

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2024

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00PM

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DaRos

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Debbie Madden-Town Employee for 29 years

MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Belcher to Approve Minutes, March 12, 2024, as circulated

Motion to Amend by Councilor DeMarco

Alyson Casey Dwyer correspondence sent was reported incorrectly. It should have been reported as her forwarding an article criticizing Milton for rejecting 3A and requesting state to deal with them harshly.

2nd by Councilor Swope

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd P-1-Comments on Open Space Parkland cannot be used for a development. Open Space in Winthrop is our parks total about 20 acres and golf course is 90 acres. Have these areas been eliminated from 3A zoning?

Carol Meitch P-1-Requesting if another letter went to the Governors Office on Zoning 3A

Julia Waller P-2 Discusses a letter sent to the Winthrop Transcript on behalf of her and Scott Mahoney Wright on Compassion, Clarity and Collaboration on Zoning 3A in Winthrop and to have an open mind on this zoning and to install a spirit of humility on how Winthrop is approaching this zoning issue and to think outside the box and hoping all can realize the housing shortage in our state. It came across as an attack on people that oppose 3A Zoning and she would like to make a public statement that this was not the intent.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Assets-Councilor Munson reports and encourages all constituents that are interested in our towns capital asset plan, please attend the meetings.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

No meeting

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Reports that he attended a meeting of the DEP in the Northeast Regional Office in Woburn regarding Yirrell Beach and the beach management plan. A site meeting is needed and is being reviewed for the mound that the town has had there for years and the DEP is complaining that it affects the coast dune and we disagree.

Meetings will continue....

Town Council President reports that we sent another letter to the Governor in reference to Zoning 3A and we did receive confirmation from the State that they were reviewing. Our letter was basically explaining the fact that Winthrop is 1.6 miles not 1.9 (State using) also the fact that we have been ahead of the curb as we have had new zoning...CBD, Water Front district, Re-zoned Shirley St. We feel that we should not be penalized by the state for what they are now requesting. Discussed the density looking to be "grandfathered" in to be compliant with the Governor's request.

Councilor Swope asks the Town Manager when the State is negotiated with in reference to Yirrell Beach how does this work?

Town Manager is making recommendations that we have used. State has the Wetland Protection Act that they are using as guide lines. We don't feel there has been any damage to the coastal dune, the state does.

Councilor Tassinari asks the Town Manager that we need Board Members...could we get a list of who needed?

Councilor DeMarco reminder for Steve Calla DPW cross walk on Crest Ave. DPW Director reports it went in today

Councilor Aiello thanks the Town Manager for the letter to the Governor in reference to the 3A Zoning. Town Manager also thanks Vice President Belcher for her input in this letter

CDICR

No Meeting

POLICY MAKING COMMITTEE REPORT

No Meetings

OLD BUSINESS

Town Council discuss Committee for Community Preservation Act-Town Council President will have announcement as next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Council President refers to the Finance Committee Town Council vote to adopt Winthrop Retirement Board's retirees COLA base increase to \$14,000 (Currently \$13,000)

Town Council President asks the Committee on Committees to begin their annual review of the Town Manager Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt P5-Asks Town Council to vote in favor of the retirement cola being increased

Peter Gill P5-Thanks Town Council for their work on 3A Zoning with the Governor's office

Jack Dowd P1- Discusses Yirrell Beach and the changes it has gone through for the last several years. We used to have a lagoon that is now gone. When Deer Island was built a yearly report was to be sent to the Town in reference to how this would affect Yirrell Beach. This has not been done or continued.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-

Board Members Needed -Board of License, CDICR needed
Precinct 1 Appointment still needed. Hoping on the 2nd week in April this can be voted on. We have received 3 applications.

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

- Councilor DeMarco- Finds it fascinating how knowlegable out residents and their participation
- Councilor Munson- Capital Assets Plan
- Councilor Tassinari- None
- Vice President Belcher- Rules and Ordinance Meeting on Air BnB
- Councilor Swope- Had a very successful Precinct 4 Meeting
- Councilor Aiello- Absent
- Councilor DaRos- Finance Committee Meeting April 2, 2024-
Closing remarks on this month Greek Heritate and wishes all a Happy Independence Day March 25th. Fun Fact Boston second with the highest per capita Greek residents.

Town Manager reminds that Revere St. Tips Project Meetings Saturday and Tuesday at the Sr. Centefr

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Belcher at 7:28 M
2nd by Councilor Swope
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

