

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2021

President Boncore Opens Meeting to order at 6:15 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor LoConte

TOWN COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(2)—

To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual.

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(3)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(2)— 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

Motion by Councilor Ferrino to enter Executive Session.

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Council Vice President Peter Christopher, President Boncore

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passes: 8-1

Motion by Councilor Letterie to adjourn Executive Session at 6:59pm

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor LoConte, Councilor Ferrino, Council Vice President Peter Christopher, President Boncore

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passes: 8-1

Return to Open Session

Council President Opens Meeting at 7:07 PM announces we are in person in the Harvey Room and on Zoom

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Tragic, Senseless act on June 26, 2021....we remember David Green & Ramona Cooper

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DeMarco to accept Minutes of June 22, 2021

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Discussion:

Date on Agenda should have been June 22, 2021, not July 6, 2021, as listed, was corrected

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed 8-1

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Verizon-Revere St. Project-will be heard under Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Town Council vote to authorize the Acceptance & Expend \$5,542,928.00 in the form of a Grant awarded by the US Dept. of Treasury to be administrated to the Town of Winthrop Finance Dept.

National Grid Plan #26074955

National Grid Plan # 30386215

National Grid Plan #30399374

National Grid

Revere St. Project

Dan Cameron discusses the electric in Winthrop and the amount of infrastructure to better our electricity in our town. Reliability today much better...

The 3rd leg, where does power come from....it comes from the city of revere to Argyle St. substation and then to Metcalf Sub Station....Once in EB, it ends.... Boston is under Eversource....

Today's technology is thru manholes and duct system...about 20% is in Winthrop on Revere St. and tie into substation on Argyle, but they must get this granted from the town.... have had meetings with DPW, WFD and all are satisfied.

JC Fortier, discusses that it is a long duration project, will not be in Winthrop the entire time.... (Please see map, green line, yr. 1 ...will have to go up Upland Rd. to divert traffic...

Vendor has created a "gang like construction" each day equipment will be secured at property to Wonderland parking lot. Purple yr. 2 New Line

Note Crest Ave., year 1 work.... National Grid will be complete for us to do our work

Yellow will be the removal of cables and Purple and Green new.... (Please see copy of information)

This year's work will be approx. 2 ½ months.

Interim Town Manage Delehanty states that we will have to detour traffic and will need a copy of a traffic plan

Councilor Flockhart asks if Cliff Ave will be repaved...

Director Calla, it will be replaced with our lead replacement...

Councilor Letterie asks about disruption to traffic during this time?
Traffic coming into Winthrop and out reverse...

Councilor DeMarco asks about allowing residents to park on Revere St. until 7 AM....will this be a problem for Revere St. residents...Work hours....7-3pm.

Councilor Ruggiero discusses diverting traffic into highlands.... what about work in advance and notifying residents.

Interim Town Manager Delehanty replies that there will be a police detail and signage

National Grid will have community information packages

Spaces will only be impacted at difference times...

There are 9 manholes.... new

Councilor Ferrino asks it was ever considered coming across back through Marsh?

Director Calla replies that, that would not really be feasible.

Councilor Letterie asks about a traffic consultant and is there one?
National Grid replies yes

10 Somerset

Council President Boncore has concerns with double poles....

When national grid does a new pole, they ask Verizon to remove the other one...

Verizon is notified, National Grid can only hope Verizon takes care of this.

Director Calla states this is request for 10 Somerset....they need this as this is where their transformers going in vault...they must replace 2 poles...these will not be a double pole situation.... committed to getting poles out...it is imperative this gets done....

Vice President Christopher states, there is a pole line with one wire...to feed 10 Somerset, it needs 3 lines....so two poles must be replaced, and they will be double for 30 days....

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd appreciates opening Town Hall.

Discusses the latest opinion from the Town Counsel on the title on 151 Pauline St... reflects opinion....

Stated at public forum the town can do what they want with 7.55 acres...according to opinion....
In all studies, maps, pics...open space and rec plans, ingleside pk is 10-11- acres....
Discusses how it went from 13 to 10 as railroad was done.

K&P researched deed and the town was unable to provide any documents....

Copies of town in 1903 accepting conditions....it contradicts what he knows. The Planning board was waiting for another opinion form K&P prior to Rules & Ordinance and then the Town Council voted on this.

Asks...if there has been a new opinion as of this date today?

Interim Town Manager answers that he is not aware of the dates of these opinions from the Town Counsel

Jack-If no new plan....no new opinion.... does the town have a right to develop on 7.55 acres?

Return to Public Hearing

Town Council vote to authorize the Acceptance & Expend \$5,542,928.00 in the form of a Grant awarded by the US Dept. of Treasury to be administrated to the Town of Winthrop Finance Dept.

Council Letterie reports that the Finance Committee did vote on this with a Positive Recommendation

Karen Chavis asks if we have a time frame to spend and exactly what it can be spent on.

Councilor Letterie, FY24 to be spent, there are guidelines as to what this can be used for.

Public Hearing Closed

Return to Public Comment

Diane Veins-Just to elaborate on Jack Dowd comments....she has observed over last several months is an overall lack of transparency with Ingleside and a ripped up parking lot and this area is now part of the CBD and understands there have been meetings, but also a lot of surprises....let's not be surprised what is going with old Middle School....end of day one of the town's most important pieces of land....a lot of email alerts...about what is going on....traffic.....but does not know how to access any info on CBD?? Please be more transparent...

CORRESPONDENCE

Mike DiMento requested why no code red reported on June 26, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Letterie reports that a Positive recommendation on the Town Council vote to authorize the Acceptance & Expend \$5,542,928.00 in the form of a Grant awarded by the US Dept. of Treasury to be administrated to the Town of Winthrop Finance Dept.

Dog Park / Golf Shed RFP, low bid was over the monies allotted, have a couple of options...taking a recommendation of sending RFP out for another bid

Rules & Ordinance

Vice President Christopher states that the committee met on potential Flag Raising Policy....want to have more discussion on this policy. Looking for Memorials Committee, CDIRC, Town Administration to be included in this policy.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Devastating event on June 26, and community still struggling and will continue to be. Thanks, the WFD and WPD, grateful to Sgt. that ended this tragedy. 3 lives were taken, and it could have ended with more lives taken. Has great teams working together, how we respond matters...we still have work as a community. Thanks, Laurisa for her "one man" job on the vigil for these victims.

Public Director Hurley reports she has been working with schools & Superintendent Howard with kids and family impacted by invent.... Lt. Gergerian and social workers have been working with the community on a whole.

Walked the path of tragedy and looking at units that are there, knocking on doors, asking community to talk.... wants to continue working with the town and more, to find each degree of how connected to this unfortunate event certain people were.

Chasing trauma, must find people and encourage people to come strategizing additional outreach to individuals that may have been impacted that we are not aware of.... black residents, Jewish residents...etc...
Looking out of town for counseling.... looking for what people need and get the info they need.

Interim Town Manager reports that Insurance carrier emailed and asked what serviced they could bring in... how they can help with individuals....

A lot of thank you's to write.... citizens...have been wonderful....

There will be a plan on how the town will move forward....

Our main concern was how we respected the families....and we did....
Laurisa was outstanding with the vigil, and it showed and supported the victims' families....

Incident...319 Pleasant St... all fine.... a lot of damage.... people are fine, Superintendent working with family.

Unfortunately, the E.B. Newton Clock Tower will not be covered by ARPA's funding.

Parks and Rec will reschedule their events.

Miller Field is now open to the public.

Tennis Courts will have to be managed.

He is looking for two policies from the Town Council on Miller Field and the Tennis Courts....

Miller Field, is it being returned to the School Department?

How are Tennis courts going to be managed?

No funding in reference to the Ferry yet.... without commitment, it cannot be running.... need DET or DEP to continue to offer funding to continue the running of the Ferry. Doing an analysis now when funding might run out.

Councilor Letterie, there are so many thanks for the way the town responded to the tragedy on June 26, 2021
And Town Council had the honor of meeting families and how gracious they were and cannot image pain they feel.... wants to thank the WPD for all that they did.

Ingleside Park....What is estimate of date being completed?
Director Driscoll has been working on this hoping end of week.

Comments on Millers Field being opened and would like to work on the direction on opening it at night also.

Comments on CBD noticed coming down Woodside and no longer being able to do a turnaround at French Sq. has a question about an extension being put in and not allowing a left turn at end of Woodside to Bartlett.
Will need more access points and this should be reviewed.

Interim Town Manager points out that this has been a safety issue and will review.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Special meeting, naming Noel Velez to replace Sue Eccles for their business manager. Thanks Superintendent Howard, along with Director of Public Health Hurley for their reaching out to people with trauma. The vigil was a beautiful site and heartwarming to see so much of Winthrop come out as a unity. Thanks, Laurisa for her hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that the Town Council vote to authorize the Acceptance & Expend \$5,542,928.00 in the form of a Grant awarded by the US Dept. of Treasury to be administrated to the Town of Winthrop Finance Dept.

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed 8-1

Councilor Letterie discusses the motion that the Town Council Appropriate \$80,000 EB Newton / Clock Tower Repairs was voted to be amended to \$80,000 but feels that this should now be advertised and sent to the Finance Committee Agenda and vote on at next meeting.

Discussion

Vice President Christopher's concerns were that we had enough funds to make sure if any emergencies happen, we have enough in the fund.

Interim Town Manager would like this referred to the Finance Committee and will have Director Calla answer any questions.

Council Ferrino knows this project inside and out and is very sure of the company and the estimate that they have offered. Does not know why this issue is not just being addressed.

This is a public safety issue, flashing blowing off, these buildings need to be addressed.

Councilor Letterie reports on the Dog Park that originally Winthrop Foundation donated \$100,000, Town Council matched \$25,000. There was a bid sent out for the dog park and the golf shed which has a break down of \$30,000 short dog park and \$30,000 groundwork, \$30,000 for kit to put together, extra \$30-35,000 for electrical work needed. There is an overage of approx. \$125,000. Director Calla feels sending this out for another bid, may come in higher due to construction costs.

Director Calla states \$245,000 for shed, for the dog park \$125,000 and still will be about \$125,000 short on these projects. Contractor price good for 60 days. Will discuss with Interim CFO Robert Powers on funding shortage.

Will be put back on Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Council President refers to the Finance Committee that the Town Council Transfer Funds for Fire Dept./Retro Payment

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to approve the National Grid Project Plan #26074955

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed 8-1

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to approve the National Grid Plan # 30386215

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed 8-1

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to approve the National Grid Plan # 30399374

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed 8-1

Motion by Council President to re-appoint Michael Abboud and Christopher Sullivan as constables for the town of Winthrop

Motion by Council President to appoint Kurt Millar to the Board of License

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

Absent: Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed 8-1

Council President reports the following to the Middle School RFP Committee

Interim Town Manager Terry Delehanty

Rachel Kelly

Peter Christopher

Stephen Ruggiero

Barbara Flockhart

Alyssa Gamble

Chris Boyce

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Chavis reports that ticketing for nonresident is needed in her neighborhood, she also discusses the new trash and recycle barrels and how the company is handling emptying them. They throw them and put them in areas that are not convenient. They will not last being treated like this.

Discusses the Budget of funding that will not be available in FY23, this must be addressed.

Kathleen Cappuccio wanted to address two items, the condition of Yirrell Beach and it needs to be cleaned up. Does not think it is fair of what this policy is due to a DEP of watching for the plovers.

Discusses that there needs to be a Flag Policy discussed immediately and a policy voted on.

Jack Dowd discusses the comments concerning the Tennis Courts at the high school. The documents that the land is town owned land and the town should not give up the right to run them.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Immediate Committee Openings for Airport Hazards & Conservation Commission

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Letterie to adjourn at 8:59 PM

2nd by Councilor 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



TOWN OF WINTHROP

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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Terence Delehanty
Interim Town Manager

Town Council Motion

June 9, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021

Motion Summary

Title: ARPA - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF)
Motion ID: TCM21-027
Amount: \$5,542,928.00
Funding Source: Federal Grant

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate
Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager
Date Submitted: June 9, 2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to authorize the Town of Winthrop to accept and expend the amount of Five Million, Five Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$5,542,928.00) in the form of a grant awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Town of Winthrop's Finance Department. This grant payment is made from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A	New Fund	ARPA/CLFRF Allocation	\$5,542,928.00



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Terence Delehanty
Interim Town Manager

Town Council Motion

June 10, 2021

Fiscal Year 2022

Motion Summary

Title: FY22 Capital Projects – EB Newton Clock Tower Repairs

Motion ID: TCM21-037

Amount: \$80,000

Funding Source: Fund Balance

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate

Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager

Date Submitted: June 10, 2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to appropriate \$80,000 from the EB Newton Fund Balance to a new account entitled "FY22 Clock Tower Repairs" for repairs to the EB Newton Clock Tower; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
724	EB Newton Revolving Fund	\$80,000	New	FY22 Clock Tower Repairs	\$80,000*

6/10/21 EB Newton Fund Balance: \$175,043.78

Amount Requested: \$ 80,000.00

EB Newton Fund Balance after motion approval: \$ 95,043.78

Motion by Councilor Ferrino to amend this amount to \$80,000 for the EB Newton Clock Tower Repairs

2nd By Councilor Letterie

Discussion

Vote on Amendment to increase amount from \$19,500 to \$80,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Disapprove: Councilor Letterie and Councilor LoConte

Motion Passed 7-2

Questions contact – Dan Combes 508-935-1667

Petition of the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
Of NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
For Electric conduit Location:

To City Council of Winthrop, Massachusetts

Respectfully represents the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid of North Andover, Massachusetts, that it desires to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: Revere St and Argyle St - Winthrop - Massachusetts.

The following are the streets and highways referred to:

Plan # 26074955 Revere St and Argyle St - Install ~2,050' of new duct bank from proposed manhole 145 (on the line between DCR and Winthrop ownership of Revere Street) leading to Argyle St, and install (6) new manholes & (1) new heavy duty handhole on Revere St. Install ~360' of new duct bank on Argyle St at the intersection with Revere St, with a taps to existing National Grid manholes on the Winthrop #22 Substation property and install (2) new manholes & (1) new heavy duty handhole. Install (1) new vent stacks off of MH147 along Revere St.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
BY Robert Coulter
Engineering Department

Dated: May 21, 2021

Questions contact — Socrates Perez 781-388-5231

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Of NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

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The following are the streets and highways referred to:

Plan #30386215 Cottage Park Road - National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 130 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Somerset Ave and continuing approximately 100 feet in an easterly direction. Install 2-4" conduits concrete encased from Pole 1 (Cottage Park Road) to proposed underground vault 7X14 under the sidewalk. Customer will install 6X6 HH under the sidewalk (will be customer owned). This project is for a new building at 10-26 Somerset Ave.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
BY Robert Coulter
Engineering Department

Dated: May 27, 2021

Questions contact – Socrates Perez 781-388-5231

Petition of the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
Of NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
For Electric conduit Location:

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The following are the streets and highways referred to:

Plan #30399374 Woodside Ave - National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 10 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Somerset Ave and Woodside Ave and continuing approximately 300 feet in a northwest direction. Customer is relocating a meter pedestal for the town of Winthrop. Customer will install a heavy duty handhole #1 at the location of the existing meter pedestal. National Grid will take ownership of the conduit from MH 662 to proposed heavy duty handhole #1.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
BY Robert Coulter
Engineering Department

Dated: June 22, 2021