

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2022

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Aiello

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Marino

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to accept Minutes of December 6, 2022, as circulated

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Presentation given by Christian Gardner of Axon Body Camera's for the WPD

This is a State Act that the police must now reform to.

The Town has received a grant of which a part of the funding can be applied to the cost.

Chief Delehanty gives a quick overview of why Axon...he has reviewed several other candidates and has come to a decision that Axon is the best camera use along with computer use.

Also the redaction is included with all public requests that need to be addressed.

Negotiating with the Unions with a policy be in place and Police Reform with body Cams and will be included in our policies.

In 5 years all camera's will be replaced and updated and if during that time there is a problem, they will be replaced.

Vice President Ruggiero asks why are we here talking about body camera's....It is not a yes or no...it's are we going with Axon or not.

Council President answers that any contract over a 3 year period must involve the Town Council, this is a 5 yr. contract, other than that the Town Manager can negotiate it.

Councilor Munson inquires if these have been mandated by state or fed's.

Terry-Not yet...but some communities have found it is the best practice for policing.

Grant was applied for and we received and this makes the police department responsible for any actions...would like full effect from the police officers story....not all is textbook and this will tell the full story

Terry-The docking station will keep the cameras up to date and upgrade.

Damaged cameras will be replaced and within 5 years with a renewed budget....

84,000 Grant towards these expenses.

Councilor DeMarco...is Cloud tech Dejour software and if redact, is the original still in the cloud?

Christian-Yes, and after redaction, original will be in cloud

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Public Hearing Opened

Town Council appropriate \$750,125 to Replace Lead Water Service Lines

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

FY 23 Tax Classifications

Discussion-Interim Assessor Patrick Haring reviews values

Information will be on website

Public Hearing Closed

Motion by Vice President Ruggiero to take agenda out of order the old business item for FY

Tax Classification Motion

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation That the Town Council maintains a Uniform Tax rate for all classes of Property for FY2023, authorize Town Manager Marino to sign and electronically submit the LA-5 to the Department of Revenue and the Town Council approves Electronic Signature to this document on behalf of the Town Councilors.

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: Councilor Honan, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco

Councilor Flockhart, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Aiello

Motion Passes

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt P5-Inf favor of increasing COLA increases for the retirees and commend the work on the Committee Handbook

CORRESPONDENCE:

John Stanley-Opposes ORC recommendation of Change of Use

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Council President reports on the School Committee Meeting. Had a presentation from Principal Brian Curley of the WMS. Discussed academic and athletic programs. Discussed upcoming Xmas break.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Sent out draft of Trash Ordinance for review, will be on Jan. Town Council Meeting
Attended Metro Mayor Meeting...good ideas, housing, funding, more to follow
Brightly is starting their building assessments.
DPW ready for plow season and getting ready for any snow removal
Met with MIAA rep and renewed all policies, reviewed each policy.
CFO Interviews , 3 candidates, focusing on one
Meeting with Law Firms with RFP that went out.
Union Contract Update

Councilor Munson asked about negotiations with schools and it was reiterated this is negotiations with the schools only.

Council President talked to representative from Mass Dot about a PILOT project going on, on Bennington St. The project is from Orient Heights down towards Beachmont School. He requested this rep. to attend a Town Council meeting and he agreed for hopefully the 2nd meeting in Jan. 2023

CDICR REPORT

There was not meeting to report

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town appropriates the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$750,125) to pay costs of replacing lead water service lines, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: Councilor Honan, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco

Councilor Flockhart, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Aiello

Motion Passes

Motion by the Finance Committee with Positive Recommendation that the Town Council Vote to Increase Current Retirees Cola Base from \$12,000 to \$13,000

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

**Yes: Councilor Honan, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco
Councilor Flockhart, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie**

Absent: Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Aiello

Motion Passes

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that Town Council vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a 5 yr. contract with Axon Enterprises for police body cameras, cloud storage and redaction software. Total cost of contract over 5 years is \$291,443.40

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL VOTE

**Yes: Councilor Honan, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco
Councilor Flockhart, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie**

Absent: Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Aiello

Motion Passes

Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations- Continued
Committee Handbook-Continued

NEW BUSINESS

The Following is referred to the Finance Committee:

Town Council vote to appropriate \$989,542 Certified Free Cash as listed

Town Council vote to transfer \$24,232.64 from Salary Reserve and appropriate \$30,567.36 (\$54,800) from Free Cash /Non Union COLA's

Town Council vote to transfer \$5,000 from the Town Council Reserve to Town Manager Gen.
Office/Employee Recognition

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Delehanty thanks the Town Council for their support for the body camera's and thanks them for the positive recommendation on the retirees COLA.

Kenneth Goodwin P2-Discusses the Recommendations from the Ordinance Review Committee and asks the Town Council to bring knowledge to the town residents and educate the residents that could be captured to our town. Highly recommends this information to be reviewed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Clause is coming to Town 12-24-22 beginning at 4:30PM / Route will be on WCAT and Town Website
Energy Bill Check Up Event-Winthrop Public Library December 21, 2022 from 1-4PM
Town Council wishes all a very happy safe holiday

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 –	Absent
Councilor Munson-	Thanks this town with the committee volunteers and the employees
Councilor Belcher-	None

Councilor DeMarco-	Happy Holidays
Councilor Aiello-	Absent
Councilor Flockhart-	Happy Holidays and thanks all that comes to our meetings to join in, shows good faith on our residents to be involved
Vice President Ruggiero-	Reports tomorrow 9:30 -12:00 Capic is at the COA reviewing Fuel Assistance and will be several more to follow Gives a congratulations to the Chair of The Finance Commission, Matt Gorzkowicz for his being recently named as the Secretary for the Executive Office of Administration and Finance in the Healy Administration. This is quite an honor and he agreed to stay as the Chair of the Finance Commission for the town.

Council President also wished him the best.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor DeMarco to adjourn at 9:00 PM
2nd by Councilor Munson
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