President Boncore reads on record that the date of the Agenda mistakenly was January 21, 2020 and should have read February 4, 2020. Corrected copy copies were posted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor LoConte leads the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of January 21, 2020, as circulated

Motion by Councilor Rob Demarco to Approve.
2nd by Councilor Peter Christopher.
Motion Passed

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd (P3) With information passed out, reflects on Planning Board Meeting in April 2014. Refer's to Public Comment of the CBD /water districts

Refers to Ingleside Park as 13 Acres. (10 Acre. Gift along with 3 acres that belong to Winthrop) Discusses Ingleside Park is protected by Article 97

Refers to several articles in reference to Ingleside Park, Article 97

Refers to his own investigation on this particular land and the involvement of Article 97 that should entail Ask Rules & Ordinance and Economic Development to take all this information into respect.

Town Manager asks-Point of Clarification- if buildings in protection
Jack Dowd answered yes.

Council President Boncore question on # of acres....to include

Jack Dowd reiterates most parkland is used for municipal buldings

Public Comment Closed

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

1-MMA Annual conference...spoke about climate resiliency...new products and different people that want to work with municipalities

2-MAPC- Regionalizing of Climate and Conservation Committee-will present Town Council with more information as it progresses

This regionalizing will clear committees questions and help his office with concerns of Conservation, it will get done, working together with other communities on a path that Winthrop can fund. Including climate and energy

Regional efforts always look into?

The State no longer funding municipal dispatch centers, money going to regional centers, California has 27 dispatch units, Massachusetts has 200, this is not necessarily the correct way of doing.

Councilor Ferrino refers to the MMA and a couple of North shore communities including tech tech support and consolidating police.

Have open mind as money tight and not have to do services that shouldn't be piggy backed

Town Manager is aware of budgeting

Not much difference with Revere & Chelsea...costs allows each community to work on what works best for them and split costs.

Ferry can be included in procurements; Town Manager understand, demands but not enough staff.... the potential to pool with other communities, makes it better to team up and help ourselves financially.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Council President Boncore attended first School Committee meeting as Town Council President Teachers 3 yr. Contract has been ratified...over 6% under 2.5 that we can raise

Everyone involved with negotiations did great job

Unveiling of stem lab at middle school.Jet Blue donated all materials to the WMS..science tech, math lab & engineering

Boston Celtics attended the school having some fun with students...

SBAC & MFC committees will be meeting to finish the projects...SBAC punch list from Superintendant of what is needed now with school being open for a time. MFC - Final stages looking for opening hopefully by April 2020

OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager define Middle School Boundaries

Councilor Ferrino does not see the need for boundaries...feels this a mute motion that does not have to be done

Middle school is middle school rest is parkland...

He would like to investigate a little further and put off for a couple of meeting....

Town Manager states when RFI came back previously, the boundaries were not clearly defined, he can use this resolution and continue working on...

Resolution non-binding...no funding, just the elected body asking another body to review.

Councilor DeMarco reiterates this is just a recommendation

Councilor Christopher notes the of this resolution, just asking boundaries....

guidelines must be followed...we need to to continue discussion, right now all options on table. We want more than less...

Important do something now.

Councilor Ferrino- Point of Order.....why do we need language in resolution when Town Manager can set the boundaries?

Boundaries have already been set and deeded, plot, registry of deeds..etc...

Town Manager replies, boundaries with this property are not clearly designed and now since not included in CBD, we need to look at specific boundaries as we cannot spot zone.

Councilor Ferrino asks if the 2 legal opinions we received were incidental?

Town Manager replies, they were not, but there is more ind depth of this zoning

We must go back to square one and begin process once it was not voted on in November of 2019 to be added to the CBD it is now essentially a different zoning

Councilor asks Town Manager if his opinion is that we need this resolution?

Town Manager replies yes, give some direction and language...Ultimately this committee wants to work on and needs Town Manager office to work with

Councilor DeMarco states since nonbinding....and do not have property defined, this resolution is beneficial, Town Manager states it is the intent of the Sub Committee TM puts on record, intent of sub committee

Councilor Ruggiero believes questions on this property will be resolved with resolution

Town Manager requests any help with committees would be helpful

Motion by Councilor Stephen Ruggiero to Approve
2nd by Councilor Peter Christopher.
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

13. Town appropriates the sum of \$690,000 to pay costs of replacing lead water service lines, including all costs incidental and related thereto...(See Attached Motion)

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Committee.
Motion Passed

13.a Town Council appropriate the sum of \$609,750 to pay costs of upgrading and replacing existing sewer lines on Palmyra St. & Crescent St.....(See Attached Motion)

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Committee.
Motion Passed

13.b Town Council appropriate the sum of \$298,500 to pay costs of a sewer infiltration and inflow assessment study.....(See Attached Motion)

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Committee.
Motion Passed

13.c Town Council transfer \$24,316.80 from Fund 727 RRAP Rideshare.....(See Attached Motion)

Uber fee that goes to state and municipal from ride... .10 per ride
Winthrop fees are required to hold special revenue
DPW funds related to line striping and other mitigation to maintain roadway

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Committee.
Motion Passed

13.d Amend Ordinance 5.28.060 License and Conditions for Vehicles.....(See Attached Motion)

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Appointments, Commission & Committees.
Motion Passed

13.e Town Council Employee Evaluations

Town Council shall evaluate all their employees annually

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Appointments, Commission & Committees.
Motion Passed

13.f Committee Handbook

Motion by President Philip Boncore to Refer Council President Boncore refers this motion to the Appointments, Commission & Committees.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Lawton P2-New but old, access road to Gorman Fort Banks....been pursuing for over 13 years to
Due to issues saved \$200,000 when all bills were paid, and these letters recommended to study the pursuit of
an access road. it was on agenda but could not get done....

He was on Middle school committee...he knew \$1 mill and just saw \$1.5 Mill maybe we can use this
money...

Hire a professional traffic engineering firm....
Sent to TC in 2016

Town Manager stated we do have easement not for public use....we do not service these street....and will
continue review of this ongoing issue.

Jack Dowd P3-Want to get back to WPB 4-14-2014, chair asked about changes on waterfront zoning....
research comparing Swampscott, wants Conservation involved....it includes a park

Councilor DeMarco comment on access road....his daughter is there and he lives of Revere St.,,it comes into mind what if there was ever and emergency, it would be a disaster...there are oppourtunites for a road.....there are options...thinks it's very important not neccessarily as a 2nd aaccess but for an emergency if needed.

Councilor Ferrino comments on Annual MMA Meeting and Chamber event people of the year...great...

President Boncore also stated Annual MMA was very informing

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

15.a -Cohen Family Fundraiser Feb. 15, 2020 6:30 pm Warrior Ice Arena (Free Bus provided by Speaker DeLeo)

-Open Seat for the School Committee-Interested parties, please submit resume and/or application to the Town Council & School Committee for review. Joint Public Meeting tentatively scheduled for the 2-18-20 Town Council Meeting

-Open Seat for the Transportation Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Rich Ferrino to Approve 8:00 pm.
2nd by Councilor Rob Demarco.
Motion Passed

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



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MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Ruggiero

Date: 1-26-20

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council direct the Town manager to define the boundaries of the Middle School site to include the former Middle School, The Memorial Auditorium / Gymnasium, Larsen Rink and the surrounding areas (e.g. parking lots) in a way that would allow the Council to make a zoning recommendation to the Winthrop Planning Board

1-26-20

2nd by Councilor Christopher

Discussion

Vice President Letterie uses Council Privilege to postpone until next Town Council Meeting

2-4-20

Motion by Councilor Stephen Ruggiero to Approve

2nd by Councilor Peter Christopher.

Motion Passed



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

February 4, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

Motion Summary

Title: Contract 7 – Lead Line Replacement Project
Motion ID: TCM20-026
Amount: \$690,000
Funding Source: MWRA Lead Loan Program (10-Year, Zero Interest)

Motion Details

Motion Type: Borrowing Authorization
Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager
Date Submitted: 2/04/2020

Text of Motion

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

ORDERED: That the Town appropriates the sum of SIX HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$690,000) to pay costs of replacing lead water service lines, including all costs incidental and related thereto; 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(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and 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.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
	MWRA BORROWING	\$690,000	New-Water/Sewer	Contract 7 – Lead Line Replacement Project	\$690,000

2-4-20

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Committee.

Motion Passed



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

February 4, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

Motion Summary

Title: Palmyra Street and Crescent Street Sewer Improvement Project
Motion ID: TCM20-026
Amount: \$609,750
Funding Source: MWRA Inflow/Infiltration Loan Program (75% grant / 25% loan)

Motion Details

Motion Type: Borrowing Authorization
Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager
Date Submitted: 2/04/2020

Text of Motion

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

ORDERED: That the Town appropriates the sum of SIX HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$609,750) to pay costs of upgrading and replacing existing sewer mains on Palmyra Street and Crescent Street, including all costs incidental and related thereto; 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, §8(14), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and 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.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
	MWRA BORROWING	\$609,750	New-Water/Sewer	Palmyra/Crescent Streets Sewer Improvement Project	\$609,750

2-4-20

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Motion Passed



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

February 4, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

Motion Summary

Title: MWRA – Phase 2 – SSES Sewer I/I Assessment Study
Motion ID: TCM20-025
Amount: \$298,500
Funding Source: MWRA Inflow/Infiltration Loan Program (75% grant/25% loan)

Motion Details

Motion Type: Borrowing Authorization
Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager
Date Submitted: 2/04/2020

Text of Motion

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

ORDERED: That the Town appropriates the sum of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$298,500) to pay costs of a sewer system infiltration and inflow assessment study, including engineering services and surveys and all other costs incidental and related thereto; 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(7), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and 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.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
	MWRA BORROWING	\$298,500	New-Water/Sewer	Phase 2 – SSES Inflow/Infiltration Assessment Study	\$298,500

2-4-20

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Committee.

Motion Passed



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

January 30, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

Motion Summary

Title: FY20 TNC Mitigation/Pavement Improvements
Motion ID: TCM20-022
Amount: \$24,316.80
Funding Source: Fund 727 RRAP Rideshare

Motion Details

Motion Type: Transfer
Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager
Date Submitted: December 12, 2019

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council Transfer \$24,316.80 from Fund 727 "RRAP Rideshare" to General Fund Special Article #0196058-5881XX FY20 TNC Mitigation/Pavement Improvements; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
727	RRAP Rideshare	\$24,316.80	0196058-5881XX	FY20 TNC Mitigation/Pavement Improvements	\$24,316.80

2-4-20

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Finance Committee.
Motion Passed



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MOTION

Submitted By: President Boncore

Date: 1-30-20

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: That the Town Council vote to amend Town Ordinance 5.28.060 "Licensed Condition for Vehicles" and Amend Section A to include:

"All Vehicles must pass inspection by police department as to the condition of such vehicle"

And Delete Section B in it's entirety

2-4-20

Motion by President Philip Boncore to refer this motion to the Appointments, Commission & Committees.

Motion Passed