

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2023 MINUTES

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:00 PM

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson, Councilor Belcher, Councilor DeMarco, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie
Absent: Councilor Honan and Councilor Aiello

Council President thanks the Town Clerks office for their hard work during the election and congratulates each newly elected candidate present at this meeting
John DaRos P6, Suzanne Swope P4....Max Tassinari could not be present

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor DeMarco

3. **MINUTES**

Motion by Councilor Belcher to approve the Minutes, November 3, 2023
2nd by Councilor Flockhart
Councilor DeMarco Abstain
Motion Passed

4. **GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing Opened:

Town Council appropriates the sum of \$980,000 to pay costs of replacing lead water service lines

Councilor Fucillo, Chair of the FC reports this was voted with a positive recommendation.

DPW Calla: This is a continuation with our lead line approval program with the DEP is looking at full and partial lead lines. 99 services we have round up to 100.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vasily Malios P5- Thanks Town Clerk for their hard work. He took it upon himself to do a survey on why the Fire House was not voted in and it was discussed by most it was due to the location

Bill Schmidt commends Mr. Mallios for his hard work. He spent time campaigning for candidates...everyone believed a new fire house is needed but question the ...location, cost, where tenants go...he urges Town Council to engage the public with the next proposal of the Fire House

John DaRos P6-Mission accomplished that a new fire house is needed and agrees that the need to act is now ...wishes more people would attend the meetings and public hearings. We are living with unsafe conditions with our fire fighters.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. Bill Schmidt P5-Discusses Noise at the Airport It will be on the BOH Agenda/ including emails from Josh Baranov and Attn Jim Cipoletta

Chris Tsiotos/ Dale Dunbar-----Support of the memorials committee motion to name the Tennis Courts at John Domenico

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee-Chair Councilor Fucillo reports on the motion for \$980,000 and it was voted with a Positive Recommendation

9. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council President Reports, MCAS presentation each principal gave presentation on plans how to address MCAS scores...post and nag and areas of opportunities...they have addressed issues with a math program that starts with elementary school students...

Education is a process...what is good about these reports that in 10th grade when completed, we are incredibly successful with the MCAS scores...we are in the 90+ percentile of our students passing the MCAS Positive Feedback....

All conference all-stars...sports teams did really well...next week Thanksgiving Game

10. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

He attended Ferry Zoom meeting with stakeholders, discussed plans for next season. All are happy with progress. Currently in a two yr. lease and wish for it to be continued.

There will be a Tax Classification Public Hearing on November 28th to begin the setting of the FY24 Tax Rate

Discussed the location of the Fire House but it is imperative we get a new firehouse. Cost increases close to \$100,000 monthly...

He is currently working on a RFI for the Middle School to include sports complex, hotel any economic ideas. We are looking at Zen City for community input

Hosting public hearing on Comcast contract on Dec. 12th.. Bill Solemin will be available for any questions.

Town Hall will be closing next Wed. at 12:00 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

There have been 7400 trash bags sold so far, approx.. \$77,000 looking close to \$80,000 for year.

Revere St. first coat of pavement will be this week.

DPW Calla it is a 4" binder course....will be done by Friday, next week the last 2"

He shares the same frustration as all how road was left for long weekend. It is really important that we maintain reasonable expectation. This road way reproduction will begin soon from Magees Corner and Crest Ave next...this will achieve proper curb height and road service that will hold for decades...years and years of just overlay left us with no drainage, pot holes, uneven curbs. This is not just an overlay it is complete reconstruction.

Councilor Belcher thanks for update on construction but would like more of "layman" terms for citizens to totally understand.

Councilor Munson...what is a binder?

DPW Calla—base asphalt....this will stay through the winter...this is the first phase and it will be completed in the spring. Facebook just has too much information that can be wrong....we cannot police it unfortunately.

Comcast? Renegotiation? Can we make sure service level high enough. When paying top notch dollar we should have better service. Town working on Capital from Comcast, WCAT depends on this income from Comcast.

Town Manager reports Rink will not be included in the Middle School RFI

Can there be a ballot question with A-B -C.....

Town Manager has never seen a ballot question like this, there could be a survey.

Town Council reports that the vote could be in March, Sept. Primary and Presidential in November.

Councilor Flockhart discusses on DPW Calla report...very informative...could this be sent out to citizens.

Councilor Fucillo discusses the upload speeds of ComCast ...Comcast has not done great with this....

Town Council President discusses the Town Christmas Tree a French Square and this year there will be a memory star program that you can buy a Memory Star at \$25...you can write on it yourself ...Technically Chamber event, portion will be going to miamore....it will be a \$15 renewal for each year...

11. COMMISSION OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS-

No Meeting

12. OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that Town Council appropriates the sum of \$980,000 to pay costs of replacing lead water service lines

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor Honan, Councilor Aiello

Motion Passes

13. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by the Memorials Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Ingleside Tennis Courts be named after John Domenico

Motion by Vice Ruggiero to accept this motion

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Discussion

Vice President Ruggiero in favor of this

Councilor Munson meant him and feels he is very highly regarded. His accolades are impressive

Motion Passed

Motion by Councilor Belcher to approve the use of Election Voter Information Input Machines (Poll Pads)-

2nd Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passed

Motion by Councilor Fucillo to accept the appointment made by the Town Council President to appoint John Macero to the Citizens Advisory on Finance

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Motion Passed

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt P5- Thanks the Councilor for the memorial of John Domenico on the Ingleside Tennis Courts

John DaRos-Happy Late Veterans Day....Asks if there is more info on the requirements on the RFI for the Middle School can be described for the citizens,

Town Manager answers yes it will be on the town website for review and comments.

Suzanne Swope...asks Town Manager what information we need prior to requesting an RFI. Town Manager reports we have information needed to send out for an RFI...it's a request for information.

Are there any fixed plans that the RFI would have to address: ex: Rink stays....RFI is not including moving rink

Vasily Malios P5- Do we expect a Master Plan on the Middle School Site, Fire house, possible WPD....
Town Council President not at this time but will be.

15. **PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-**

11-24-23-Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Celebration 4-6 PM Winthrop Center

1-2-24-Swearing In Ceremony-Location to Be Announced

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

Councilor Honan- Absent

Councilor Fucillo- Cousin Kathryn had last Cancer Treatment, keep the prayers going

Councilor Munson- Congrats all candidates that won and his re-election. Glad Winthrop had their voices heard

Councilor Belcher- None

Councilor DeMarco- Wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving

Councilor Aiello- Absent

Councilor Flockhart- None

Vice President Ruggiero- Thanksgiving Holiday and Holiday Season beginning. Charity donation can be overwhelming, but if you are willing and able please contribute

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor DeMarco to adjourn at 8:10 PM

2nd by Council Belcher

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, Council Clerk