

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2021

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

MOMENT OF SILENCE

March 27th Victims of Nashville's The Covenant School

Town Council President has asked Chief Delehanty and Superintendent Howard to discuss Winthrop School Safety as it is top priority to provide safety for our children. There is so much that can be discussed due to security but they do want all to know the importance of the safety they provide.

Chief Delehanty has been working on continuing safety since becoming Chief and has received several grants and funding due to Speaker Deleo. Every year in August the school is inspected for safety by Superintendent Howard, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Building Commissioner, Public Safety and Team School Resource Officer prior to school opening for the season. Camera systems are run for the town as well as with the schools cameras. There is a live feed at all time.

Superintendent Howard works on the threat assessment source team. There is equipment that can be installed in minutes for any actions that need to be done immediately.

Safety is both the Superintendent and Chiefs number one priority for our children and they would like all to understand how important this is. There is training for all school employees as well as training for students for any potential harm that may come anyone's way. This safety also includes safety against students within the schools with interaction of each other.

Any concerns can be addressed to Superintendent Howard, the Staff and the Chief of Police.

Superintendent Howard and Chief Delehanty also thank all their staff for the hard work and support.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Belcher to accept the Minutes of March 21, 2023

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Sacco P2-Discusses the Proposed Flag Policy. Thanks all for their time in the writing of this. He has some concerns on how there are two masters of the policy, the Town Council and the Town Manager. It should be up to one to decide on which flags to fly. He also read a letter into the record from Brianna Malloy and their wife Sarah as they could not be here.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Commission:

Councilor Belcher discusses the meeting and there will be a motion from their committee in old business.

Rules & Ordinance

Vice President Ruggiero reports on the Rules & Ordinance meeting on the motions for the Board of Appeals which will be continued. They discussed the Flag Policy and have voted with a positive recommendation and will move forward. Councilor Aiello discussed the importance of these motions, along with the Ordinance Review of the Air BnB and the Usage Ordinance for the Board of Appeals

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Council President reports on the meeting:

The Schools FY24 Budget is in review. If anyone has any thoughts on the budget, please contact Superintendent Howard.

Contractual ESP has been settled.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

The Flag poles at the E.B. Newton will be installed this week.

He has visited the Ferry and the new engines look good. All on track. Hopefully it will open end of April.

Once boat certified the Coast Guard will do their inspection.

Working daily and hard on the budget with the Finance Team.

Working with local VSO for Memorial Day Celebration.

Sent all letters for easements on the Revere St. Tips Project

Project on target with June beginning

Union Negotiations going well

DPW Calla and the Tree Warden have reviewed where the donated trees for the Green/Cooper Memorial will be planted and done within the next month and there will be a memorial bench also installed.

Councilor Munson asks about what trees are being planted and if the Tree Committee is involved.

And there were some suggestions for where the trees will be planted. DPW is aware and taking into effect.

Councilor Flockhart asks if the MBTA is involved with the Ferry yet. Town Manager states not at this time. But Massport has asked that a new location be added for a spot at airport.

COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Meeting will be held next week

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council vote to transfer \$18,000 from the Town Attorney Legal Services/Town Attorney Personnel Line

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

Review Board of Appeals Composition-Continued

Motion by the Rules and Ordinance with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council accept the Flag Policy for the Town of Winthrop...Please see copy of entire Policy on Town Website

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

Councilor DeMarco discusses seeing the original version which has been amended. He does not have to add certain flags.

Councilor Aiello has a working 5A and C and thinks reality should be all are a Proclamation, which they are. What is process of proclamation and how will the Town Council vote on it. If anyone is interested they can contact the Town Council and it will be put on the Town Council agenda for review.

Council President explains the Town Manager has the right to also approve a flag waiving.

Councilor DeMarco would like any flag waving to be consistent.

Anyone can come forward to ask about a flag waving and it will be voted with at a Council Meeting. Any request will be discussed thoroughly.

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

Absent: Councilor Fucillo

Motion to Pass Flag Policy Passes

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to waive the reading of the Solid Waste Ordinance

2nd by Councilor Aiello

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Rules and Ordinance with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council vote to accept the Solid Waste Ordinance....Please see Solid Waste Ordinance in its entirety on the Towns Website.

This does not affect the current Trash Fee.

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

Councilor Munson thanks all for their hard work on finalizing this Ordinance.

Councilor DeMarco discusses the past overrides for the town and understands that taxes are still paid towards our trash and you have a family of 5 in one house and a family of 2 in one house they are paying the same, he cannot vote positive on this.

Councilor Flockhart also pays taxes but has a private pick up. All pay taxes.

Vice President Ruggiero reiterates that this is not voting on a Trash Fee, this already happened, this is separate and enforcing a contract that was signed previously.

Councilor Belcher reiterates what Vice President Ruggiero stated.

Our goal is to throw away less.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor Fucillo

Not Approve: Councilor DeMarco

Motion Approved

Winthrop Beach Access Points-Continued for Representation

Councilor Aiello believes that DCR may not be honoring their contract with taking care of Winthrop Shore Dr.

MBTA Review-Continued for Representation

Town Council Evaluation Forms, Employees-Evaluations will be sent for feedback by Town Council and then will be sent to the employees.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilor Belcher to accept the appointment of Debbie Chavis to the Scholarship Committee for a term to end June 30, 2024

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-

April 29, 2023 10am to 12pm Annual Rabies Clinic-Old Middle School Auditorium

Applications until April 7, 2023-Sr. Work Off Program-Applications available from the Sr. Center

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

Councilor Honan-	Remind not to throw textiles in bins, there are several bins in town and there is also a book donation bin
Councilor Munson-	Blood Drive April 11, 2023 at Odd Fellows Hall
Councilor Belcher-	Donate to the Rona Mael Scholarship to the Tax Dept.
Councilor DeMarco-	Flag Football starts on April 15, 2023
Councilor Aiello-	April 29 th & 30 th . Winthrop Arts Festival
Councilor Flockhart-	None
Vice President Ruggiero-	May 7 th Deer Island, WINARC will have their annual walk and roll

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Belcher to adjourn at 8:20 PM

2nd by Councilor Aiello

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