

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the DeLeo Sr. Center

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilor DeMarco, Councilor Aiello

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Former Town of Winthrop Town Manager, Jim McKenna

MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Belcher to Approve the Approval of Minutes, September 4, 2024 as circulated 2nd by Councilor Swope

Motion Passed

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Winthrop Police Officer(s) Swearing In Ceremony:

Sgt. Timothy Callinan to Lieutenant

Sgt. Nicholas Bettano to Lieutenant

Ptl. Anthony Sorrentino to Sergeant

Ptl. Phil Hamilton to Sergeant

Town Council President Opens up the Ceremony for the Police Department and Town Clerk Quist swears each Officer in at their new Ranking.

Town Council President calls a 5 min. recess.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Facella P4-Refers to a letter written to the Transcript that she believes has misleading information about MBTA 3A Zoning.
- Carl Eckstein P4-Would like a cost analysis done if 3A Zoning is approved.
- Vasili Malios P1-Hand outs information on how many times MBTA 3A Zoning has been revised.
- Jack Dowd 2-Discusses the meeting Council President is holding and thinks the Harvey Room is not adequate and the Sr. Center should be considered. Requests no clarification on his remarks.
- Diane Sands P5-Refers to social media not having adequate information on MBTA 3A Zoning. Discusses a conversation she had with several people, and it ended up on social media? Asks, how.
- Sheryl Howard P2-Asks all to support the current Exemption Case Filed on MBTA 3A Zoning.
- Cassie Withouse P6-Refers to the Master Deed of Seal Harbor and does not feel this is not as big a deal as some is referring too.
- Pete Gill P5-Opposes MBTA 3A Zoning adamantly. Asks Town Council to just vote NO
- Bill Schmidt P5-He is in favor of the Fire House Survey

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Council President instructs each Chair to schedule a meeting as soon as possible.:

Economic Development
Public Works

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Town Council President reports that the meeting discussed current employment of the schools. Positions have been filled. To this date there are 2007 students in the schools.

Councilor Swope reports she had a discussion with Superintendent Howard and encourages all to vote YES on the School Override Question

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Reports the Winthrop Police Civilian Academy still has openings for attendance.
- Has received preliminary pricing on Magee's Corners Pedestrian lights of approx. \$10,000. They will be inspected this week.
- Reports on the damage of the Pauline St. Fire Station Structural Engineers report. Still looking for options to store the high-water vehicle.
- Asks Town Council to consider a motion that will be sent for the water meters and existing valves.
- Signs installed at Town Hall for 30 Min. parking only.
- Assistant Town Manager position has been posted, this will include Winthrop Planning Board and the Board of Appeals.
- Town Manager will be a conference next week and out of town.

- Councilor Swope requests Assistant Town Manager position to also include Grant Writing.
- Councilor Costigan asks for an update on Magee's Corner Pedestrian Lights to be corrected.
- Vice President Belcher reports that the Police Civilian is well worth experiencing.
- Councilor Tassinari requests information on the Pauline St. Fire House Quote of current repairs
- Councilor DaRos also requests Assistant Town Manager position have Grant Writing capabilities.
- Councilor Swope requests guideline of MBTA 3A Zoning report from Town Council President
- Councilor Costigan refers to the Climate Commission meeting and the presentation by Woods Hole.
- Regarding the remedy, we are looking at close to \$12 - \$20 Million Dollars of which the state will not be providing all. The Town will have to seek further funding.

CDICR

No Meeting to report.

UPDATE POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES

No Meetings

OLD BUSINESS

Fire House Update-

A Questionnaire Survey will be going out to all residents for their feedback. Two sights are being asked to review by residents, The Old Middle School and the Walden St. Basketball Courts.

Notification to the public will include:

- 911 Reverse Call
- Social Media Sights
- Town Manager Blog
- Information will be available for all at the Sr. Center and Library for help with computer survey.

Councilor Costigan asks if there is an environmental report on the Old Middle School, if not would like the hazards and cost be provided to all.

Release and abandonment of a Certain Right of Way (Summit Ave)-Will remain on Agenda.

Air Rights Approval-50 Somerset Ave. (Overhang Roof)-Will continue to remain on Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kathleen Cappuccio P2-Refers to 3A letter to Winthrop Transcript, information is incorrect, and she feels a statement should be made on behalf of the incorrect statements.
- Vasili Mallios P1- Requests that part of the MassPort Mitigation renewal process includes funding for town flooding.
- Diane Sands P5-Requests Town Council to vote for MBTA 3A Zoning.
- Sheryl Howard P2-Concerned of the time frame with the Planning Boards recommendation on the Initiative Petition referred to them.
- Cassie Withouse-Please consider voting YES to the School Override Ballot Question
- Jack Dowd P2-Sea Walls must be addressed. Also, remarks on Basketball courts being moved to Ingleside Park.
- Karin Chavis P2-Hopes that the hazardous materials do not have any effect on the Old Middle School being considered a sight for the new Fire House.
- Carol Facella P4-Requests Town Council not move forward with 3A Zoning on Seal Harbor, Fort Heath and Governors Park until all questions are answered. Need legally in writing from state about current Condo Docs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Winthrop Farmers Market Dates: Last Dates: Sept. 22nd .Oct 13 & 27 - Ingleside Park 9AM – 1PM
9-26-24 Winthrop Recovery Event at Town Hall 5:30-8:30

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Belcher at 7:45 pm

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
