

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2022

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM also announcing Zoom information

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco
Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

MOMENT OF SILENCE

John Eade
Thomas Bailey

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Belcher to accept Minutes of June 23, 2022, as circulated
2nd by Councilor DeMarco
Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Citation-Rose Mazzuchelli –Winthrop past VSA
Citation-Jack Wallace- Baseball Citation Div. III National Champs

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd-Comments on tree at 190 Somerset and believes it is a healthy tree and should not be cut down.

Diana Veins-Comments on ADA problem with the tree on Somerset and reflects are Ordinance discourages this tree to be cut down, it is a healthy tree of which an arborist on the tree committee agrees with.

Lucy Diluiso-Owner of 190 Somerset who requests tree to be cut down and has reports from experts stating it is a danger to her property and her home. She wants the town to be aware of any law suits that could occur against them due to the tree not be cut down.

Tom Dederian-Certified Arborist and on Tree Committee-He believes there are 100 of trees in town in the same predicament as 190 Somerset and he feels there is no danger with these trees falling down or causing major damages

Mike Diluiso comments on how long this decision has been going on and the Tree Warden should have made a decision months ago. Other citizens on the street have complained about the tree, one broke his toe. He feels this has not been justly handled .

Carol Homeyer speaks on this tree and does not want a precedent started due to the fact there are so many other trees in Winthrop planted and growing same way on sidewalk. She requests a copy of the report from the Arborist

Town Manager Marino officially appoints Phil Ronan as the new Town Veterans Service Officer.
Phil is happy to accept and looks forward to working with the town.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Ordinance

Vice President reports that the committee met to discuss the several ordinance amendments that came before them and 7 out of 9 were voted with a Positive Recommendation. The others will be held in committee. There will be a Public Hearing at the next Town Council meeting to vote on these positive recommendations motions.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Marino reports he has been working hard on the other positions in town that need to be filled. The Town has made an offer to Brendan Curritte for the Treasurers position of which he has accepted and will be starting on August 22, 2022. He is currently the Treasurer in Nahant.

Town Manager Marino presents a Water Update (Please see copy attached and on website)

The watering at the CBD has been being done by Massports workers and DPW

Flag policy that he is working on to discuss with the Town Council

He will be away from July 30th to August 6th of which Chief Delehanty and Chief Wiley will be covering.

School Dude software program (now Brightly) and reached out to get some pricing and they will come in and do a presentation of assessment of our buildings in town.

Councilor Aiello requests a document to be formed for item that have been raised at the Council meetings by the Council and does not want them to be forgotten. A simple data base to keep these subjects up to date.

He believes the people in this town need more transparency and there should be more communication as what will be discussed.

Councilor Munson would like to see bullet points on the Middle School Site and other projects in town.

Councilor Flockhart asks about the sites for our Public Safety Building.

Town Manager reports they are all being looked into.

Councilor Letterie requests DPW Director to discuss the materials of the crosswalk paint as some have complained it is slippery, which Director Calla agrees until it settles.

Council President would like to see finalization on the Trash Ordinance as for bag costs and including 4 families in pick up.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Council President reports on meeting, the main discussion was a title change of Curriculum Co-ordinator to Assistant Superintendent, this is continued to be discussed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Munson to accept the Zone –Flood Resilience Language Change
2nd by Councilor Aiello

ROLL CALL

Approve: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco
Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Trash Enterprise Fund / Trash Abatement / Trash Enforcement-Council President send this to the Rules & Ordinance and Finance Committee for discussion

Council President would like to see finalization on the Trash Ordinance as for bag costs and including 4 families on trash pick-up.

CBD Maintenance of Plants/Watering-This is currently being done

Discussion on Public Ways –Will continue this discussion

TSAC – Regulation Request –This will be on next meeting at a Public Hearing

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Belcher to allow the Town Manager to proceed with the necessary actions to begin the procedures of the Sale of Land: Faunbar Ave.

2nd By Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL

Approve: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco Councilor Flockhart, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Disapprove: Councilor Aiello

Motion Passes

Discussion of Parklets-Former Town Manager got these parklets through a grant and we would like to be able to move the one in front of the Library and maybe the one at the Sr. Center. This will be reviewed as to where they could be moved to.

Committee Appointments/Re-Appointments

Motion by Town Council President that the Town Council vote to re-appoint the following members to the following Committees

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Karla Murphy Winthrop Commission on Disabilities

Liz Carella
Tom Curry Historical Commission

Alyssa Santoro Parks Committee

Betty Peabody
Janice Pomeroy Beautification Committee

Suzanne Martucci Gallo Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations

Tom Dederian Tree Committee

Motion by Town Council President that the Town Council votes to appoint Alyssa True to the Cultural Council
2nd by Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL

Approve: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Motion Passes

190 Somerset Tree Removal-Discussion amongst the Town Council per the Tree Ordinance

Councilor DeMarco discusses the different ideas that have been discussed with the removal/non removal of this tree
Town Manager discusses the sidewalk work that was done previously and this tree should have been removed. If this were to go to a lawyer, the town would lose. It does not meet ADA requirements. His recommendation is to take tree down.

Councilor DeMarco uses his Town Council privilege to table this until the next Town Council meeting.

Town Council review and agree to sign letter to MBTA-regarding Better Bus Network-This is a time sensitive matter, the Town Council will approve the letter being sent with further review of letter by Councilor Belcher and Councilor Flockhart

Passes by Town Council

Fee Increase-Town Clerk-Council President refers to the Finance Committee

Discussion-ARPA Funding-Please see copy of Spread Sheet Attached.

Councilor Aiello discusses these figures and reviews for accuracy.

Town Council amend Town Council Rules & Procedures-Include Council Liaison, to CDIRC, WPB & BOA
Council President would like to consider liaisons for these committees to report the Town Council
Councilors have several different thoughts and will continue this discussion

Motion by Town Council vote to name corner of Shirley St. & Veterans Rd. after David Green/Ramona Cooper-
Council- President refers to the Memorial Committee and will ask for a Positive Recommendation

Update Charter Ordinance Review Procedures-Council President reviews these procedures and the Town Council
should be receiving the recommendations from the Charter Review within the next couple Town Council
Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Veins discusses the tree on 190 Somerset and points out that an arborist and the former Tree Warden agree not to
cut tree down and this discussion has gone on long enough.

Chair of the Board of Health, Bill Schmidt is interested on what proposals might change with the Trash Regulations and
does not want them to interfere with current Board of Health regulations.

Jack Down discusses the bus route service being cut and discusses that the town makes payment to the MBTA for bus
services

Councilor Belcher comments that due to our ridership being smaller, this is the basis of cutting off the bus service in the
point area.

All the Tree Correspondence information is asked for the Town Manager to provide prior to next meeting.

Lucy Diluiso discusses that yes, this has gone on long enough and why do people that do not live on Somerset so
included in any decisions. This is a liability issue now and does not want the town to have to be responsible.

Councilor Fucillo states that if anyone is suffering from anxiety or depression there is help for them.

Councilor Munson states there is a Blood Drive at Odd fellow Hall on Saturday

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Dept. Public Health Offering College Prep Sessions & Resume Workshop- Contact 617-539-5837 ext. 2543

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Belcher to adjourn at 9:30PM

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

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
