

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2024

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 6:00PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Tassinari, DeMarco, Councilor Aiello, Councilor Swope, Councilor DaRos, Vice President Belcher, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor Munson, Councilor Aiello

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Belcher

First order of Business: Winthrop Police Ceremony

Town Manager reads statement on the tragic event that happened in our Town on June 26, 2021 and the courageous & heroic people that were involved.

He announces the distinguished guests...

Speakers:

Senator Lydia Edwards

Representative Turco

Byron Night-District Attorney Office

Town Manager introduces the Town Council President to serve our civilians with Citations

Michael Mahoney

Aaron Armistead

Chief of Police Terry Delehanty speaks on behalf of his department, fire dept. public health dept. and all their involvement in this major tragic incident of June 26, 2021.

Chief presents Citations of Executive Duty

Dawn Armistead

Carlos Dutra

Present the Police highest honor, the Medal of Honor

Nick Bettano

Return to Town Council Meeting

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DeMarcol to Approve Minutes, February 20, 2024, as circulated

2nd by Councilor Tassinari

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council President –State of the Town

PLEASE SEE COPY ATTACHED AND ON WEBSITE.

Mass DEP Proposed Draft Amendment Updates-

Kim Dimes, Chair of the Conservation Committee discusses the Wetland By Laws and Conservation Committee LSCSF-Changes to our DEP Wetland Protection Act...(See)

Main Concern is if you are in the Flood Zone...please check out your zone.

Mass DEP is an informational highway for residents

Town Council President serves a Citation to Councilor Rich Fucillo who has resigned as he has moved out of town.

Councilor President reports we now have an opening for a Councilor for Precinct 1...Please contact the Town Council if you are interested.

This will be a Town Council Vote and will be a term until Dec. 31, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Alyson Casey Dewar-Writes Opposing MBTA 3A Zoning

Donna Reilly-Reviewing and sent Info on Grants Available for our Town

Alyssa Jackson, WPB Member-Would like the Planning Board and Town Council work together to review the MBTA 3A Zoning Information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Meetings

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

FY25 Budget being discussed. Vote to add ½ June 5th day to elementary school giving teachers opportunity to review new programs

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mass TIP 3-23-24 Meeting and Tues 3-26-24 to address questions as project begins

Working on Capital Plan and Budget, have meeting with both committees

Working with KBA, different locations for Fire Station Locations

Concom Chair, referenced flooding issues, we need to review the sites

Our new Chief of Police will be Officer John Goodwin

Notification Congresswoman Clark has notified him that we are up for approval of \$125,000 for the E.B. Newton

Our Town Planner, Rachel Kelly will be leaving, working hard to do a transition and make this a smooth transition

Councilor DeMarco asks DPW about crosswalk on Revere St. to be replaced.

Councilor Swope concerned about kids congregating WHERE? CHECK TAPE

We need more residents to be involved...how can we do this?

Councilor DaRos....speaking for Councilor Munson reports 3 meetings

March 19th at 5:30

March 21st 6:00 PM

March 26th 6:00 PM

All to revise the Capital Assets Plan along with input from the community.

CDICR

No Meeting was Scheduled

POLICY MAKING COMMITTEE REPORT

See Attached....

OLD BUSINESS

Town Council modify Section 10.24.010 of Town Ordinance– Schedule of one-way streets (Somerset) R&O
Fire Station Update-
Town Council discuss Committee for Community Preservation Act.-Town Council will continue

NEW BUSINESS

Council President refers to the Finance committee that the Town Council vote to appropriate Certified Free Cash

Council President refers to the Rules & Ordinance that the Town Council accepts recommendation of TSAC to add 15 min parking zone on Walden St.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Viens P2-Anticipated Sports Center is a little overstatement...

New Fire Station-Do we need new or can we revamp current one.

Cautions all to MBTA 3A Zoning...we need our professionals to be more involved, open conversation and have the correct resources for people.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-

Board Members Needed -Contact Town Clerk's Office

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

Councilor DeMarco- Great Ceremony on June 26, 2021

Councilor Munson- Absent

Councilor Tassinari- None

Vice President Belcher- None

Councilor Swope- Having Meeting on MBTA 3A Zoning March 13th at 6:30. D
Womens History Month, the 19th Amendment but we didn't get equal rights as we
never passed this law...women do have equal rights. Unfinished business...holds up a T Shirt showing equal rights
for woman ' Equality Can't Wait"

Councilor Aiello- Absent

Councilor DaRos- Women's History Month...he toured Winthrop Womeans own and handed out
flag..shout out to all businesses especially the woman owned.

Irsih American Heritage Month-has picture of his grandparents and shares momentos of his Irish Heritage

Thaks Town Clerk and staff for a great Election
Shout out

Winter School Sports....Hockey Final 4 did an incredible job

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor DeMarco to adjourn at 8:00 PM

2nd by Vice President DeMarco

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
