

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2024

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 6:00PM

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor Munson, Councilor DeMarco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Belcher

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Winthrop Police Officer David Lessard

MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Belcher to Approve Minutes, April 2, 2024, as circulated.

2nd by Councilor Tassinari

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Town Council President reports that the Town Council will be nominating a candidate for Precinct 1 Town Councilor at our May 7, 2024, Meeting. First person to receive 5 votes will be appointed.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Dowd P1-He comments that the Intergovernmental Strate. s are listed twice. Town Council President reports it will be the Intergovernmental Committee. He comments on a survey done on a backer of the yes vote for MBTA 3A Zoning, but it was taken off immediately. He comments that a lot of citizens do not want this 3A Zoning to be approved.

Cassie Pratt P6-Supports 3A MBTA Zoning, especially for triple decker's.

Mike Kinin P2-Supports affordable housing in this town. This is for the character of our town. We need housing for people to be able to live in this town.

Vasili Mallios P5-Comments on the Town Council meeting with Augustus. He would like to know why all Councilors were not present. Why have only a few been going to meetings on Sunday morning with Senator. He requests the Town Council to have a meeting on the 3A Zoning with our representatives for our community and have a Q&A.

Tom Derderian P3-Speaks in favor of adopting 3A Zoning. This will bring benefits to our town with an increased population, and a better economy for the town.

CORRESPONDENCE

Donna Reilly – Opposing MBTA 3A Zoning.

John O’Gorman- Opposing MBTA 3A Zoning.

Cassie Pratt-Supports MBTA 3A Zoning

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Committee

Councilor Tassinari reports reviewing the Towns Contracts with Mass port and MWRA. Discussed the problem of getting out of town during storms. We must be able to exit our town in a more reasonable way. Town Council President reports that he will be forming a committee to further discuss these contracts.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

The school Budget was discussed, and School Choice was once again discussed and opposed by the School Committee. This has to do with spacing requirements.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Comments that we must update the zoning to include the national flood plan maps Winthrop.

Comments on Yirrel Beach and there was a consultant hired and we are working with DEP for new beach management plan. In the meantime, we did get permission to put up the fencing and rake by hand to get ready for the Plovers and any work will have to be done by hand until a new plan is in place.

Thanks all for attending the meeting with Sec. Augustus. We are compiling information for his office, and they are willing to work with us on the 3A Zoning.

Councilor Swope comments she would like to review the information that was in the meeting with Sec. Augustus. Also, she requests that the Town Council meet with the Winthrop Planning Board to review the MBTA 3A Zoning impact this could have on Winthrop.

Councilor Aiello commends the Town Manager for his presentation and the history of this town. He also comments that the MWRA and the Massport end in FY25 and should be discussed.

Councilor Tassinari echoes Councilor Aiello in thanking the Town Manager for his presentation for Sec. Augustus, he also would like the Planning Board and Board of Appeals to attend a Town Council meeting.

CDICR

Speaker Series, Through My Eyes. Different speakers will talk about their lives.

Pride Potluck in June

Several Projects in the future.

POLICY MAKING COMMITTEE REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

That the Town Council appropriate \$100,000 Free Cash/\$50,000 Compensated Absence Res. Fund & \$50,000 OPEB Trust Fund
Council President refers to the Finance Committee

That the Town Council appropriate \$20,000 Retained Earnings in the Ferry Enterprise Fund to cover Ferry exp. For FY24
Council President refers to the Finance Committee

That the Town Council appropriate \$13,656.56 from Rideshare Fund to the Capital Project Account for the ADA Sidewalk Study
Council President refers to the Finance Committee

Motion by Vice President Belcher that the Town Council vote to approve the request from the Mem. Comm. For a Vet Street Sign on Corner of Court & Loring
2nd by Councilor Aiello
Passed Unanimously

Motion by Town Council President appoint Heather Karas to the CDICR
2nd by Vice President Belcher
Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt P5-Requests a thorough understanding of MBTA 3A Zoning.

Diana Viens P2-Happy to see citizens participation. Comments against the MBTA 3A Zoning. She will be there for the community when it comes to her neighbors and this town. She reads the purposes of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals....

Brendan Cooney P5-Thanks Councilor Aiello for holding a meeting concerning the flood zone and 3A zoning. It was highly informative. A lot of residents appreciated this meeting for clearing up information.

Jack Dowd P1-Attended the Intergovernmental meeting and comments on the review of the Massport and MWRA Contracts with Winthrop. A solution to these mitigation contracts should be reviewed by someone other than who lives in this town or involved in town politics. There is a flooding problem at Yirrel Beach that is only going to get worse unless something is done.

Peter Gill P5-Opposes 3A Zoning

Terrence Delehanty P6- comments on 3A Zoning. We do not want to be Suffolk Downs. We do not want to interfere with what we call Winthrop now. Understands we need revenue, but this is not the way. We need a new Public Safety Building but at the same time we need new sea walls for protection. We need to reach out to a new pilot program being discussed that could help with our beach walls.

Kathleen Cappuccio P5-Discusses MWRA contract. She did email Fred Laskey and waiting to hear back. Asks the Town Council to ask if new risk communities will be added to our service area.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-

Town Council Precinct 1 Councilor needed to fullfil term until 12-31-2025

Board Members Needed -Contact Town Clerk's Office

4-22-24 Street Sweeping begins week of April 22, 2024, last full week of the month (last week with a Friday) through October between 7 am and 4 pm on the day of a street's trash collection.

4-24-24 John Domenico Tennis Court Dedication-Ingleside Park 6:00 PM

4-27-24 Town Rabies Clinic – Old Middle School Auditorium Front Door 10-1PM

4-27-24 Chamber of Commerce Community Awards-CPYC 6-8 PM

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

Councilor DeMarco- Absent

Councilor Munson- Absent

Councilor Tassinari- None

Vice President Belcher- Attended the Fire Fighters Corn Hole and Hockey Games...great events.

Councilor Swope- Thanks Town Manager for his report . Thanks, DPW for their hard work.

Councilor Aiello- Kudos to Councilor DeMarco's hockey goalie job

Councilor DaRos- Thanks Town Manager for all the hard work he is doing.

The Town Manager thanks all for thanking him for the budget and his presentation, but he thanks all the people that work with him on completing these projects. It is a team effort.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Belcher at 7:00 pm

2nd by Councilor Aiello

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
