

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2020

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, Council President Boncore called the Remote Participation Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Notifies Public that all involved in this meeting are from a remote setting.

Notifies Public of email address <https://www.town.winthrop.ma.us> or phone 646-558-8656 for any questions concerning this meeting Zoom ID #83933088477

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Ruggiero

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Motion Vice to approve minutes of 6-16-20 Town Council Meeting as amended
2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

Voting For: Councilor Stephen Ruggiero, Councilor Barbara Flockhart, Councilor Rob Demarco, Councilor Peter Christopher, Councilor Tracey Honan, Councilor Nick LoConte-Councilor Rich Ferrino, Vice President James Letterie, President Philip Boncore

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

President Boncore discusses the 4th of July and the people on Yirrell Beach not social distancing and reminds all we are still in a pandemic and face masks should be worn. Since May 28th we have had 20 new cases. Also, on the 4th of July, there were several fireworks that were done, and this is illegal in our town.

Town Manager Faison discusses a couple of items ...still in a public health emergency, there are troubling numbers on other states that are opening, and this is happening in Winthrop. We are not in a position that we can open the Library or DeLeo Senior Center. The buildings are not built out to being entirely safe and there is limited staff. We are still months away from increasing staffing inside buildings. Discussions with unions and have determined that furloughs will be discussed. These buildings are not closing on any permanently basis, this is temporary. Not sure of date they will be opened but we hope it is sooner than later. We have ability to recall staff when needed and when safety ready. Tried to respond to every email on these topics and apologizes if any were missed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Council vote modify the General Fund Budgets to facilitate the June 30, 2020 closing of the FY2020

Public Hearing Opened

Discussion of Funding

Public Hearing Closed

CORRESPONDENCE

There are several pieces of correspondence that will be addressed in the records of the minutes (See copy)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karin Chavis (P2)-Discusses the Ferry and how many passengers used it? Comments that masks should be used inside and outside, and the Captain is responsible to enforce this. Also, the cleaning of the Ferry. Town Manager Faison will get this information and report.

Katrina Donovan-Feels that if restaurants open why isn't the library open? There is work that needs to be done and there is no way this work can be done with the current staff. Asking for a plan on the re-opening.

Rich Allen- President of the Winthrop Staff Association, presents a petition about the Library closing and discusses the meetings of the furloughs. Union meeting information should not be discussed in public. Discusses that other matters could be addressed for the workers that have been furloughed.

Mikayla (P5)-Received excellent correspondence from the Town Manager and discusses the library and it's closing, requests this to be re-considered as other libraries are offering more services than Winthrop. Requests our Town Manager to review this.

Donna Segretti Reilly-Discusses the need for a Human Rights Committee and supports our town to form a committee.

President Boncore reiterates that this committee will be sent for review to the Rules & Ordinance.

Suzanne Leonard-Thanks all for acknowledging her emails. Discusses the opening of the Library and certain things can be open as with neighboring towns. Supports a Human Rights Committee

Susan Martucci-Discusses the library and get behind all that supporters.

Steve Dalton-Requests to ask a question. Since Library is not a revenue source for the town how is affordability effecting the library opening?

Town Manager Faison replies as to budget meetings and decreased revenues in local receipts and other revenue lines that are going to be impacted in FY21 have affected all funding.

Town Manager reiterates that he has emailed Mr. Dalton with answers to his questions.

Julia Wallerice-Echo all that have commented about the Library and thanks Town Manager Faison for addressing as best as he can. Very happy about the Human Rights Committee will soon have appointees.

Robert Carroll-Comments on list of libraries that are open and provide curbside. Asks that this can also be done for the Winthrop Library very soon. There are people that need this library and books to help them through this time in our lives.

Minal Kahn-Comments that she is a minority of the town and supports her rights for the Human Rights Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 9 a | Finance Committee
Vice President Letterie reports on the meeting and outcome of information Discussed. Will continue budget discussions and discussed the new insurer for the town. |
| 9 b | Public Safety Committee & Transportation
Councilor Flockhart discusses the meeting and amendments to the original motions of this Point Shirley Parking Pilot. Parking will not be restricted upon wall at Yirrell beach, town wide restriction after wall and not on Saturday & Sunday during church and will have placards for Point Shirley Association during any events. |
| 9 c | Rules & Ordinance and Economic Development
Councilor Honan discusses the community workshop on July 14 th to discuss the Middle School Zoning |

Councilor Ruggiero discusses the Charter Review and Review of the Town Ordinances, the committee will begin with the Charter. Also discussed feedback from community.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Thanks the community for their interest I the Library and the Council on Aging. Circling back on the Ordinance Review Committee. The town was selected for a community compact plan for a grant of \$18,000 with the Collins Center. We may be setting up practice for the state of charter and ordinance reviews.

Discusses the zoning of Middle School and hoping the progress of this decision comes sooner or later and be able to put out bids for these sites.

Thanks his staff for helping out during these times and the community continue social distance. Literature will be distributed for rules of open spaces during this COVID time, safety is the utmost importance.

Public Safety Director Meredith Hurley gives an update. The state has moved into Phase III.
(See Governors Information)

Our state is the only state with decreasing numbers, we must continue to follow the guidelines.
Discusses new insurance policy and extended solid waste contract. Discussion to follow.

Multiple people commenting on signage for temporary parking in French Sq. Signs should be available next week.

Looking for grant from state about safety.

Councilor Ferrino discusses the Middle School discussion meetings and believed that VHB was to establish zoning and information on Article 97. Would like him to be prepared for these questions to be answered at the July 14th community meeting.

Town Manager replies that VHB is a planning company and were solely tasked with helping sub committees and community with zoning.

Requests K&P be available at this community meeting.

Councilor DeMarco requests that Article 97 & Property lines be reviewed.

Vice President Letterie feels that Library should at least be open for outside services.

When will Miller Field be open for public use? It will be open during early hours very soon.

Discusses concerns with the CBD construction and requests these concerns to be addressed.

Councilor Christopher requests that our budget represents the values of the Library and Council on Aging in our community.

Congratulations to Councilor Christopher on his new baby boy this week.

Councilor Flockhart echo's on behalf of all that have spoken on the library and the COA and asks that outside drop off and pick-up be available.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

No meeting but Superintendent is working diligently on opening the schools.

OLD BUSINESS

12 a Polling Locations

Town Clerk Vitale discusses the polling locations and the future of the elections.
(see memo from Town Clerk)

Vice President Letterie requests Town Clerk to discuss the elections and state polling information.
Town Clerk Vitale discusses the State information and the impact that this will have on her office and the community. (Information available on all voting information at the Town Clerks website)
Discussion continues that CARES ACT funds will be available for funding to help with a dedicated space to handle all the ballots that will come in through the mail.
Discussion continues to polling locations changing?

Motion by Vice President Letterie that all current polling locations remain in their same locations
2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council vote modify The General Fund Budgets to facilitate the June 30, 2020 closing of the FY2020 Fiscal Year....
(See Attached Motion)

No 2nd Needed

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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Motion by the Public Safety Committee that the Town Council amend Chapter 10.40 of the Town Ordinances by adding the section below.....(See motion in it's entirety attached)

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

Traffic Officer Mike Diluio explains all private ways were not included.

Chief Delehanty will keep reports on this progress.

Councilor LoConte is very pleased with this motion and program.

Signage for visitors and community to know where to park will be made available.

Vice President feels that this is excluding people from visiting Winthrop especially at this point of asking all to be as inclusive as possible.

Councilor DeMarco agrees that we want to be a welcoming community.

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor President Boncore to appoint Councilor Ferrino in place of Councilor Honan on the Ordinance Review Committee

2nd Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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Motion by Council President Boncore to re-appoint Jerome Falbo to the Massport Citizens Advisory Committee

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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Motion by Council President Boncore to re-appoint the following non policy committee members

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Citizens on Finance Commission Karin Chavis and William Gault

Disability Commission Richard Currier

Scholarship Karin Chavis

Registrar of Voters Denise Mahoney

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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Motion by Council President Boncore re-appoint the following policy making committee members

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Board of Appeals Irene Dwyer

Planning Board Gina DiMento

Board of Assessors Paolo Franzese, Esq.

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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Motion by Councilor President Boncore to appoint the following policy making committee members

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Conservation Committee Joseph Ferrara

Board of License Mark Sciraffa

Planning Board Robert Carroll

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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There are openings for Committees, please see the Town Website and anyone that is interested please complete an application.

Motion to refer a new committee of Human Rights Commission to the Rules & Ordinance Committee Which should include 9 members, a mission statement of this committee and will be an advisory committee to the Town Council

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Millar discusses that there is more feedback needed on the Middle School Zoning. Requests that it is not as limited as it looks right now, requests more input.

Wendy Millar discusses the Human Rights Commission committee is needed in our community and is very interested in helping with this moving forward.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Vice President Letterie offers condolences from all on the passing of the Council Presidents mother.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Vice President Letterie** to Adjourn at 9:35 pm

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passed: 9 - 0

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Voting Against: None

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

June 11, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

Motion Summary

Title: Year-End General Fund Inter-Budgetary Transfers
Motion ID: TCM20-047

Motion Details

Motion Type: General Fund Inter-Budgetary Transfers
Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager
Date Submitted: 06/11/2020

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote modify the following General Fund Budgets to facilitate the June 30, 2020 closing of the FY2020 Fiscal Year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Funding Details

Budgetary Funding Source			Budgetary Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
0199857-578100	Reserve Fund Appropriations	35,900.00	0121051-511100	Police Personnel (Retro)	35,900.00
0132053-532500	Northeast Regional Voc	13,313.00	0132153-532400	Essex Agricultural School	32,347.00
0154357-577100	Payment to Veterans	47,895.23	0113553-530200	Audit	15,660.00
0193058-585106	Work Order System	2,180.00	0196052-588057	FY14 Receivership Derelict Properties	67,182.24
0149151-511100	Cemetery Personnel	10,000.00	0171159-591540	New School Interest	0.02
0115153-530400	Legal Services (Town Attny)	20,000.00	0111053-530200	Internal Audit (Town Council)	10,000.00
0119251-511100	DPW Building Maint Personnel	70,000.00	0111253-530400	Legal Services (Town Manager)	30,000.00
0113151-511100	Grants Personnel	15,000.00	0113553-530500	Consulting(A+F)	10,000.00
0191051-517510	GIC-Town	10,000.00	0116151-512005	Election Personnel	10,848.00
0191051-517500	GIC-Retiree	55,000.00	0142351-512120	Snow/Ice Manpower	33,856.22
0191051-517520	GIC-Schools	100,000.00	0142355-553201	Snow Removal Supplies	43,684.96
0117151-511100	Conservation Commission Personnel	13,085.44	0142557-574100	Property Insurance	45,000.00
0142051-511100	DPW Personnel	15,000.00	0182053-532200	Charter School	40,000.00
0196058-588187	FY20 Legal Judgement/Settlement	61,028.13	0121051-511100	Police Personnel (Settlement)	90,000.00
0129056-569500	Regional Dispatch	61,076.64	0122051-511100	Fire Personnel	65,000.00
	Total	\$529,478.44		Total	\$529,478.44

6-16-20

Motion by Vice President Letterie to refer to the Finance Committee
2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Motion Passed: 9 – 0

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7-7-20

Motion by the Finance Committee to Accept
No 2nd Needed

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE SENT BY A SIGNED CITIZEN WILL BE ATTACHED TO MINS. OF MEETING AS A
PUBLIC RECORD
CORRESPONDENCE
OF 7-7-20

LIBRARY CONCERNS

ROSEMARY RUSS
ERIC RISTI
JULIA HOWINGTON
CHRISTINE BONCORE
SAMANTHA BRACY
HENRY MUNSON
DAWN SULLIVAN
LINDA EVANS
KATIE BELLE
ALEXIS TEEVENS
KRISTEN GILZEAN
SUZANNE LEONARD
DOMINICA BONANNO
STEPAHNIE RECCHIA
SONDRA & JAMIE ARESTY
ERICA KOTYLUK
MELLISSA PERONI
JENNIFER MCGEORGE
LEONORA FOLEY
ALYSON DEWER
D.A. ALIBERTI
VALERIE DALTON
STEVE DALTON
ANDREA PAVLOS
MARYALICE SHARKEY
KATRINA DONOVAN

**HUMAN RIGHTS DIVERSITY
COMMITTEE REQUEST**

STEPHANIE RECCHIA
REEREND TERRI BRACY
UTH PORTER BERNSTEIN
ALEXANDRA GEMMELL
DONNA SEGRETTI REILLY
LAINE ABRAMS
LEONARA FOLEY
ALYSON DEWER
ALEXIS TEEVENS
WENDY MILLAR PAGE
TANYA MENDIETA
DEBORAH SCEARBO
VINNY & KELLY WISNIEWSKI
SUZANNE LEONARD
HELEN KOVITZ
JULIA WALLERCE
JUSTIN PASQUARIELLO

MISC. CONCERNS

JOHN VITAGLIANO-
CENTER BUSINESS DISTRICT

JULIE WOODSIDE-
PROHIBIT PKING. DEER ISL. & BEACHES

ANTHONY LAFACI-
OPPOSE PKING. STICKERS POINT
SHIRLEY

TOM LECLAIR-
REQUESTS COVID MASKS BE
VOLUNTARY NOT MANDATORY

JOHN STANLEY
ISSUE WITH JOINT MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTION
VOTING PROCEDURES