

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2023

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor DeMarco

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.

Town Council will return to Open Session

Motion by Councilor Belcher to go into Ex. Session

2nd by Councilor Fucillo

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

Absent: Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passes

Town Council is back in Open Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Honan

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Beverly Barisano

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Belcher to Approval of Minutes, May 16, 2023 as circulated

2nd by Councilor Aiello

Passed Unanimously-Vice President Ruggiero Abstained

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FY24 Recommendation Presentation from Finance Commission

Finance Commission requests the Town Council to approve the Town Managers budget

Discussion with the Town Council

Presentation will be on Web Site

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Public Hearing Opened

FY 24 Budget

Discussed

Motion by Councilor Belcher to continue Public Hearing

2nd by Councilor Munson

Passed Unanimously

Public Hearing Continued

Public Hearing Opened

Town Council appropriate \$49,860 Retained Earnings/ Waterways Fund

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

Town Council appropriate \$43,800 Free Cash / Year End

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed**Public Hearing Opened**

Town Council appropriate \$500,000 Water/Sewer Retained Earnings / Stabilization Fund

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed**Public Hearing Opened**

Town Council appropriate \$62,619 Capital Stabilization / Police Vehicles Capital Project

Public Hearing Closed**Public Hearing Opened**

Town Council appropriate \$200,000 for Certified Free Cash

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed**Public Hearing Opened**

Town Council vote to modify the General Fund Budgets/ close FY23 (\$286,492.53)

Public Hearing Closed**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jack Dowd P2-Discussed the bus route being changed was not done by previously by the Town Council
Walden St. is very narrow and this was deemed inappropriate....

The Town Manager believes this is a suitable option.

He asks why there was no public hearing or meeting on this change of bus routes.

This will make it difficult for people to make this change...

Maybe eliminate the bus services, there are many different options

Many programs and many ways to finance....

UBER like Service is used for towns of 50,000 +

Maybe get funded by the state or MBTA....

Not many people taking the T anymore....

New Revenue....for sale sign on Bank of America...bids were due. If a person has to bid on this property,
they are going to want to get the most out of this property...

We'll find out consequences of new project. This will have an effect of people living in the area.

Comments on Somerset Bldg. being a pet friendly building, but it is not...dogs are using French Sq.
now...why are there not signs?

Peg Roberts P5-Has a question on the runway 9 and the planes are inundating the point. What are we getting
from Mass port to mitigate the discomfort on these planes and noise?

Town Council President understands her concerns and there is a PILOT paid and we will pass her concerns on.

Karin Chavis P1) Thanks Matt....great presentation...

Has question on Waterways cost...current slip feed does include now but will benefit if boats choose to add
something else...frig, ac..etc.

Confused on police vehicles? Vehicles will be alternated due to the hybrid taking a year and gas only 8 weeks,
we can work with both but will alternate between both.

Finance Committee

Councilor Fucillo reports all motions were given Positive Recommendation. Would like to thank Councilor Belcher and Councilor Ruggiero for their help in his absence

Rules & Ordinance

Council Rule 2A to change the Town Council meeting time to change from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The Committee did not find this with a positive recommendation and will preserve the original time of 7:00 pm

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilor President Reports on School Department and what a great job on the WHS graduation. All week is amazing events for all students. One thing they do is the walk through, through other schools and it works out wonderfully for students. HS students get to go back to their old schools. 130+ kids graduated and over \$350,000 awarded in scholarships.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Marino reminds an electronic recycling. Comcast contract down to final meetings.

Revere St. tips project has been registered at the registry of deeds, people can start picking up their checks.

Little more info for Mass DOT, but very near completion

Thanks all that came to the Pride Flag Raising

June 17, Pride Pot Luck at the Ingleside Park

June 19th will be rising of the Juneteenth Flat

Final MOA Police Sgt. Contract. All contracts up to date, Fire Dept. will be last

Memorial Day services were well attended

Recorded show on Trash Changes with WCAT for community effective 7-1-23

Councilor Aiello requests update on Air BnB Ordinance Information for our June 27th Meeting

Councilor Flockharts asks if Trash Flyers were mailed? Town Manager replies yet

Councilor Munson reports that a letter was submitted that the Ingleside Tennis Courts be named after John Domenico and asks where this stands.

Town Council President reports this will be on the agenda in a future Town Council Meeting

Councilor Flockhart has confusion with textiles bins, would like these marked better

COMMISSION OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Meeting June 14th

OLD BUSINESS

TSAC-Locust St.

Council President reports that back in 2020 a recommendation from TSAC came and the Town Council never acted on them. Constituents have inquired and this will be reviewed. Have asked Chief Delehanty to attend the next Town Council meeting and get the exact review from him.

Councilor Aiello would like more enforcement.

Winthrop Beach Access Points-DCR has been reached out about set of stairs for the summer being installed.

MBTA effected July 2, 2023 the current bus top routes will be changed from Hermon St. to Walden St. This is being changed by the Town Manager and the Town Council President believes this should be done. Will this be perfect? No, but it is something that will be done. Bus Stop at crosswalk on Walden at B Ball Court, Corner of Lincoln and Pauline (Tennis court side) Bus stops to mimic Main St. stops.

Councilor Belcher asks how people are being notified of this
Town Manager reports MBTA will be advertising and it will be on WCAT

Town Manager reports this decision did not come lightly but at this point it should be considered and MBTA also wanted this sooner than later.

Walkway Stairs from Hermon St. to Walden St. are being reviewed for repair since these will be used more due to the change in the bus route.

Town Council President reports that we are looking to demolish the Middle School and the auditorium, his thoughts that there could be 3 lots available for the neighborhood and between this would be green space and one plan came to the final stage, gym would be taken down and a pt. Partnership with Edge Sports Group, family oriented athletic menus. There will be field trips to visit the Edge Sports Group in Braintree.

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town Council appropriate \$49,860 Retained Earnings/ Waterways Fund

No 2nd Needed

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

Absent: Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passes

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that Town Council appropriate \$5,824.08 Unpaid Bills Prior Year

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that Town Council appropriate \$43,800 Free Cash / Year End Close

No 2nd Needed

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

Absent: Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passes

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that Town Council transfer \$164.05 Scholarship Closeout

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that Town Council appropriate \$500,000 Water/Sewer Retained Earnings / Stabilization Fund

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Motion Passes

Town Council appropriate \$200,000 for Certified Free Cash-Tabled

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that Town Council vote to modify the General Fund Budgets/ close FY23 **(\$286,492.53)**

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

Absent: Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passes

All in favor of keeping the Town Council Meetings at 7:00 PM

Passed

All in favor of changing Town Council Meeting to 6:00 PM

Passed -Town Council President Letterie

Town Council Meetings will continue to begin at 7:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS

Following Motions will be continued until our June 13, 2023 Town Council Meeting:

FY 24 Budget

Adoption of Annual General Fund Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Adoption of Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Adoption of Larsen Rink Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Adoption of Ferry Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Adoption of Harbormaster Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Adoption of Recreation Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Adoption of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Adoption of Annual Revolving Budgets for FY2024

Council President refers to the Finance Committee

Year-End General Fund Inter-Budgetary Transfers #2 **(\$263,627.00)**

Motion by Councilor Aiello that the Town Council accepts the appointment made by Town Council President of Denise Quist to the Disability Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

Hannah Belcher will be named as Town Council Liaison to the Disability Commission

Motion by Councilor Belcher that the Town Council accepts the appointment made by the Town Council President of John Morgan to the Disability Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2026

2nd by Councilor Munson

Passed Unanimously

Discussion-Court Rd –Would like TSAC to review closing this road at Halloween Night for safety purposes

Motion by Councilor Fucillo that the Town Council Waive Rule 2A –Town Council June Meetings (13th & 27th) and one meeting in July on the 18th
2nd by Councilor Munson
Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne Swope P4-Concern of new bus route and the people that come through cars and cannot be seen crossing

John Morgan P4-Thanks for being named on committee. As his first official request, he would like trees outside of Town Hall trimmed.

Bill Schmidt P5-Concerned on parking on Walden St.

John Dowd P1-What is alternative bus route? Could it be put back on the original route?

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

Effective 07/01/23 Town Ordinance for Number of Bins per Household and Overflow Bags (See Town Website

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

Councilor Honan-	Electronic Recycling Event, behind the Parks and Rec Building
Councilor Fucillo-	None
Councilor Belcher-	Winthrop Farmers Market this Sunday
Councilor Munson	Congratulates all graduates
Councilor DeMarco-	Absent
	Congratulations on graduates. Winthrop Pride Ride on June 24 at 5:00 pm
Councilor Flockhart-	None
Vice President Ruggiero-	Winthrop Field Day June 10, at Ingleside Park by CASA

Vice President Ruggiero announces he will not be running for re-election at the end of his term of Precinct 6

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Belcher to adjourn at 9:45 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
