

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2023

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Vice President Ruggiero, Councilor Fucillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Flockhart

MINUTES

Motion by Council President to accept the Minutes of April 18, 2023

Passed Unanimously-Councilor DeMarco Abstain

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Massport-Runway Closing-Update by Mike Vatalaro-Please see Website for complete update

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Public Hearing Opened

Taking of Town Easements-Revere St. TIP's Project

The Town Manager discusses that Mass DOT wants to make sure all easements are in place. Some people did not even know they had easements that needed to be taken. Appraisals were sent for all temp. and permanent easements.

Approx. 67 parcels were appraised and then that appraisal was sent to be reviewed by another appraiser. A Just Compensation Study letter was sent to all involved on their easements and what the value is they are offered..

Individual Compensation \$719,018 is being paid by ARPA's money so it is not coming from our funding

A diary of phone calls and all documentation must be sent to Mass DOT

Milo plans are available for review to e recorded with the registry of deeds...

If a person does not agree with offering they can review and request a change in offering.

Public Comment:

Councilor Aiello finds Massports information stunningly vague and would like more information on this entire runway closure to notify the public of more information and would like contractual information that should be shared with the Town Council

Ernani Bove P4--139 Revere St.—He states he received paperwork in mail but knew nothing about the easement taking nor this meeting. He is advised that if he does not agree with this value he must get a private appraiser and do his due diligence with his own legal team.

These easements are being done, recorded and paid whether anyone agrees or not. You do have a choice to appeal.

He is also complaining about a bus stop right in front of his home.

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

National Grid- Plan # 30759231- Cottage Ave

Discussion

DPW Director Calla has conditions for this project that must be followed.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vasilli Malios P5-Apologized about having to talk about chickens....this should not be a priority.

Does the BOH Chair have the authority to issue a citation?

Town Council President states No, he does not.

There was confusion on this ticket issue and ticket will be voided

He did receive a letter prior to violation

He did file a formal complaint.

He knows he is personally being targeted....

Sense of community is lacking...Vasilli explains how Mr. Schmidt was invited to his home then this happen...

285 signatures regarding location was taking?

BOH Chair said those signatures met nothing?

Requests TC to remove BOH Chair

BOH, Chair Bill Schmidt defends his Board and the history of this ordinance. He started reviewing this ordinance prior to Mr. Malios having a chicken permit.

Jack Dowd (P1)...He believes the director of the Public Health should be able to issue a violation on safety issues.

Is this still the policy? Town Manager states that the Building commissioner Al Legee is responsible for these tickets.

John Vitagliano P5-Transportation Issues with the town...strongly recommends that the Town Council makes this a high priority to help with the speeding.

Requests information on public ways vs. public walkways and the issue of the owners. This is an issue that has to be addressed. The Town should know who owns these private ways.

Grace Kingsbury (P4) She has a question on the Crest Ave playground and discusses the conditions the park and it has been inoperable for 3 years...is this on the radar to be completed?

Comments on DPW Trucks Idling...can this be addressed and how long is allowed.

Town Manager states there is a state law of 10 mins....

Tree planting for Cooper Green...they are stressed and need to know if they can be watered at a higher rate?

Parks and Rec have ordered the parts that are needed for this park.

Steven Mallios P5-Discusses the Speeding on Pleasant St and asks about crosswalks on

Has question on chickens....Mr. Schmidt grandfathered in 6 chickens to 12 why not Vasilli and his coops and what is health issue of front yard vs. side yard.

Councilor Aiello discusses focus on the ISD and need to do an audit. There are enough complaints that causes him to believe that we need to make sure things are being permitted correctly...He would like an open discussion on the ISD at a future meeting...

CORRESPONDENCE:

Julia Wallerice-Green Way

Shannon Viera-Parking Walden and Lincoln St.

Councilor Aiello asks if we have made a request to get into the Mass DOT CIP?
Town Manager states , yes we have and this is in the Capital Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointments, Commission & Committees

Councilor Belcher reports on the Town Council Employee Evaluations which are completed.

Reviews were very good for both employees of the Town Clerk, Town Council Clerk and Town Manager.

Finance Commission

Councilor Belcher reports the Commission met with the WPD & WFD to discuss their FY24 Budget

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilor President reports on School Department who did not have a meeting but discusses the great events the School holds and one of the favorite thing of his is the top 10% breakfast. All kids from top 10% of each class. It's a proud moment for parents and the community pride of these students...He would like to acknowledge the kids of each class.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Marino

Update fire Veterans Rd...continue working with families..down to 7 families that still need help...comments on clear team helping these families out, Meredith's team has done a great job
Still looking for more funding with the help from Senator Edwards and Representative Turco.

As of 7-1-23 you are allowed two barrels then you must purchase overflow bags. Flyers and information will be going out to residents...

Ferry passed hull inspection will be brought to Winthrop for the Ferry Year to begin. Date will be announced shortly

Union Contract Lt. Done....Negotiating for ratification on Police side is being reviewed.

Shared a 3D rendering form Revere St. TIPS Project Very informative- see website for this slide

Public Works will be reviewing the public walkways

Councilor Aiello requests that pathways be reviewed for their actual size.

Councilor Belcher requests information on the mitigation on the Tunnel Closing.

Town Manager replies that not as of yet, but it will be soon.

COMMISSION OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Councilor Belcher reports on the meeting with the Pride Pot Luck should be June 17th and also a small ceremony for when the Pride Flag and Juneteenth Flags are raised

OLD BUSINESS

- Winthrop Beach Access Points-Still awaiting for meeting with DCR to discuss further. Rep. Turco is working on this meeting.
- MBTA Review-Town Council President reports had a good meeting with the MBTA . The MBTA will move bus from Hermon St. to Walden St. by July 2nd...Safety and traffic flow will be immensely better. There will be 3 stops on Walden St. Further information to follow.
- Councilor Aiello requests Bus shelters

- Town Council Employee Evaluation –Completed and will be sent to HR for each employee file.

Council President reports that the Ordinance Review information has been sent to Town Counsel and hopefully a packet of information for the Town Council to review will be available by end of May.

- Private Paths/Walkways-We are given ideas of where these are in town.
Council President sends this to the Public Works Committee to review the liability, maintenance and have a current list of public pathways and beach access roads.

Councilor Aiello asks for a legal size of these pathways.

Councilor Munson requests an actual map of these pathways

- Taking of Town Easements-Revere St. TIP's Project

Motion by Councilor Belcher that the Town of Winthrop acquire by gifts, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise on such terms and conditions as the Town Council shall deem to be the better interest for the Town on the permanent and temporary easements on the parcels on land shown on the plans entitled Winthrop Revere St. Winthrop Mass Easement Plan dated March 27, 2023, be advised CHA, 141 Long Water Drive, Norwell, MA revised through this date as may be amended which plans will be put on file with the Town Clerk for public ways surfaces including but not limited for the construction alteration, maintenance improvement repair and/or replacement of roads or sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and traffic signals and further to authorize the Town Manager to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote and other acts authorized as written

(This motion is for the easements only)

2nd by Councilor Munson

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Vice President Ruggiero, Councilor Fucillo

Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Council President refers the following to the Finance Committee

- Town Council appropriate \$49,860 Retained Earnings/ Waterways Fund
- Town Council appropriate \$5,824.08 Unpaid Bills Prior Year
- Town Council appropriate \$43,800 Free Cash / Year End Close
- Town Council transfer \$164.05 Scholarship Closeout
- Town Council appropriate \$500,000 Water/Sewer Retained Earnings / Stabilization Fund
- Town Council appropriate \$62,619 Capital Stabilization / Police Vehicles Capital Project
- Town Council appropriate \$200,000 for Certified Free Cash
- Town Council vote to modify the General Fund Budgets/ close FY23

Council President Refers to the Rules & Maintenance Committee:

- Town Council discuss Town Council Rules & Procedures Section 2 (a)-

Motion by Councilor Aiello to accept the National Grid- Plan # 30759231- Cottage Ave, with the conditions given by Director DPW Calla

2nd by Councilor Munson

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Absent: Vice President Ruggiero, Councilor Fucillo

Motion Passes

Motion by the Appointment on Committtee & Commissions with a Positive Recommendation to accept the Evaluations of Town Council Employees

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt, Chair on the Board of Health answers questions about chicken information that has been grandfathered in.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-

Nomination Papers for the 11-7-23 Election are now available at the Town Clerks Office/Deadline to Return 9-19-2023

5-20-23-Hazardous Household Collection at the DPW 9am-12pm

5-28-2023 Memorial Day Program- Begins 10:00 Winthrop Cemetary-Information on Town Website

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 Belcher-	Winthrop Engages Event has been postponed
Councilor Munson	Community Lunch for Winthrop First Responders to show support for their hard work on the Fire on Veterans Rd. Also mentions the passing of Rich Clancy
Councilor DeMarco-	Congratulates Town Council Clerk and Town Manager on a Good Year.
	Also mentions the passing of Mr. Pelegritti and Mr. Nimblett
Councilor Aiello-	None
Councilor Flockhart-	May 24, Jane Healy Author at Library/May 31 st presentation of the Delphina Theater Company on Lizzie Borden at the Lyceum Room
Vice President Ruggiero-	Absent

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Belcher to adjourn at 9:24 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
