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WINTHROP TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council Members

Town Council President James Letterie

Precinct 6 Vice President Ruggiero

Councilor at Large DeMarco

Precinct 1 Councilor Fucillo

Precinct 2 Councilor Munson

Precinct 3 Councilor Belcher

Precinct 4 Councilor Flockhart

Precinct 5 Councilor Aiello

Councilor at Large Honan

MEETING AGENDA DECEMBER 19, 2023 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 PM HARVEY HEARING ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Honan Flockhart Ruggiero**

4. **MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes, December 5, 2023 as circulated Belcher / DeMarco

5. **GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nelly Kurtz P5- Upset and sorry that people had to go through the zoom bombe and grateful Rabbi Ben there to help with people feelings...thanks for the attendance at the public menorah lighting...and the temple tifereth...Only wished the American Flag to be raised....we can be a town for all....she sees no issue with the Town Flag policy and work on something that unites us...lower town water bill...

Corinna Campobasso P3-Thanks all and especially, H F R for their service...

Peter Gill P5-Echos all thanks and especially HFR

Marci Hamilton P2- Also thanks HFR has put ideas together that hopes addresses town issues that would show our past cultural history in Winthrop

Also, a project community center...would be great to have in our town .Maybe former fire houses be a community center...

Also, an idea present to our community, how our government works...how to be in attendance at a meeting...etc...maybe a forum at WCAT, with a moderator....Q&A...how it works...

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10. **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT**

11. Jim reports Suzanne Swoope thanks the SC for the last 6 years...she is very thankful....she will be joining TC next year...

12. **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Comcast Hearing 12-12-23-It is taped for questions that were asked....signal issues...etc...mainly contract progress

Park Equip Slide Crest Ave. jan 15

Rubberized wood chips in parks in Springtime

Boxing Match-great attendance

COD-Doing great work...will work with TC for grant ino

Attendance Police Gala...Explorere Fund Raiser....allows them to participate in the National Conference..raised over \$7000

Attendant a one day Wshington DC trip to Holocaust Musuem...very educational...

Storm problems...with electricity...all restored by midnight...worked hard , Kids were kept in school safe and fed...
About 10-11 normal calls there were several more than normal....flooding...FIND OUT WHO HE WANTED TO NOTICE

DPW cleared branches, pot holes, sink holes...

2 major scams....Bitcoin..advisory went out...one person on phone for several hours...she went to bank and got money and went to machine and put money in....executed search warrants...secure the funds out....

Please check with police or family and find out exactly what is happening.....

Check washing scam...don't mail checks in blue mail boxes...wash checks and can write them to themselves....use Black Gel Pens...
Go inside to mail not mail boxes..

Child hit by car in Middle School during storm....child is fine....he ran between 2 trucks...it was an accident....

Most neighborhoods have been restored unless a tree or other damage on their property is causing delay

Joe Aiello-He came up Washington St....to Bartlett Rd and saw problems...caused 911...response was immediate and stunning how quickly they reacted to this situation...

Share with investigation with the zoom bomb.....

Still under investigation...working with ADL Extremist Center....IP Address very difficult to obtain...technology to their advantage
Understand Free Speech but want to make sure pose no threat to anyone in this community.

Town Council President thanks the ER for all their help....

Terry thanks TC leaving..

COMMISSION OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS- **Meeting December 20, 2023**

13. OLD BUSINESS

Good Energy
Withdraw original motions....
New Motion
By Councilor Belcher
2nd by JA
Passed

14. NEW BUSINESS

Town Council appropriate \$ 40,000 from Retained Earnings in the Rink Enterprise Fund/Repairs Mechanically Equip
Town Council President refers to the Finance Committee

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Connelly P1- As of June retired as Sec for CDICR...

Commend TC on statement....it was on point, appropriate and specific to what happened

Would like to raise an issue on CDICR that they recommended twice...USA, POW, State...when policy created had a problem with sentiment
He spoke on this and gave examples on why concerns...one was your going to get a request to raise Israeli and Palestinian Flag and it is not correct. To be fully inclusive...the policy should be brought back to original....he wants his rights as a gay man to principal

Karin Chavis-Waited to TM....Was tax rate set
RTM yes...\$10.42

John Morgan P4-Tahnks HFR and they will be missed....thanks BF...answered phone even knowing it was him....hope future goes well....

Marci Hamilton...decorum really matters...please remember we are all community language and protocols....respect is needed

16. PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-

1-2-24 Swearing In Ceremony 6:00 Winthrop High School Auditorium -Town Council Meeting to follow –
Board Members Needed -Contact Town Clerk's Office

Town Council President remarks on our Town Councilors that are leaving....and thanks all for their incredible jobs that were done by each one of them....their time....their dedication....

TCP reads citation to each TC leaving...

Serving for four years is a long time.....

Councilor Honan....reads a comment....

Councilor Flockhart

Councilor Ruggiero...

CM-Thanks all WPD DPW WFD TM for getting through storm....it could have been worse but our public safety is your #1 priority...Thanks and will miss the TC leaving...Happy Holidays...

CB-Echos all and a pleasure to work with TC leaving

CD-Thanks all outgoing and will continue friendship

We had great job celebrating chanukah...

Happy Holidays to all remember people that are suffering.....remember these people during this time...reach out to people...

JA-Thanks DeMarco for his strength....and thanks all outgoing for their teaching and help during his time here

TC Very Happy Holiday!!!

ADJOURNMENT

**The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting.
Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed
may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.**