

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6 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

TOWN COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(6)—

To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Motion by Councilor Aiello to enter into Executive Session

2nd by Councilor Belcher

ROLL CALL

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

Motion by Councilor Belcher to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:50 PM

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

ROLL CALL

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

Return to Open Session: 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DeMarco to accept Minutes of November 15, 2022, as circulated

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed unanimously with a spelling amendment by Councilor Flockhart

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Opened

Water/ Sewer Enterprise Budget Amendment-Opened at previous meeting, this is more of an accounting issue which changes account to Reserve Account.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Public Hearing Opened

Center Business District Signage

Vice President Ruggiero discusses the signs and the proposal that follows the MAPC recommendations...see website for up to date amendments on Center Business Parking.

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

Municipal Lots

Discussion on town municipal lots and new amendments on timing for certain lots....**see website for all up to date changes on parking in a municipal lot.**

Council President reiterates that new signage would have to be purchased.

Director Call questions the 7:00 PM- 7:00 pm as his office is sitting on signs that say 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, wants to make sure we are all aware that signs we have paid close to \$6,000 based on what was voted on for previous parking accepted. If you have a resident sticker, you can park from 1-5AM.

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

Town Council vote to transfer \$247,775 Water Main Master Plan and Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan

Discussion-Town Manager this will give the town the long term strategic plan that has been requested from the Town Council

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

Ordinance Review Committee Charter Recommendations

Council President asks how the Town Council would like to handle this discussion. There are several amendments that are just being voted on and do not have to continue discussion.

Councilor's discussion continues on the Ordinance Review Committee Charter Recommendations. Several thoughts are

Considered on these recommendations and will continue until a final decision has been made on acceptance of Recommendations.

Bill Schmidt - Discusses that in Jan. 2023 a Charter requires another Charter Ordinance Committee to be established, this should be thought about prior to making any final decisions on these recommendations. He states officials are voted on by the people and these officials that were voted in should be trusted to make decisions on these recommendations.

Council President reiterates the Town Council makes the decision to send this to the people for a vote for the citizen's final vote to make the decision.

Councilors continue discussions on these recommendations not only for themselves but hopefully for the public to have a better understanding. Ending on question 8 the Town Council will continue discussion at next Town Council Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt P5-Comments that he was suggesting that the Town Council have an input on the Charter Recommendations and pass along to the public for a final vote on their decisions.

He comments on filling positions on the School Committee, Housing and Library.

Jack Dowd P1-Read an article that was in the Winthrop Transcript in reference to Ingleside Park's 120 year old donation of this land. Governor Baker signed into law to preserve open space needed. This town needs greenery due to the airport. Article 97 protects all open space, which includes all trees on Revere St. during the TIPS project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shannon Poulos wrote in concern on the TIPS project bike lane and tree removal.

Councilor Aiello would like it put on record of over 100 emails received from ESP Professional

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Fucillo reports on the finance committee meeting and motions reviewed were passed with positive recommendation and will cover in Old Business

Rules & Ordinance

Vice President Ruggiero reports on the Rules & Ordinance the meeting on the Municipal Lots.

Appointments, Commission and Committees

Vice President Ruggiero reports on the meeting which included continued discussion on the Committee Handbook and will continue along with Committee Chairs and their input.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Council President reports on the School Committee Report. Had a presentation of the math program, class size and overall class size, individual class size remain good number, overall pretty big. 30 Students from Winthrop will be awarded the Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Councilor Aiello inquires about the correspondence that we did receive on the ESP Special Teacher and they have still not received information on the bargaining committee for these teachers. Councilor President reports it is still in discussion.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Capital Plan is in route for a 5 year plan and will be sent to each Department Head for their input. This will spell out our detailed plan and hopefully done by January for review.

Councilor Aiello feels the public will now see what a capital plan is and it will help with additional input.

Town Manager, DPW Director and Facility Mgr. had. meeting with Brightly (School Dude) that will begin our maintenance program of our long term plans.

There is a draft of a Trash Policy and will get out to Town Council for future meeting.

Trash bills for \$160 will go out in January.

5 legal bids, he is in the process of reviewing.

Renewing Comcast contract.

CFO Position interviews will begin with 3 candidates.

Ferry is down in Newburyport being repaired and will be ready for new season.

Council President thanks DPW Director for Blue Light Emergency Light down at "Delby's Corner"

Town Manager thanks DPW and crew with putting up the X-Mas Tree.

Councilor President reports next year this will be a giving tree for fundraising and thanks the Chamber and the Winthrop Foundation.

Councilor Munson requests a report on the Old Middle School Site on the Town Managers report.

CDICR REPORT

There was not meeting to report

OLD BUSINESS

Trash Enterprise Fund / Trash Abatement / Trash Enforcement - Town Manager will have a policy to review.

Motion by Councilor Aiello to waive reading of the CBD Signage

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance moves that the CBD parking.....Please see attached Motion
No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

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

Motion by Councilor Aiello to waive reading of the Municipal Lots
2nd by Councilor DeMarco
Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance on the Towns Municipal Lots.....Please see attached motion
No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

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

Committee Handbook- Still under Review

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that the Town Council appropriate \$247,775 from
Retained Earnings in the Water Sewer Line Fund to pay a Water Main Master Plan and Long Term Capital
Improvement Plan2nd
No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

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

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that the Town Council transfer \$2873.00/Town
Council Reserve/Memorial Fund –Cooper-Green Memorial Bench

ROLL CALL

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

Motion by the Finance Committee that the Town Council amend its June 7, 2022 vote Water/ Sewer Enterprise Budget
Amendment....Please see attached motion
No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

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

Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations-Still under Review

NEW BUSINESS

Town Council appropriate \$750,125 to Replace Lead Water Service Lines-
Council President refers to Finance Committee

Town Council Vote to Increase Current Retirees Cola Base from \$12,000 to \$13,000
Council President refers to Finance Committee

FY 23 Tax Classifications –
Council President refers to Finance Committee

Town Manager reports on a new state Act that requires Police to have Body Camera's-
Council President refers to the Finance Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd P3-Concerned and opposed to any painted bike lanes in the town.

Karin Chavis P2-Two issues, she hopes that the Town Council considers raising the COLA for the retirees

Also, has question on parking at Town Hall and Veterans Services parking should be removed but her complaint that the HP is occupied by a neighbor or 24 hrs. at a time. This should be reviewed and this homeowner should not be doing this.

Kurt Millar P2- Discusses another meeting for updates on the Ferry and it is more regional and glad Town Council reviewing the Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations as councilors voted in and looks forward to the people input.

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

Councilor Honan-	None
Councilor Fucillo –	Wishes all a Happy Safe Thanksgiving
Councilor Munson-	Odd Fellows hosting food drive received about 700 lbs. of food.
Councilor Belcher-	Another meeting about the MBTA redesign meeting.
Councilor DeMarco-	Compliments Councilor Munson on food drive. /11 Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser, WPD holiday party
Councilor Aiello-	A remarkable celebration on Conel Foley
Councilor Flockhart-	None
Vice President Ruggiero-	Friday evening it's the Eastie's Elves Event-There are drop off toy boxes in Winthrop Thanks the business owner and Chamber in discussions and feedback and Congratulates Council President Letterie on 20 years of Letterie's.

Council President congratulates Winthrop on Winning the Thanksgiving game against Revere and Sean Driscoll winning the Super Bowl for St. Mary's.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Belcher to adjourn at 9:00 PM

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

