

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2023

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson (Zoom), Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco

Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor Flockhart,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Ruggiero

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WPD-Retired Chief McManus

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DeMarco to accept Minutes of December 20, 2022, as circulated
2nd by Councilor Belcher

Abstain: Councilor Aiello, Councilor Fucillo

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Public Hearing Opened

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

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

- 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
- Discussion

Public Hearing Closed

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations

Town Charter Review Continues with Town Council with the recommendations made by the ORC. Process will continue and full amendments will be made available prior to being voted on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd P1-Trying to get ahead of an issue about biking in Winthrop. Discusses the bike lane on Veterans Rd. which was decided not a good idea. Has not heard much discussion about the sharrows and his thoughts were no sharrows would be done. The town has received a grant (Tips Project) of which this grant mandates the sharrows. He believes just because money is provided for a project does not make it right.

Peter Gill P5-Discusses the ORC Recommendations on the Town Council President/Town Council Term.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Donna Reilly –Final Environmental Impact Report from Logan Airport. There is a meeting Jan. 23, 2023

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

No Meeting

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Addresses concerns with the municipal parking lot behind the Methodist Church with the new ordinance that was passed, signs will be made, vehicles will be removed.

Dillon Cook has been hired as the Town CFO-He will start Jan. 30, 2023

Asked 3-D Renderings on the Tips Project

Concern rose with sidewalks in certain areas that have been requested by constituents. (Walden, Pauline and other areas)

Market Place has concerns with the black containers and how this impacts their business, they would like to meet and discuss.

Trash Ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilor DeMarco requests that the Middle School have an update at each meeting.

Town Manager stated currently looking at demo costs, took tour of building, do we keep gym? Keep the auditorium; do we do what Lynn did with theirs?

TSAC has agreed that there will be more conversation with Boston and the public safety concern with any construction they do.

Town Council President did talk to Mass Dot and they will be presenting at our next meeting on work being done from Bennington St., E Boston and Revere

Councilor Aiello follows up on the Gov. signing a new bill Act to Reduce Fatalities. It involves more crosswalks. It directs Mass DOT to install signs....could we request this from Mass Dot?

Town Manager reports that during the current storm and DCR making the call to close off Short Beach has to be made more aware to the town for awareness to our citizens.

Town Council President reports severe flooding on Morton St. and Pico; these areas have to be reviewed for correction during storms. DPW have been looking into this problem also.

Town Council President requests that more lines of sight issues. People are parking right on the edge of someone's driveway and causing problems with people seeing out their driveway. There are definitely areas that there is a line of sight problem. He would like this to go back to TSAC

Councilor Aiello thought Director Calla was looking into this.

CDICR REPORT

There was not meeting to report

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that the Town Council vote to appropriate \$989,542 Certified Free Cash as listed...

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor Flockhart,

Motion Passes

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that 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

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor Flockhart,

Motion Passes

Motion by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation that Town Council vote to transfer \$5,000 from the Town Council Reserve to Town Manager Gen. Office/Employee Recognition

No 2nd Needed

Motion Passes

Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations

Committee Handbook-will is ready for circulation at the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Council Nominate and Vote for Vice President (Town Council Rules & Procedures Rule 1(b))

Motion by Councilor Honan to nominate Councilor Ruggiero as Town Council Vice President

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

No Other Nomination

Closed

Nomination for Councilor Ruggiero to continue as Town Council Vice President

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor DeMarco that the Town Council Suspend Rule 8 of Town Council Rules & Procedures to combine (2) Council Standing Committees into (1)-Economic Development and Capital Assets Committee

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Discussion

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Munson that the Town Council Suspend Rule 8 of Town Council Rules & Procedures to create a new Council Standing Committee-Committee Intergovernmental Strategies...(See Attached Information)
2nd by Councilor Belcher
Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Absent: Councilor Flockhart,

Motion Passes

Town Council President Reports there will be a list of 2023 Town Council Standing Committees issued to each councilor.

Motion by Councilor Belcher that the Town Council Suspend Rule 2(a) to vote for (3) Town Council Meetings in Jan. 2023 (3rd, 17th, 31st) and (1) on Feb. 21, 2023
2nd by Councilor Fucillo
Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Morgan speaks about the snow and the businesses and residents take care of their snow removal for public safety. The DPW does their work and he asks that the businesses and residents do their obligations of snow removal.

Councilor Ruggiero also asked for other areas to be noted for snow removal.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

MMA Annual Trade Show-Jan. 20-21st. 2023

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 –	None
Councilor Munson-	Councilor Munson wants to notify people of coyotes in Winthrop, people Must be careful!
Councilor Belcher-	None
Councilor DeMarco-	Thanks Former Councilor Ferrino for the work on the EB Newton Clock Tower
Councilor Aiello-	None
Councilor Flockhart-	Absent
Vice President Ruggiero-	Thanks the Councilors for their vote of confidence on him being named Council Vice President for 2 nd year

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Belcher to adjourn at 9:15 PM

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
