

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Christopher calls meeting to order at 7:00 pm and includes all zoom information for the public.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher
Absent: Council President Philip Boncore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Ferrino

MINUTES

Approval of Jan 5, 2021 Minutes, as circulated
Motion by Council James Letterie to Approve.
2nd by Councilor Rich Ferrino.

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher
Absent: Council President Philip Boncore

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Vice President Christopher reports that Council President could not make meeting tonight but will be back next week.

Citations: Michael Goldberg-Citizens Advisory Committee over 15 years
Diane Wallace-Library Director

PUBLIC HEARING

National Grid-

Plan #28198398-Madison Ave.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Socrates Perez represents National Grid to discuss this petition on Madison Ave. About 7 ft. of conduit onto bldg. #30 on Madison Ave. (2) 4" conduits.

DPW Director Calla asks if the existing pole is being reused or will this be another double pole. Socrates, the pole will be replaced but there will be no double pole, pole will be done and then the other pole will be removed.

Director Calla states this process is not a quick process, is there a commitment to how soon this double pole will be removed.

Socrates cannot guarantee time frame.

Director Calla asks if it is just a sidewalk to be opened.

Socrates Yes, just the sidewalk

Director Calla states if Town Council approves, would like a cement panel not a pavement replace.

Town Manager requests this gets moved to the Sub Committee for recommendation, there has been a question on the state questioning double poles.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Plan #29672409-Bowdoin St.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Socrates discusses that this project will be a pole for reliability purpose, all other poles are being used. Want to put another pole up near 178 Bowdoin St.

Director Calla states that poles are already separated and there looks like there is room on these poles. By putting this 3rd pole in, it could cause crowding. If anyway this equipment could be used on another pole, it would make more sense in our town.

Councilor Letterie, have people, abutters been contacted that there will be a new pole put in front of their house.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Plan # 29993191-Winthrop St.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Socrates discusses the proposal of two sections on Winthrop St. need to do some trenches for new conduits, (2) 4" conduits approx. 100 feet from pole to existing manhole. Yard Dr. & Winthrop St. existing manhole to a new transformer at 233 Winthrop St., the rest is existing conduits.

Two sections will be 100' each.

Director Calla happy to see no new poles, has concerns with trench to Yard Dr. this is a road that was repaved in the last 5 years and expected to infra-red repairs and would like to see the same treatment on Jefferson Ave.

Socrates will send this information over to National Grid.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Chavis asks for information about Ferry and very concerned about the FY21 Budget, hoping Town Manager can address these issues.

Requesting start date of Planner and copy of contract.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shannon Poulos concerned about the concern on the bike sharrows and feels that the town could be working on more important issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Letterie reports on agenda items and will report on the items in Old Business.

Town Council transfer \$44,000 for Town Clerk's Office for upcoming election costs-Positive Recommendation with an amendment

Town Council vote to authorize \$2012.37 to pay unpaid bills of prior year -Positive Recommendation.

Rules & Ordinance Committee

Councilor Ruggiero reports on item agendas and will address in Old Business.

Town Council adopt Council Rules to include permanent Zoom participation at all future meetings –

Committee agreed to wait until the Attorney Generals guidance is submitted after the State of Emergency due to Covid.

Discussion-Election Polling Location(s)-Committee agrees to change locations.

Traffic Safety on Locust St.-Has sent to TSAC.

Joint Rules & Ordinance / Economic Development

Town Council move to the Joint Committee recommendation on the Middle School Zoning Vice President Christopher reports on meeting for this recommendation and there were several zoning ideas discussed.

Recommendation will not be final, would like more public comment and would like to discuss more with new Planner, Rachel Kelly.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Faison answers Karen Chavis-

Ferry-Still plan on operating the Ferry until another operator is available and will engage with other management possibilities.

CFO Anna Freedman reports on the FY21 Budget, it is being closely monitored and this time of year, ½ through she meets with all Dept. Heads and discussing all spending rates, what is left, future costs...etc.....

She is constantly working on this budget and micromanaging and any savings that can be done, is what she is doing.

Planner Position-Job description will be sent to Karin and notifies Rachel Kelly started on Feb. 1, 2021; her priority is the Middle School.

Updates on the internet and the schools, well aware it is an issue. Problem since Jan. 16, 2021, have had multiple help working extensively on this problem. We are working to systematically work off a list. Discusses an outside satellite dish, wireless internet. Working through several different ways to avoid any further problems. Verizon Jet Packs will be delivered to the school staff.

Public Safety Director Meredith Hurley gives a Covid Update-Please see attached...also on Town Website. There have been concerns with the 75-year-old getting their vaccinations and where people can go, there will be more discussion on helping this situation.

Discusses that she and Sgt. Gregorian have been working on the Clear Program and were invited by the Justice Dept. to share what Winthrop does with our Clear Project. Were approached to mentor other police departments and a larger audience. Good Feedback...

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Council President will report all updates at next Town Council Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Town Council transfer \$44,000 for Town Clerk's Office for upcoming election costs

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation and amendment

The Town Council vote to transfer \$44,000 from the Town's Free Cash to Town Clerk account #0116151-512005 to fund the costs associated with the March 2, 2021 primary and March 30, 2021 special election costs; or take any other action thereto.

No 2nd Needed.

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Absent: Council President Boncore

Motion Passes 8-1

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Town Council vote to authorize \$2,012.37 to pay unpaid bills of prior year (See Attached Motion)
Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation
No 2nd Needed.

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan,
Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Absent: Council President Boncore

Motion Passes 8-1

Town Council adopt Council Rules to include permanent Zoom participation at all future meetings -Committee Voted unanimously to wait until upgraded guidance from the Attorney General's Office

Election Polling Location (s). Please see attached Motion

Motion by Councilor Ruggiero that the Election Polling Location(s) be changed. (See Attached Motion)

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan,
Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Absent: Council President Boncore

Motion Passes 8-1

NEW BUSINESS

National Grid-

Plan #28198398-Madison Ave.

Plan #29672409-Bowdoin St.

Plan # 29993191-Winthrop St.

Council Vice President refers these Petitions to the Public Safety Committee

Winthrop Zoning Map Update-Memo Winthrop Planning Board

Council Vice President Christopher would like this process to begin, the cost, the details...

French Sq. Parking Lot /Overnight/ Emergency Parking

Councilor Letterie discusses this lot being treated as other town municipal lot. Need guidance on how people should park, especially during snow emergencies.

Director Calla relates this lot being designated for snow emergencies. If a storm ends during daylight hours, people should be moving their cars immediately. If overnight they are allowed so many hours of daylight to remove car. While this parking lot still in place, give it the same regulations as other municipal lots. Should just be this winter as lot is only temporary.

Resolution Urging Fair & Full Employment Opportunities at Amazon

Town Council Authorize \$37,750.00 for the Use of Retained Earnings-Water/Sewer Fund

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael DiMento P2-Discusses the 2021 Parking Sticker Program and those who have not paid, should be ticketed. Regarding the Middle School, the site should just be 2 ½ stories. This site should be developed but not detrimental to the neighborhood.

Wendy Millar Page-How did we go from \$300,000 to \$400,000 potential capital shortage?
Also, will there be more public with potential trash fees?
Middle School rezoning...when is next meeting and will it be for the public
Ferry-Have we received our funding, will there be a shortfall.
Town Manager, no shortfall and Quincy has paid.
Is Zero Waste Committee working with maybe regionalizing.
Town Manger reports he has investigated this, and it may not work.

Karin Chavis-Questions the budget, Parks & Rec in red already (not due to them) and far as Ferry concerned does not know how they are not in the red but needs figures.
Wonders if any dept. encumbered more than what they had, what happens. We are very fortunate that our departments do it and still get job done. What is happening with the FY21?
The town has the right to know what is happening with our towns budget, especially to educate people, especially in how to handle trash and maybe we would not have these increases.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Immediate Committee Openings for Airport Hazards Committee,
Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations and Winthrop Planning Board
Boston Logan International Airport Environmental Data Report-Please see Town of Winthrop Website

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(2)—To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel: Town Manager.

Meeting will return for Adjournment only.

Motion by Council President Christopher to go into Executive Session.

2nd Councilor Letterie

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Absent: Council President Boncore

Motion Passes 8-1

Town Council Enters Executive Session 8:59 PM

Town Council Returns to Open Session 9:03 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Flockhart at 9:03PM

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher
Philip Boncore 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



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

January 14, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021

Motion Summary

Title: ISD Purchased Services Replenishment

Motion ID: TCM21-009

Amount: \$44,000.00

Funding Source: Town Council Reserve

Motion Details

Motion Type: Budgetary Transfer

Submitted by: Austin Faison Town Manager

Date Submitted: 1/14/2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer \$44,000 from Free Cash Reserve to Town Clerk account #0116151-512005 to fund the costs associated with the March 2, 2021 primary and March 30, 2021 special election costs; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
0111057-578100	Town Council Reserve	\$44,000	0116151-512005	Election Personnel	\$44,000

TC Reserve Balance: \$55,000

Amount Requested: \$44,000

TC Reserve after motion approval: \$11,000

2-2-21

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation and amendment to transfer from Free Cash in lieu of Town Council Reserve
No 2nd Needed.

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Absent: Council President Boncore

Motion Passes 8-1



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

January 14, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021

Motion Summary

Title: Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year

Motion ID: TCM21-010

Amount: \$2,012.37

Funding Source: Current Year Departmental Budgets

Motion Details

Motion Type: Budgetary

Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager

Date Submitted: 01/14/2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to authorize Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year to be paid from current year departmental budgets as noted below; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Department	Invoice Description	Amount	Account
Police	Shred-it (document shredding)	168.00	0121053-538201
Human Resources	W.B. Mason (office supplies)	219.77	0115354-542300
Parks and Rec	Clean and Safe (paper towels and Soap)	236.00	67163055-558900
Parks and Rec	Epic Sports (basketball hoops)	1,089.43	67163053-535100
Police	GEM Auto Parts (battery)	152.01	0121054-548200
Police	GEM Auto Parts (oil filter)	8.62	0121054-548200
Police	GEM Auto Parts (battery)	138.54	0121054-548200

1-19-21 Council President refers to the Finance Committee for their recommendation.

2-2-21

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation

No 2nd Needed.

Voting For: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Absent: Council President Boncore

Motion Passes 8-1



TOWN OF WINTHROP

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

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MOTION

Submitted By: Town Council

Date: 2-2-21

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: That the Town Council vote to authorize the following Change of Election Polling Location(s) for the State Primary Election to be held on March 2, 2021 and the Special Election to be held on March 30, 2021

Whereas there exists an unexpected vacancy in the office of State Representative for the Town of Winthrop;

Whereas the state has issued an election calendar for a special election to fill that vacancy;

Whereas the special state primary will be held on March 2, 2021, and the special state election will be held on March 30, 2021;

Whereas the Winthrop School location(s) is unavailable to be used in connection with such special primary and election; and

Whereas the Council has designated the Winthrop Gymnasium 151 Pauline St. for as the voting location for Precinct 1 , Precinct 2 and Precinct 5

Whereas the Council has designated the Robert DeLeo Senior Center for as the voting location for Precinct 3 and Precinct 6

Whereas the Council understands that the following locations are appropriate for such purposes based upon its close location to the existing polling place(s), handicap accessibility, and particular physical characteristics;

Now, therefore, the Winthrop Town Council votes as follows:

It is hereby declared and designated that voters from Precinct 1, Precinct 2 & Precinct 5 will vote at the Winthrop Gymnasium, 151 Pauline St. Precinct 3 and Precinct 6 will vote at the Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard St. for the Special State Primary and Special Election to fill a vacancy in the office of State Representative, to be held on March 2 and March 30, 2021, respectively.

And, further, the Town Council directs that the Town provide notice by mail to all households with one or more registered voters; and, further, that the notice be posted on the Town's website generally and on the Town Clerk's election page.

2-2-21

Motion by Councilor Ruggiero

2nd by Councilor Letterie

Approve: Councilor Stephen Ruggiero, Councilor Barbara Flockhart, Councilor Rob Demarco, Councilor Peter Christopher, Councilor Tracey Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Council Vice President Jim Letterie, President Philip Boncore
Motion Passes 9-0