

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:02 PM also announcing Zoom information

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to accept Minutes of August 16, 2022, as circulated
2nd by Councilor DeMarco
Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Presentation: CASA-Amy Epstein:

Council President Letterie commits to \$50,000 for CASA from the Town. The funding has been identified from the AARPA Funds received...in the future it will be included in our annual budget.

Discusses survey that is done with students-Please see complete survey on our towns website at
[CASA.PRESENTION.SURVEY.9-20-22 | winthropma](#)

CHA Consulting-Andrew Valcovic & John Morgan

Discusses the Winthrop TIP'S Project-

The Town Council has questions that will be sent to CHA Consulting for further review.

Council President believes this presentation has answered questions about the project but also offered new Information that must be reviewed, there will be 8 parking spots lost, losing close to 50% parking.

Have any stakeholders been involved with these decisions? Yes, they have been.

No new bus enclosures. Easements will cost the town close to \$600-\$900,000 dollars. We the town must pay owner of lot to give access. There is a form that the homeowner can allow these easements will no cost.

Please see complete presentation and explanation of current TIPs Project at

[TIPS PROJECT UPDATE CHA CONSULTANTING PRESENTATION 9-20-22 | winthropma](#)

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Town Council transfer \$195,000 Fire Union Retro Transfer from Salary Reserve/Coll. Bargaining

Councilor Fucillo, Chair of the Finance Sub Committee reports this motion was discussed in meeting and will be voted with a positive recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Lucerto-Owner Swetts Liquors.-Comments on CBD Parking . There is a handicap spot too far from building across St. Next to his building there is a no parking signs, business owners need signs to be erected as to not to keep having to explain to their customers where to park. He commented on a flower bed in front of his store. No one is maintaining the grounds at CBD. He suggests that the Town Council reach out to the business owners to help with maintaining flowers and the grounds. He also discusses the Middle School and what is happening. He is asking the Town Manager for a monthly status report. Our town must stop paying expenses on this building.

Council President reports that the Public Safety has been the main issue of discussion but agrees that Middle School will be addressed sooner than later.

John Morgan P4-Discusses the audio crosswalks and also asks that the Town Council make sure the problem on Crest Ave with the crosswalks is not repeated. Requests strobe light on top of the sign.

CORRESPONDENCE

Concerned citizens and business owners in the CBD of the current parking situation-

Peter Christopher
Brenda Christopher
Julia Wallerice

Citizens concerned with the racist incident that happened in our town

Scott Mahoney Wright
Lenora Foley

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Rules & Ordinance** –Chair, Councilor Ruggiero reports the committee has met 3 times in reference to the ORC Recommendations. Still working on strategy to move forward with these recommendations. Councilor Aiello states that people have been asking if the establishment of this Ordinance Review Committee is in compliance with the Town Counsel and Town Charter as there was an ORC that was appointed in 2020. He is requesting a letter from our Town Counsel to make sure this is allowable?

Council President refers back to several months ago when he reported that we had a discussion with K&P and asks why the Town Council did not bring this up then. Also, it is insulting to question his integrity as to him allowing a committee to work so hard and not know if their work would be accepted.

If any Town Councilor wants to discuss with him and review our information from the Town Counsel, the document is available. Please contact him for a confidential copy.

- **Finance Committee-Chair, Councilor Fucillo reports on agenda item:**
Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that the Town Council transfer \$195,000
No Second Needed

ROLL CALL

Approve: Councilor Honan (Zoom) Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie
Motion Passes

- **Memorials Committee-Chair, Phil Ronan** sent a notice to the Town Council that the David Green/Ramona Cooper dedication was passed with a positive recommendation with the Memorials Committee and requests further advice from the Town Council. Council President reports he will continue reviewing this dedication of the square.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Update on Union Contract

Agreement: Winthrop Police Department

Winthrop Fire Department, DPW,

& Clerical and have tentative agreement

With Library.....

Visited the Council on Aging and the end of the year BBQ, thanks to WPD and WFD...great time

Had first meeting on WCAT with Ron Vecchia

He sent the maintenance Excel Spreadsheet that was requested by Councilor Aiello on our Maintenance Updates to keep as running status. Can be put on website for residents to review.

Received pricing from Woodward & Curran on the Water System Assessment, Phase (1) \$190,000 Phase (2) \$57,000

Capital Plan , Brightley, approx.. \$100,000 for a maintenance plan set up for complete review of all Towns facilities

ADA Project Grants Due, reviewing the Towns needs

Trees look great being planted down Landing.

Reviewing and update on Atlantis Invoice sent them for \$13,000 on illegal tree removal.

Plans on next meeting to do a short power point on CPA, Community Preservations Act for the Town as it can only benefit the town.

DPW Director gives update on town pavement project. All up to date information is on our town website.

Councilor Munson asks if there will be a comprehensive review of all sidewalks in the town.

Town Manager states there will be more to follow but it is being worked on. If there are exact locations, they should be addressed on the See Click, Fix App. Locations are noted when issues are entered.

Councilor Flockhart brings up Fremont St. project and asks current status?

Town Manager replies that it is currently coming before the Planning Board for further review.

Council President reports on the 9-6-22 Primary Election and the number of voters. 66% of the vote was Early Voting. He thanked all the election staff for their hard work.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Council President reports School also presented the CASA presentation and wants everyone to understand that Winthrop kids do have stress and problems.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council President refers to the Rules & Ordinance and Finance Committee to review the Trash Enterprise Fund / Trash Abatement / Trash Enforcement
- Council President refers to the Rules & Ordinance. The discussion of the CBD Parking Requirements

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Aiello to allow all the Library to surplus their old Computer Equipment

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

- Council President Letterie refers to the Finance Committee that the Town Council transfer \$2,400 Finance Dept. Salary Line to Planning Dept. Consulting Line/Intern new GIS System
- Council President Letterie refers to the Finance Committee that the Town Council transfer \$139,500 Water/Sewer Cap. Improvement Fund/Engineer Work Revere, Crest & Grover's
- Council President Letterie refers to the Finance Committee that the Town Council transfer \$241,000 from Salary Res. to the WPD Budget / FY20-22 Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Council President Letterie refers to the Finance Committee that the Town Council vote to accept Provision of MGL Ch.40 S13D/Compensated Absence Reserve Fund

Motion by Councilor Belcher to contract Powers and Sullivan as the Town's Outside Auditors.

Discussion

Town Manager replies that they have been used in the town for several years and have done a good job.

Council Presidents concern is that we are two years behind on suggestions.

We need to receive an up-to-date manual of our audits.

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to accept the appointment by Council President to appoint Peter Gill on the Board of Assessors for the Town of Winthrop for a term to expire June 30, 2025

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt would like to commend the Town Manager on recommending the Community Preservations Act.
Peter Gill thanks Town Council for appointing him to the Board of Assessors

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Openings: TSAC / Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations / Tree Committee
9-29-22 (6:30-8:30) E.B Newton Lyceum Room-Air Pollution and Its Burdens presented by Mothers Out Front

Before asking for motion to adjourn, Council President Letterie asks each Town Councilor if they have anything further to discuss:

Councilor Honan	No
Councilor Fucillo (Zoom)	No
Councilor Munson	Not at this time
Councilor Belcher	No
Councilor DeMarco	Wishes the Jewish community a Happy New Year
Councilor Flockhart	Mothers out Front Presentation on Air Pollution Sept. 29, 6:30 PM Lyceum
Councilor Aiello	No
Vice President Ruggiero	Community recognition of National Recovery month
President Letterie	Trunk or Treat-Contact PTO for further information

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor DeMarco to adjourn at 9:15PM
2nd by Councilor Fucillo
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
