

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 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 Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher, President Boncore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Ferrino

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to accept Minutes of December 7, 2021, as circulated
2nd by Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Davis Proctor

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

President Boncore discusses the Covid cases in Winthrop and they are rising. Asking all to be careful. The Board of Health put an advisory out, asking people to wear mask's indoors.

Citations were given to outgoing Councilors, Councilor Christopher and Councilor Ferrino
Many thanks for their past commitment to the Town Council and their constituents.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt thanks the councilors that are leaving and thanks them for their service. Also, thanks outgoing council President Boncore and thanks him for his past services.

Also reiterates that the Board of Health did put an advisory out to the town urging people to wear masks indoors.

Karin Chavis-Asks about the Trash fund and the Ferry, have we received any funding for last year? Will the Ferry run next year?

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

CORRESPONDENCE

School Committee open seat member letters of concern for seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

MANAGER REPORT

Thanks the outgoing Councilors and Council President for their service to the town.

Public Health Director Gives an update on Covid (Please see town web for all up to date information)

Town Manager reports the Board of Health signed a trash policy and that the Fees of \$160 were voted on previously by the Town Council, but there is some language in this policy of which the Town Council should review. Have been tracking tonnage and asks the Town Council to review and be prepared for decisions on the fees if extra bags are warranted.

Discussed the Ferry with Bay State Cruises and will be reconnecting to see if they are interested in doing something with Winthrop regionally. He will continue to discuss with Bay State. Mass DEP did not fund for last year and doubts this year will be funded.

Working on mid-year budget numbers with department heads.

Request during holiday season to be extra careful with spreading Covid.

Thanks the Winthrop Fire Dept. for their Santa Ride

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Council President reports on the School Committee, met last night and a report on Covid rising numbers in school. Asks every parent to have children vaccinated. Committee report was discussed.

He has scheduled another Joint Meeting with the School Committee and Town Council on Jan. 4, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by a positive recommendation from the Memorials Committee to name the new Dog Park after Councilor Michael McDuffee

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Passed

Councilor Christopher discusses the reasoning of this resolution and to name the Dog Park after Michael McDuffee who worked tirelessly on this park to get it up and running.

Town Councilors agree that this is well deserved for Mike and look forward to dedicating it to him.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Letterie that the Polling Location(s) for the Special State Election on 1-11-2022 and District Wide Election- Northeast Vocational School on 1-25-2022

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Passed

Motion by Councilor Letterie to Suspend Council Rules-for the January 2022 Meetings and the first meeting in January which would be Jan. 4, 2022 be scheduled for Jan. 5, 2022

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Passed

There will be a swearing in ceremony then Town Council Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Morgan P4-Asks about the snow and how this is plowed. Requests residents and business owners to clean their areas.

Karin Chavis P2-Appreciates all that the Town Council has done but hopes the new council will make a wish list and work towards this.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Swearing in Ceremony for newly elected officials – January 5, 2022-6:00 PM-Sr. Center
Special State Senator Election- January 11, 2022 / No Early Voting
District Wide Election/N.E. Vocational – January 25, 2022

Councilor DeMarco personally thanks Councilor Ferrino and Councilor Christopher for their help during their tenure as Councilors. He thanks Council President Boncore for his continued work with the Town Council and town itself.

Councilor Ferrino thanks the citizens in P1 and feels a lot has been accomplished and hopes this good work continues. He will keep an eye on the E.B. Newton to make sure completed!!

Councilor Christopher thanks all for their help and support during his time as a Town Councilor. At the end of the day each and every person he has worked with, with the town have been a valuable asset. Thanks his family for their continued support, especially his mother, Brenda.

Councilor Letterie reads a citation to outgoing Council President Boncore.

Council President speaks about his time on the Town Council, his past time working with all and will always be available for any questions or help. In all the time that he has been involved, he has been part of something! He is going to miss this and it's going to be tough to not be in charge of something ! Thanks every person that has served on the Town Council since inception as he has worked with all. He has worked with the past Town Managers and speaks highly of Interim Town Manager Delehanty. Thanks the Dept. Heads for all their hard work, this is what makes Winthrop move forward, these people are very important to our town. Asks all not to rely on Social Media....talk to people....don't just assume.

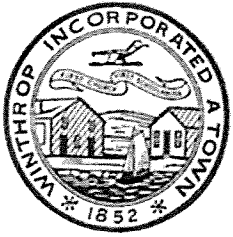
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Letterie to adjourn at 8:05PM
2nd by Councilor Demarco
Passed Unanimously

President Boncore bangs his gavel for the last time as Council President!

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



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MOTION

Motion By: Councilor Christopher

Date: November 3, 2021

WHEREAS, In 2017, Michael McDuffee was elected to represent Precinct 1 on the Winthrop Town Council;

WHEREAS, he was the Council's strongest voice and advocate in favor of a dog park;

WHEREAS, Michael's unwavering support for a dog park in Winthrop elevated the conversation about the benefits of such a park within the community;

WHEREAS, Michael's leadership on the Council always brought people together no matter how different their points of view might have been;

WHEREAS, He was a strong supporter of hockey within the community and fought to maintain its presence within Town.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Winthrop Town Council Recognize the dog park which is currently under construction on Veteran's Rd. be named in honor of Michael McDuffee.