

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021

Council Vice President Christopher calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and gives Zoom information for Public Comment and gives zoom information.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept Minutes of May 18, 2021
2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher
Motion Passed 7-2 (President Boncore & Councilor LoConte absent)

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Update of Water Loss and Rate Study Presentation by the Abrahams Group

Ryan Trahan
Mathew Abrahams
Mark Abrahams

Director Calla explains they were brought in to look at our unaccounted water and rate structure and audit of our billing procedures and procedures of water / sewer dept.

Abrahams Group

Ryan Trahan will brief with water loss brings up a power point slide.... Please see copy of Town Website.

Goal is real looked at meter size and age ...still waiting to hear back from MWRA to make sure water purchasing is accurate...sources of unmetered detection being reviewed as for leak detection, history, how often repaired...unaccounted calculations that have been done.

Couple of outstanding items...but nearly completed with software program which will give areas to concentrate on a hard copy map.

Apparent real loss is estimated water use.... DPW doing good with new meters, modernize record keeping and invoicing citizens are being brought up to date.

Mark Abrahams
Progress on rate setting....
Cautionary Note...these numbers are not final...mgr. setting rate mid-month.

Matt Abrahams
Scope: Detail item reviewing possibility of looking at a tier structure for billing.

Councilor Letterie wants to make sure that the metering is working correctly...thought by doing a replacement meter, we should not be waiting for them to tell us meter working well.

Mathew: Not sure of replacement meter but is still waiting for information from MWRA to check on calibration method and see if adds up.

Councilor Ferrino Asks how far are you in this process?

Mark: Will return to Town Council with full report and more manageable for public understanding

Interim Town Manager Delehanty states to keep in mind and our borrowing from MWRA is much exhausted through 2030....without ability to borrow through MWRA there are systems in place that is expected to be going for next 3-4 years...estimating about \$1Mil in repairs, per DPW Director...

Councilor Letterie: Asks our water loss is pretty substantial @ 20% and state avg. around 10% or under.... have other municipalities also have these numbers and how has it been addressed.

Ryan: We have seen other areas in this same for various reasons, therefore audit so we can tackle exactly needs...We have seen water loss decrease.... if it larger it may have to be funded? It just depends on timing of implementation...

Town Council thanks Presenters

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Stanley P6- States that this evening a delivery truck came down Wave way dropping off new trash bins to each house. His house (3 apt) they dropped off 4 barrels. He puts on small barrel out a week, and one recycle...he has nowhere to put them.... he is confused on exactly what is happening in this town, claims most citizens do not understand what is happening.

No announcement of dropping off.... who is going to pick up? Very bad communication

DPW Director Calla- Capital Waste is deploring the barrels.... confused as to why 4 barrels...no one should be getting more than 3 and he will review....

DPW will remove any excess barrels.... with this program, every unit who receives a barrel will receive a trash fee.

John Stanley asks if he is one or 3 family.... he is answered 3 family and Mr. Stanley very upset that he is being charged a fee for barrels he does not need....

Carol Walker Remarks on batch of trees removed despite widespread opposition...we only know that there was one homeowner that claimed a tree was threatening their retaining wall. June 7 is Public Hearing....but Tree Committee approved their removal.

Mikalya Dalton....Requests a Tree Moratorium

Joanne Hillman-Requests a Tree Moratorium,

Diane Veins-Echoes all above.... tree moratorium, we need an ordinance.

Julia Wallerice...echoes on all and we should have a process to ensure the community that is transparent for tree removal...please try and stop the meeting June 7th for removal of trees.

Steve Dalton-Calling to voice support on the Tree Issue, request moratorium, get someone with expertise to review any tree removal.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several emails in reference to a Tree Ordinance, please see attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Letterie: Finance Commission-Goal is to have the FY 22 Budget recommendation to Town Council by email before next meeting.

Finance Committee-Discusses the unpaid invoices from last year.... total \$1570.78 will come from the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation

Ingleside Park 72,456.70 Insurance Fund transfer.... more of an accounting and procedural motion will come from the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation

Town Council vote to accept donation for Ingleside Park for \$2750.00 from the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation

Any donation goes into Town Donation fund and then transfers accordingly.

Thank you, Seth Williams, for your generous donation.

Miller Field Committee has not met.... Bid openings for dog park and golf shed are being reviewed, came in higher than expected....do we want to go forward with project but may consider sending out again for bidding.

Rules & Ordinance

Councilor Ruggiero 5-27 and 6-1 both meetings discussed the Middle School Zoning, committee still awaiting a legal opinion from K&P the towns counsel....

Solid Waste Enterprise passed with Positive Recommendation.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Golf shed and dog park bids came in about \$125,000 more than budgeted...Miller Field Committee will review and discuss what funding might be available on the School Building Assistance Committee and review Will sharpen pencils and look for more funding...Winthrop Foundation, Miller Field all have committed to this fund...

Our main goal is not to disappoint anyone.

Ingleside Park construction starting 6-2-21

Parks & Rec July 8th 3 concerts.... please see website...

Summer Program on Parks & Rec website, please remember this is an Enterprise account.... needs funding.

Summer job programs...still waiting for Massport, funding looks positive.

Beaches and beach monitors July 8th

Delivery of barrels was not anticipated and were supposed to be sent to us in stages, apologizes for this, and encourages people to use barrels if they have them.

Policy decisions to be made.... with the \$160 Fee. Town Council must consider how this will be implemented.

Interim Town Manager is implementing \$160 Fees and trash will be picked up, we will review tipping costs...

Excess of barrel use we will be looking into bags, stickers...etc...

Currently working with the Zero Waste Committee in reducing costs...educational materials for the community to keep our fees down....

Ferry Update: Trying to get and running...staffing is an issue....need a Captain....working M-F first then weekends...Quincy is helping with the hiring of a Captain. An alcohol license is needed for commercial boating, this is being pursued by the Board of License Clerk.

Interim Town Manager has heard the people...he also loves trees.... CBD were already public hearings and removed....these trees will be replaced...

DPW Director Calla states 6 trees have been taken down as part of original Landscape Architect....these will be replaced...

Councilor Flockhart....Asks what the percentage of Vaccinated people is in Winthrop.

Interim Town Manager Delehanty states about 50%...if people do not want to participate in full in person.... we must defer back to pre-covid times and Town Council could implement members, boards.... remote participation if a quorum is being met...

Councilor Flockhart....if we moved to Sr. Center do, we have availability for Town Council and the public to participate by zoom....

Interim Town Manager Delehanty would make sure prior to any meetings that video & audio information will be set up.

Councilor Ferrino...asks Interim Town Manager Delehanty since the trash fee was voted on, during the discussion was removing old trash barrels....is this still being done and if yes, should be corresponded to Capital

DPW Director Calla, he did have a conversation with Capital, and they will take old bins....

Not due normal trash pickup they will advertise when this is happening...

Councilor Ruggiero-Also advocate that there is a remote option especially for public comment.

Councilor DeMarco has same feelings...best of both worlds...zoom and in person.

Councilor Flockhart-Does she understand that barrels dropped off today and old ones not picked up is too much for people to store.

DPW...these are not replacement bins.... we are hoping to convert to the blue bins.... any old barrels would be removed.... each barrel has serial number and chip...every address will have 1-2-3 serial numbers.
For annual billings.... there will be some adjustments to make sure billing correct.

Councilor Ferrino...please attend the Zero Waste Meetings....

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

President Boncore Absent

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Ruggiero states that the Middle School Zoning still awaiting legal advice prior to any motion being made.

Councilor Ruggiero reports that the Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) Recommendations is still tabled and being reviewed...ORC has requested to continue work throughout the year

Councilor Honan states that the ORC should make a change and add a Tree Ordinance...

Vice President Christopher is going to send this request to the R&O Committee to take up before next meeting.

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council vote to authorize unpaid bills of a prior year in the amount of \$1,570.78.

No 2nd Needed

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher
Motion Passed 7-2 (President Boncore & Councilor LoConte absent)

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council vote to authorize. That the Town Council transfer \$72,456.70 from the Insurance Recovery Fund to General Fund Special Article for Ingleside Park Playground Repairs

No 2nd Needed.

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher
Motion Passed 7-2 (President Boncore & Councilor LoConte absent)

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation to accept a \$2,750 donation for Ingleside Park.

No 2nd Needed

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Motion Passed 7-2 (President Boncore & Councilor LoConte absent)

Motion by R&O with a Positive Recommendation establish a Trash Fee Enterprise Fund

No 2nd Needed

Discussion.

Councilor Ferrino, wants to make sure this funding goes directly to the Enterprise Fund...

Council Vice President states this is what has been proposed to Councilor Letterie....yes...Town Council has final vote...

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Motion Passed 7-2 (President Boncore & Councilor LoConte absent)

NEW BUSINESS

FY22 Budget -Councilor Letterie wanted to make sure all were aware of this vote that will take place at next Town Council Meeting

Council Vice President Refers to the Finance Committee Town Manager Legal Services Replenishment

Council Vice President Refers to the Finance Committee Library Surplus Items

Council Vice President Refers to the Rules & Ordinance Committee the Ordinance parking: Ocean View Street

Council Vice President Refers to the Finance Committee \$3200 from Town Council Reserve to Veterans Agent Account.

Public Comment

Diane Veins appreciates the review of a Tree Ordinance.

CBD tree removal was traumatic ...this incident was a tipping point not a catalyst.

If removal of trees preordained in advance of hearing?? Several members rejected and were not listened too...what is the next step....as for the Public Hearing on June 7, 2021....

Vice President Christopher states that the process in place is that the Tree Warden is having a Public Hearing and the Tree Committee has discretion.

DPW Director Calla reiterates that the Tree committee is having hearing, the Tree Warden does have discretion to remove dead and dangerous without a hearing...but these have been placed for several different reasons....

Not sure of any other action that could be taken if citizens do not like outcome.... It is state law...

Interim Town Manager states it would be a court hearing.....

Joanne Hillman....How do we get placed on the agenda for further discussion and who will review the Tree Ordinance?

Vice President Christopher states this would be heard by the R&O

Joanne asks again...what is process?

Vice President Christopher states the Town Council will address but research must be done....

Sue Wolverton....not sure if moratorium would happen soon enough....

Vice President Christopher states unfortunately, this is reality of process.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Councilor Letterie reports on Sr. Week for seniors.... graduate on Friday night, they have had a crazy year, congratulations to all.

Immediate Committee Openings for Airport Hazards, Board of Appeals, Planning Board, & TSAC

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Letterie to Adjourn at 8:42 PM

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher

Motion Passed 7-2 (President Boncore & Councilor LoConte absent)

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

May 13, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021

Motion Summary

Title: Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year (Third Round)
Motion ID: TCM21-022
Amount: \$1,570.78
Funding Source: Current Year Departmental Budgets

Motion Details

Motion Type: Budgetary
Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager
Date Submitted: 05/13/2021

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
Parks and Rec	Joseph's Transportation (Bus for Nashoba Valley Ski)	675.00	67163053-535100
MIS	Northeast Electrical (Network Project)	358.60	0115557-579100
Ferry	Cummins Sales and Service (Filters, Coalescing)	537.18	66066052-524106



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Town Council Motion

May 13, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021

Motion Summary

Title: Ingleside Park Playground Repairs
Motion ID: TCM21-023
Amount: \$72,456.70
Funding Source: Special Revenue - Insurance Proceeds

Motion Details

Motion Type: Transfer from Special Revenue
Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager
Date Submitted: May 13, 2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to transfer \$72,456.70 from the Insurance Recovery - Recreation Fund (#720) to General Fund Special Article #0196058-588193 FY21 Ingleside Park Playground Repairs; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
720	Insurance Recovery - Recreation	\$72,456.70	0196058-588193	FY21 Ingleside Park Playground Repairs	\$72,456.70