

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2025

President Letterie opens the Joint meeting with the Town Council & School Committee to order at 6:00 PM at the DeLeo Sr. Center

ROLL CALL TOWN COUNCIL

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

Absent: Councilor DeMarco, Councilor Munson

ROLL CALL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Present: James Letterie, Town Council President, Lisa Howard, Superintendent of Schools, Suzanne Leonard Zachary Purinton, Gus Martucci

Absent: Chair, Jen Powell, Julie Barry, Layne Petrie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Swope

Winthrop High School Hockey Team and Coaches Recognition by Town Council and Winthrop School Committee

Town Council President reminisces on the 2025 Winthrop High School Hockey State Championship that has not been won by our hockey team since 1976....

Special Video's done by AC Productions and Bobby Diaz for the Hockey Team are played.

The Town Council and School Committee hand out Citations to each Hockey Player and Coaches

RECESS

RETURN TO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

President Letterie reopens the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:55 PM at the DeLeo Sr. Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor DaRos to Approve the Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2025, as circulated.

2nd by Councilor Swope

Motion Passed

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Meredith Hurley-Director of Public Health

Director Hurley opens a presentation with the introduction of this years survey on the Community Equity Health Needs Assessment. This is the most important survey our town can participate in to help with our Public Health Department determine and identify any gaps in service, access and resources....

All information is available on the Town Website-Please participate on this survey.

Discussion Election/ School Override / Firehouse

Town Council President outlines our Special Election on April 5, 2025, and invites

Fire Chief Wiley and Superintendent Lisa Howard to discuss the ballot and the Questions that are involved with each individual....

The Town Council participates in discussion of the value of this election and the importance it is to our town. Vote with Education...call the Fire Chief, Superintendent, Town Council...understand what you are voting for!

Councilor DaRos asks that you vote yes, you will only be helping not only the Fire Fighters, Schools but yourself...

Councilor Aiello reiterates Vote is Saturday...tell everyone.... pass it along...

Vice President Belcher declares total thanks for the Fire Fighters and the Vote for Yes School

Councilor Swope has been canvassing around town and how great it is to hear from the community that we are one town and both have to pass...we do not want to hurt one side....

Councilor Tassinari also thanks all involved in this vote

Councilor Costigan this vote is necessary, property values will increase....

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Opened

National Grid-WR # 30940804-Shirley St.

Representative Rafael Kerguelen discusses this project.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Diane Sands P5-Questions on ADU's and about a \$10 million dollar grant for the schools, asks to be addressed

Motion by Town Council for nonresidents to speak at Public Comment

-Alex Brown Works at Winthrop Middle School-Vote Yes

-Megan Schultise- Works at Winthrop Middle School-Vote Yes

-Grace Kingsbury P1-Vote Yes on both Ballot Questions

-Melissa Peroni P2-Moved to Winthrop 6 years ago and is proud to be a resident...Please vote Yes

-Tom Derderian P3-Discusses new planting of trees and how to adopt a new tree....also discusses the election...vote yes

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Ordinance

Vice President Belcher discusses the meeting and agenda items will be continued

Finance Committee

Councilor DaRos will schedule a meeting

FHBC

Town Council President reports on the incredible job the Fire Fighters have been doing moving this election and ballot question for the residents to vote yet. The Fire Fighters are there for Winthrop...we ask the voters be there for them.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Assistant Town Manger Cheryl McCormick is present for Town Manager Marino.

Please see copy of Town Manager Report submitted by Town Manager Marino

Councilor Tassinari is there any update on timing on next phase of Tileston and Girdlestone

Director Calla gives a timing update on currents events, estimates about 6 mos.

Town Council President requests a list of publication of any grants that have been awarded and received over the last 5-10 years

The ADU's are currently being reviewed by Town Counsel and there will be more information to be discussed

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Reports the \$10 Million Dollar grant is for the Fire House NOT schools...there is also no guarantees that our community will receive this from the state...

Councilor Swope is under the understanding that all Unions once negotiated on Health Insurance will all follow the same negotiations...

Assistant Town Manager McCormick reports negotiations are still in progress and will request clarification.

OLD BUSINESS

-Town Council review Accessory Dwelling Unit Draft-**Review will continue.**

-Town Council approve a new Fee Cost to our current Fee Schedule to include Utility Public Hearing(s)-**Town Council President has referred this to the Finance Committee**

NEW BUSINESS

National Grid-WR # 30940804-Shirley St.-**Town Council President refers this to the Public Health & Safety Committee**

Winthrop Taxi Request Increase on Fares-**Town Council President refers this to the R&O and Finance Committee**

Bus Shelters Discussion will continue. Councilor Aiello would like another letter sent in reference to our needs. Vice President Belcher will review.

DPW Director Calla reports Street Sweeping will begin week of April 14, 2025, all information and schedule is on the Town Website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Diane Sands P5-Question on the Ferry and bring to all attention that Ferry is rented by the MBTA, but Winthrop still has to provide all maintenance. Could this be re-discussed? Maybe we could request Bus Shelters

Believes 3A Guidelines are good until July but are over 90 days to April? Has question on this?

-Jack Dowd P1-Wondering about the Bus Shelter answer. Feels we are going to wait for these and the Sea Wall

-Karin Chavis P2-Discusses the Special Election, Finance Commission and ORC future meetings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

4-1-25 National Autism Month- Purchase T. Shirts from the WPD

4-5-25 Town Election 7AM to 8PM

4-9-25 Commission on Disability Event -Sr. Center 1:00 PM-"Staying in Your Home:"

4-15-25 Town Council Meeting and Town Spring Forum-Sr. Center

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Belcher at 8:25 pm

2nd 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



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Anthony Marino
Town Manager

Town Manager Report **4-1-2025**

- We are finalizing the FY26 Budget document and look forward to presenting a budget overview at the Spring Forum on April 15, 2025.
- The Spring Season is upon us. Our tree committee has developed a Tree Adoption program to help us regularly water our newer trees. They created a form for watering that has been posted on the Town Website, and they have also created a form for Tree Adoption for anyone who wants to donate monies to plant additional trees around town. We continue to place advertisements about both programs in the Town Manager report and on social media.
- The Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the Pauline Street Fire Station Floor Repair is due April 10, 2025. Potential bidders have sent us follow-up questions that we have responded to. We look forward to the bid opening on April 10, 2025.
- The Spring 2025 meeting to update Residents and Business Owners about the Revere Street TIP project and the upcoming Spring and Summer Construction Schedule will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Our project manager, the contractor, and representatives from MassDOT will be on hand to provide an update on the schedule and answer questions.
- We held another Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting with the team members from our staff. Our next meeting to finalize the draft plan will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. We are making great progress with this plan and will have something to present to the Town Council in June 2025.
- Director Calla and I have received the sieve sample results for the sand material we need to purchase for the coastal dune at Yirrell Beach. We are working to source the material and finalize the cost. We will host another community meeting at the Point Shirley Association Meeting Hall in late April.
- Lastly, Union negotiations continue to move forward. I have an upcoming meeting with several unions over the next two weeks. We hope to have these contracts settled before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2025.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions about the items listed above or any other issues. Thank you.

Anthony Marino
Winthrop Town Manager