

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Ruggiero

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DeMarco to accept Minutes of November 15, 2022, as circulated
2nd by Councilor Munson
Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

• CHA Consulting, Inc.-Andrew Valkyrie

Winthrop Tips Project Update –Andrew states from previous meeting presentation the questions that the Town Council had asked about project, Bike Lane, Funding for Trees, Lighting & Bus Stop Shelters. CHA, DPW Calla and Town Manager Marino met with Mass Dot and Mass Dot and as for the bike lanes, DOT made clear that we could revisit the design plan which would delay project and more than likely jeopardize funding for the project. Town Council President reports that the project will go forward as designed. Discussion continued. Please see our Town Website for updates [tips.project.cha_consulting.memorandum.qa .pdf](https://tips.project.cha_consulting.memorandum.qa.pdf) (winthrop.ma.us)

• Community Electricity Aggregation

Good Energy-Patrick Roche

Mr. Roche discusses the consulting that helps city and towns help run community electricity aggregation. Please see complete presentation on Town Website [COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY AGGRAGATION PRESENTATION | winthropma](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betty Peabody P4-Has concerns about vandalism in our parks, especially at Hannaford Park. Currently tire tracks in the grass, people sleeping up there, drug paraphernalia and people using this park as a Dog Park. Would like the town to take more time, become more concerns on these problems. She would like to see a fence or something stopping people from entering that park at night. Advocate doing something to make sure our park is treated better.

Carina Campobasso P3-Mothers Out Front- Strongly supports the Community Electricity Aggregation for our Town

Volunteers with Bike Winthrop and discusses the success of the 5th Annual Bike Winter Halloween Bike Ride. They asked their participants as to how they would like to ride their bikes in Winthrop? How would you use your street for bike riding? They received approx... 80 postcards and information back from children on how they would like to ride their bikes which were passed out to the Town Council for input.

Sarah Jane Fourness P6- Speaks on the Tips Project. She appreciates this project and appreciates the funding comes with bike lanes being included. Is confused with the loss of parking spaces as she does not understand where the loss is and in general maybe a Master Plan should be considered.

Carina Campobasso-Mothers out Front is having their 2nd annual pumpkin roll on November 19th, 10-1pm

Peg Lyons P2-Director Winthrop Housing. She asks if there is a Mass DOT deadline on easements and when will these be completed. Understands design changes are not allowed, but now a bus stop does not exist and asks if there is anyway this could be considered. The Housing would also like to help with Trees that are being removed to be replanted.

Council President clarifies it is 4-7 trees not 47 trees being removed. Also, significant changes will not be allowed by Mass DOT, but there might be some minor changes allowed. DPW Director states that 100% committal is not until all easements are completed.

Frank Constantino P2- Comments about Hannaford Park and there is a vandalism problem. Asks neighbors to keep an eye out as well as more police detail in the area. Also, have concerns with the TIP's Project. DPW Director Calla offers explanation on trees not being 100 yr. old trees. A bike survey was done in 2018.

Jack Dowd P3-Discusses the TIP's project bike lane project. Discusses several years ago the bike sparrows on Veterans Rd. would not work, he feels this proposal is similar to this. As far as he is concerned, the sharrows give a false sense of security while bike riding. He does not feel bikes should be sharing spaces with cars.

Carol Walker P5-Hopes that TIP's project trees will be larger as better for the environment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Continued Public Hearing Opened

- Town Council vote to transfer \$247,775 Water Main Master Plan and Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan
There will be a Finance Committee meeting prior to our next Town Council Meeting of 12-6-22

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Ruggiero reports on the Rules & Ordinance Committee Meeting discussing the CBD Parking. After a lot of thought and discussion there was a motion submitted of which there will be a public hearing at our next meeting and this motion will be submitted. Also discussed a Municipal Lot Ordinance, there will also be a public hearing posted on this for next Town Council meeting.

Vice President Ruggiero reports on the Appointments, Commission and Committees-Discussing the Committee Handbook

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager reports that the CFO position has been advertised with the help John Petrin from Paradigm.
Trash Rate draft will be submitted for review.
Ferry is down for the season. It will be back up and running for next season.
RFP for In House Counsel position has been advertised
Shredding Day this Thursday.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Council President reports on the School Committee Report. Main topic was the MCAS. All principals were present with their detailed presentations on the MCAS within the schools will run.

CDICR REPORT

There was not meeting to report

OLD BUSINESS

Trash Enterprise Fund / Trash Abatement / Trash Enforcement – There is a draft that will be submitted to the Town Council for review.
Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations-There will be a public hearing on this Dec. 6, 0222
Committee Handbook-Continued
Town Council vote to transfer \$247,775 Water Main Master Plan and Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan-Continued

NEW BUSINESS

Town Council transfer \$2873.00/Town Council Reserve/Memorial Fund –Cooper-Green Memorial Bench-Council President refers this to the Finance Committee
Town Council transfer \$2,000.00/Finance Dept. Salary for the Board of Appeals Stipend-Held

Water/ Sewer Budget Amendment-Council President refers to the Finance Committee
Sale of Land: 15-17 Walden St.-Council President refers to the Finance Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd P3-Discusses the safety of the children on Revere St. while maybe going to school. It is not safe.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee openings on the Planning Board

11-17-22 Town Shredding Day/Town Hall and Public-Shredding Trucks will be in Town Hall Parking Lot for residents paper shredding only (no newspapers) TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9am to 12pm for business.

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

Vice President Ruggiero-	Reminds up of Pumpkin Smashing Day which is Nov.19 th , 2022
Councilor Honan-	None
Councilor Fucillo –	Wishes all a Happy Safe Thanksgiving
Councilor Munson-	Odd Fellows hosting food drive on behalf of the Winthrop Food Pantry M-F all month
Councilor Belcher-	None
Councilor DeMarco-	Safety of Revere St. He actually likes the bike s
Councilor Flockhart-	Reiterates on the pumpkins smashing day.
Councilor Aiello-	Concerned with the Ferry problems and hope we are working on this.
Councilor Honan-	None

Council President reports a good turnout for the State Election and all ran smooth and thanks the Clerk's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor DeMarco to adjourn at 8:45PM

2nd by Councilor Belcher

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