

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2021

President Boncore Opens Meeting to order at 7:00PM opens meeting and announces Zoom Information

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor Letterie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Ferrino

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Maureen Delehanty

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Ferrino to accept Minutes of November 9, 2021, as circulated
2nd by Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor Letterie

Abstain-Councilor Honan

Motion Passes 6-2

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Fire Chief Wiley introduces each Firefighter to be sworn in
Winthrop Fire Department**

- Eric Cusack, Firefighter to Lieutenant
- David Higginbotham, Lieutenant to Captain
- Stephen Calandra, Captain to Fire Prevention Officer
- Devin Racow – Probationary Firefighter

Each of the above were Sworn in by Town Clerk Denise Quist

President Boncore calls a two minute recess

President Boncore reports:

There will be another Vax Clinic for ages 5-12 for Dec. 4, 2021

Ballots are in for the Senate Primary Special Election

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Opened

- Town Council vote to authorize the Town of Winthrop to accept \$449,825.00 in the form of a grant awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Community Health and Prevention
- Board of Health Chair, speaks on behalf of this motion of which it is expressed would like the Town Council to consider.

Finance Committee tabled motion.

.Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

- Town Council appropriate \$50,000 from the Sale of Town Property Fund to a Special Article for the purpose of real estate consulting services related to the sale of the Old Middle School property
- Tax Classification FY22

Finance Committee tabled motion

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

- Tax Classification FY22

Discussion

Steve Roche states this tax rate classification has been approved by the Assessors Boards and that it must be set for the tax bills to go out in a timely manner. Also, numbers for the state must be certified in order for the tax bills to go out, so he asks that this be done by our next meeting.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd comments on photos taken across the street from the building being built at the old CVS Area.

Photos show shadows and how this could possibly affect people's personalities being in the shade.

He comments on this project and believes this is going to create overpopulation and lower the value of land and buildings that surround it. This height will reduce privacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

CORRESPONDENCE

School Committee comments on new appointment for vacant seat

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Ferrino states the 3 items on the agenda are all tabled until the next Town Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Councilor Flockhart, had two items on the agenda, the National Grid proposal to move wires in from the Atlantis Marina, this has been approved with a positive recommendation for the committee.

The second agenda item, which several meetings have been held. She sent out minutes for review and also Superintendent Howard added that buses might be a help. Ideas are to be discussed. Council President is hoping ARPA's money might help out.

MANAGER REPORT

Public Health Director Meredith stands in for Interim Town Manager, who is out of the office. She gives an update on the Covid situation. All information can be found on our Website,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Council President reports on the School Committee. They met last night and discussed the MCAS, taking results and comparing to actual work being done. Pep rally for Thanksgiving Day Game tomorrow. There were two students and one state Covid but no major spreads to speak of.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Public Health and Safety committee votes to approve National Grids request on Pleasant

ROLL CALL VOTE

Approve: Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan,

Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher, President Boncore

Absent: Councilor Letterie

Motion Passes 7-1

Motion by the Finance Committee to vote to table that the Town Council vote to authorize the Town of Winthrop to accept \$449,825.00 in the form of a grant awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Community Health and Prevention

ROLL CALL VOTE

Approve: Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan,

Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher, President Boncore

Absent: Councilor Letterie

Motion Passes 7-1

Motion by the Finance Committee to vote to table that the Town Council appropriate \$50,000 from the Sale of Town Property Fund to a Special Article for the purpose of real estate consulting services related to the sale of the Old Middle School property

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor Letterie

Abstain-Councilor Honan

Motion Passes 7-1

Town Council adopt amended Assessors Fees-**Error on agenda, this should reflect the Treasurers Fee Amendment.**

NEW BUSINESS

President Boncore refers to the Finance Committee that the Town Council appropriate Consolidation of Services from Town Council Personnel Line to Town Clerks Personnel Line

President Boncore refers to the Finance Committee that the Town Council votes to transfer \$5,000 from Town Council Reserve to the Town Managers Supply Line / Employee Recognition

President Boncore refers to Rules & Ordinance Winthrop's Re-Precincting Map

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Millar discusses the confusion of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals, he feels they should be more involved with one another as for zoning and special permission

Jack Dowd states that the planning board mins. must be brought up to date. He would like further discussion as to how the Planning Board deals with information that should be shared with the Board of Appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Special State Senator Election is 12-14-21 / Awaiting Ballots from the State to begin Over the Counter Voting
Thanksgiving Football game in Revere this year
Wish all a Happy Thanksgiving.....

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Ferrino to adjourn at 8:30PM

2nd by Councilor Honan

Passed Unanimously

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 Motion

Respectfully submitted
Denise Quist
Town Clerk
Council Clerk

ORDER FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

In the City of Winthrop, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

that Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and be and it is hereby granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Company dated the 14th day of October, 2021.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – Pleasant Street - Winthrop - Massachusetts.

No. 30389112 Dated: October 14, 2021. Filed with this order

There may be attached to said poles such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Pleasant St - National Grid to install 2 SO Poles on Pleasant St beginning at a point approximately 850 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Pleasant St and Main St and continuing approximately 150 feet in a south direction. Two new Temp poles will be installed across the street from existing poles 801 and 802. Existing Spacer cable will be transferred to Temp poles to provide clearance for customer work. Once customer work is done, we'll bring spacer cable back to original location. Install new Temp pole 801-1 with 45'C2. Install new Temp pole 801-1 with 45'C2.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City/Town of _____, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____ 20__.

Massachusetts City/Town Clerk.
20__.

Received and entered in the records of location orders of the City/Town of _____
Book _____ Page _____

Attest:
City/Town Clerk

I hereby certify that on _____ 20____, at _____ o'clock, M
at _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

for permission to erect the poles, wires, and fixtures described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Company is permitted to erect poles, wires, and fixtures under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

City/Town Clerk.

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Board or Council of Town or City, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the _____ of the City of _____ Massachusetts, on the _____ day of _____ 20____, and recorded with the records of location orders of the said City, Book _____, Page _____. This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest:
City/Town Clerk



TOWN OF WINTHROP

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

November 4, 2021

Fiscal Year 2022

Motion Summary

Title: MASS DPH Grant - Equitable Approaches to Public Safety Program
Motion ID: TCM22-017
Amount: \$449,825
Funding Source: State Grant

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate
Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager
Date Submitted: November 4, 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 Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$449,825.00) in the form of a grant awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Community Health and Prevention to be administered by the Town of Winthrop's Public Health Department. This grant is for the Equitable Approaches to Public Safety Program; 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	DPH - Equitable Grant	\$449,825.00



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Terence Delehanty
Interim Town Manager

Town Council Motion

November 4, 2021

Fiscal Year 2022

Motion Summary

Title: Real Estate Consulting Services
Motion ID: TCM22-018
Amount: \$50,000
Funding Source: Sale of Town Property Fund

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate
Submitted by: Terence Delehanty, Interim Town Manager
Date Submitted: November 4, 2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council appropriate \$50,000 from the Sale of Town Property Fund to a Special Article for the purpose of real estate consulting services related to the sale of the Old Middle School property; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
853	Sale of Town Property	\$50,000		New Special Article	\$50,000

Sale of Town Property Balance: \$104,907
Amount Requested: \$50,000
Sale of Town Property after motion approval: \$54,907

Town of Winthrop
MASSACHUSETTS

Board of Assessors

One Metcalf Square
Town Hall - Room 1
Winthrop, Massachusetts 02152



Allen E. Maruzzi,
Chairman

Paolo Franzese

Diane Macken

Deputy Assessor:
Stephen J. Roche

Telephone:	617/846-2716
Facsimile	617/846-4780

Letter of Authorization

November 3, 2021

Winthrop Town Council
Winthrop Town Hall
1 Metcalf Square
Winthrop, MA 02152

To Whom This May Concern:

We the members of the Town Council of the Town of Winthrop, authorize the Deputy Assessor, Stephen J. Roche to sign any and all documents in our name related to certification of values, setting the tax rate as well as the Tax Classification process in the event that we are absent or not meeting as a group.

Sincerely,

Winthrop Board of Assessors
Town of Winthrop, MA