

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**President Letterie calls Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 DeLeo Sr. Center**

**Regular Town Council Meeting Begins....**

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Costigan, Councilor Munson, Councilor Aiello, Councilor Swope, Vice President Belcher, President Letterie

**Absent:** Councilor Tassinari, Councilor DeMarco

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Vice President Belcher to Approve the Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2024 as circulated.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor DaRos

Motion Passed

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cassie Withause P6-Reflects on previous MBTA 3A Vote from the Town Council on compliance. Feels that citizens are still not totally aware of the specifications of MBTA 3A. She is new to the community and interested in being a big part of this community.

Jack Dowd P2-Reflects on a public comment made by him at the last meeting concerning land that was given away and once again requests that his remarks not be answered.

Celeste Ribiero Hewitt P1-Comments and has questions on the MBTA 3A Town Council Non Compliance Vote. Concerned with WPB recommendation not being approved by the Town Council.

Todd Sacco P2-Remarks on the MBTA 3A and not trusting the State in reference to MBTA 3A.

Carol Facella P4-Thanks all for their work and effort with MBTA 3A and remarks that people are well aware of this zoning.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Citizens responses of MBTA 3A Compliance Vote

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Override Discussion and reviewing budget to ask for another election to be held

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager report is now issued electronically and posted on the website for any questions or comments.

Town Manager introduces our new Assistant Town Manager, Cheryl McCormick who will be in charge of our grant management, along with the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Town Manager comments on the Good Energy Electric information that was sent to residents in respect to their electric supply. Anyone that has already chosen a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor are not automatically enrolled if you are not using National Grid. You can chose to Opt. 1 if you wish.

There will be a Public Hearing on this Dec. 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Harvey Room to answer any questions.

Councilor Munson requests information to set perimeters that regardless to MBTA 3A, we are in control of the parking in the town.

Town Manager thanks the Town Clerks office, staff and poll workers for all their hard work during the Presidential Election.

## **CDICR**

No Meeting

## **UPDATE POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES**

No Meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Middle School Discussion-Demolition

Town Council President discusses the costs of the Middle School demolition and would like to continue this conversation in hoping to have the Middle School as a clean site and ready for sale. Councilor Aiello requests a formal Master Plan and requests a physical and site plan be added in to the budget.

Councilor Swope discusses the demolition process and requests information to be reviewed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Council** appropriate the sum of \$368,000 to pay for the Design and Engineering cost of water main replacements-**Town Council President Refers to the Finance Committee**

**Town Council** vote to authorize the Town to accept & expend the amount of \$475,000 in form of a Grant from Clean Water Trust-**Town Council President Refers to the Finance Committee**

**Tax Classification FY25-Town Council President Refers to the Finance Committee**

**Fire Station** Discuss-Next Steps-Would like to have a vote on selection and then start preparing for design and election

**Town Council** request the Towns legislative delegation to file legislation requesting discounted Toll Rates for private passenger vehicles in Winthrop-

Town Council President requests the Town Manager to write a letter to our legislators in hopes that this may be considered by the state.

### **Appointments-**

Town Council President appoints Nancy Tuffo and Susan Smith to the Commission on Disability

Town Council President appoints Celeste Ribiero Hewitt to the Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations

### **11-5-24 Election Recap**

Town Council President thanks the Town Clerks office, staff and poll workers for all their hard work during the Presidential Election, especially Karin Chavis for her continued work with the Town Clerks office during election season or any time the Town Clerks Office is in need of an extra hand....Also a big thank you for Billy Carroll of the DPW for his continued support in running the set up on the elections and being available at all times during the elections season and election day and night.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carl Rothenhause P6-Discussion of a Master Plan for the community. Asks for a reduced rate for the Ferry also, in lieu of the tunnel.

Jack Dowd P1-Requests survey on the corner lot of Pauline St. and Walden St. This is needed prior to anything being sold.

Karin Chavis P2-Remarks on election process and how time consuming it was with 2 ballots and the time for actual ballots to be processed.

Collen Murphy P2-Thanks Town Council for their hard work.

Tom Derderian P3-Refers to the new Assistant Town Manager who is the grants manager and asks to keep an eye out for any Tree Grants as he is now the new Tree Warden

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

Annual Chamber Xmas Tree Lighting Nov.29th from 4:00-6:00pm with the lighting of the trees at 5:30pm  
Town Hall Holiday Hours –Closing 11-27-24 at 12:00pm / Closed 11-28-24  
Closing 12-24-24 at 12:00pm / Closed 12-25-24 / Open 12-26-24 from 8:00am-4:30pm  
Closing 12-31-24 at 4:30 pm / Closed 1-1-25 / Open 1-2-25 from 8:00am-4:30pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Belcher at 8:30 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor DaRos  
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