

ZOOM INFORMATION



WINTHROP TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

MAY 20, 2025

TOWN COUNCIL

6:30 PM

HARVEY HEARING ROOM

Town Council Members

Town Council President James Letterie

Precinct 1 Councilor Costigan

Precinct 3 VP- Councilor Belcher

Precinct 4 Councilor Swope

Precinct 5 Councilor Aiello

Precinct 6 Councilor DaRos

Councilor at Large DeMarco

Councilor at Large Tassinari

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes May 6, 2025 as circulated

2. GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CITATIONS- Learn to Skate 40Yr. Anniversary

Sean Donahue

George Barker

CITATION-Retirement

Marylou Osborne

PRESENTATION:

MAPC-Hazard Mitigation Presentation

3. PUBLIC HEARING

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

8. UPDATE POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

10. OLD BUSINESS

MBTA 3A – Discussion and Procedure

Discussion:

ADU's and Short Term Rental's

11. NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation Recognizing Pride Month

Proclamation Town Council Approve to Recognize June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth National Independence Day in Winthrop

Town Council appropriate \$1,465,356 Free Cash / Stabilization Funds

Town Council appropriate \$200,000 from Retained Earnings/Wate Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund

Town Council appropriate \$130,000 Free Cash / Compensated Absences and OPEB Trust

Town Council appropriate \$20,000 Retained Earnings / Ferry Enterprise Fund Costs

Town Council appropriate the sum of \$38,500,000 for the demolition of the Old Middle School & Auditorium and Design of New Fire House

Discuss next procedure on appointing councilor for P2

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

- o Nomination Papers for the Local Election 11-4-25 Available Clerks Office
- o Please participate on the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment-Town Website
- o Winthrop Ferry Up & Running: Schedule on Winthrop Website / Weekends begin May 24, 2025
- o June 7, 2025 Pride Pot Luck -Ingleside Park 2-6 PM
- o June 14, 2025 Pride Pub Crawl-Drop Zone Brewery 4PM
- o June 21, 2025 – Strawberry Festival-Winthrop Deane House

14. ADJOURNMENT

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH

MOTION

Submitted by: Council John DaRos, Precinct 6
Date: May 15, 2024 (for May 20th Town Council meeting)

TEXT OF MOTION

I move that the Winthrop Town Council approve the following Proclamation Recognizing June 7-14, 2025 as Pride Week in Winthrop.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Winthrop Town Council recognizes that June is Pride Month in many communities across the Commonwealth, our Nation, and the World, as a time to celebrate the commonality and diversity of our entire community including our LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, we honor and remember the Stonewall Uprising in New York City in June 1969 which marked a turning point in the LGBTQ rights movement and inspired a new era of activism; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate and protect the human dignity and rights of all marginalized people and communities along with millions of Americans across the Commonwealth, the Nation and the World; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and raise awareness of the ongoing struggles of the LGBTQ community each June, including recent examples we have witnessed:

- 575 anti-LGBTQ legislative bills introduced across the U.S. according to the ACLU, including efforts to rescind LGBTQ marriage equality rights¹
- Proposed funding cuts for suicide prevention services for LGBTQ youth at a time when 39% of LGBTQ young people seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including 46% of transgender and non-binary young people, with LGBTQ youth of color reporting higher rates than their White peers²
- US State Department recognition of challenges for LGBTQ and all people traveling abroad, based on their real or perceived sexual orientation, with more than 60 countries still considering same-sex relations a crime, including some countries where people may face severe punishment.³

WHEREAS, The Town of Winthrop recognizes the accomplishments of the Commonwealth as the first state in the Nation to legalize same-sex marriage in 2004, and the Commonwealth's continued promotion and fostering of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, as proclaimed by the previous federal administration, "We recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals to American society and culture, and we reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with LGBTQ+ Americans in their ongoing struggle for full equality"; and

WHEREAS, as Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo stated in Governor Charlie Baker's 2017 Pride Month proclamation press release, "Pride Month is an invaluable opportunity to recognize the gains we've made in ensuring civil rights and to celebrate LGBTQ culture, while reflecting on the work ahead of us,"⁴;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Winthrop Town Council that the week of June 7-14, 2025 shall be recognized as Pride Week in the Town of Winthrop, and that we encourage all residents to join in celebrating the LGBTQ community; and

FURTHER, be it proclaimed that in recognition of Pride Week, the Town of Winthrop authorizes the Town Administration to fly the LGBTQ Pride Flag at the E.B. Newton Cultural Center to represent all members of the LGBTQ community from June 7th through June 14th, 2025, consistent with Town Policy.

¹ ACLU online bulletin, April 29, 2025: <https://www.aclu.org/legislative-attacks-on-lgbtq-rights-2025>

² The Trevor Project 2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2024>

³ US State Dept travel bulletin: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgb.html>

⁴ State Library of Massachusetts, Office of the Governor, Press Releases; *Governor Baker, House Speaker DeLeo and Senate President Rosenberg Declare June as LGBTQ Pride Month*, June 6, 2017; <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/724775>



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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

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MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Belcher

Date: May 15, 2025

Motion for the council to approve the following proclamation recognizing June 19th, 2025, as Juneteenth National Independence Day in Winthrop.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, federally and locally observed annually on June 19th, commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom—more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is recognized as the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, and stands as a symbol of the long and continuing struggle for racial equity, justice, and the celebration of African American culture, heritage, and achievement; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth is an opportunity for reflection, education, and renewed commitment to the values of freedom, equality, and community, which are foundational to the Town of Winthrop; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winthrop celebrates the diversity in our residents and recognizes that the impact of our African American neighbors on the vibrant fabric of our community is indelible and deserving of recognition, acknowledgement, and a solid commitment to ensure continued equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winthrop recognizes the importance of acknowledging this significant date in American history and affirms its commitment to fostering a more inclusive and just society;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Winthrop Town Council does hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth National Independence Day in the Town of Winthrop; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in honor of this day, the Juneteenth flag shall be flown at the E.B. Newton Cultural Center in accordance with Town Ordinance on Wednesday, June 19, 2025, as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, and unity.



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Anthony Marino
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

May 15, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025

Motion Summary

Title: Free Cash Allocation
Motion ID: TCM25-012
Amount: \$1,465,356
Funding Source: Free Cash

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate
Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager
Date Submitted: May 15, 2025

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to appropriate Certified Free Cash as listed below; or take any other action thereto. Free Cash and Retained Earnings certification file is attached.

Funding Details

Certified Free Cash as of 7/1/2024		2,081,694.00	
Set Aside		(250,000.00)	
Available to allocate		1,831,694.00	
Stabilization Funds	Current Balance	Free Cash Allocation	Ending balance
General Stabilization	4,400,743.00	677,727.00	5,078,470.00
Capital Stabilization	1,743,449.00	668,214.00	2,411,663.00
Building Stabilization	235,536.00	64,464.00	300,000.00
Education Stabilization	-	54,951.00	54,951.00
Ending Free Cash Balance		616,338.00	



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Anthony Marino
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Town Council Motion

May 15, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025

Motion Summary

Title: Water/Sewer Retained Earnings Appropriation to Stabilization

Motion ID: TCM25-013

Amount: \$200,000

Funding Source: Water/Sewer Fund Retained Earnings

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate

Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager

Date Submitted: May 15, 2025

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council appropriate from Retained Earnings in the Water/Sewer Fund, the amount of \$200,000 and transfer it to the Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Fund	Description	Amount	Fund	Description	Amount
901	Retained Earnings	\$200,000	966	Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund	\$200,000

W/S Retained Earnings Balance: \$346,906

Amount Requested: \$200,000

W/S Retained Earnings after motion approval: \$146,906

Water/Sewer Capital Stabilization Fund Balance: \$885,022



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Town Council Motion

May 15, 2024

Fiscal Year 2025

Motion Summary

Title: Free Cash Appropriation to Reserves
Motion ID: TCM25-014
Amount: \$130,000
Funding Source: Free Cash

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate
Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager
Date Submitted: May 15, 2025

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to appropriate Certified Free Cash as listed below; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
	Free Cash	\$ 130,000.00	967	Compensated Absence Reserve Fund	\$ 80,000.00
			968	OPEB Trust Fund	\$ 50,000.00

Free Cash : \$616,338

Amount Requested: \$130,000

Free Cash after motion approval : \$486,338

Current Compensated Absences Reserve Balance: \$10,306

Current OPEB Trust Balance: \$553,749.00



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Town Council Motion

May 15, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025

Motion Summary

Title: Ferry Enterprise Fund Appropriation
Motion ID: TCM25-011
Amount: \$20,000
Funding Source: Ferry Retained Earnings

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate
Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager
Date Submitted: May 15, 2025

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council appropriate retained earnings in the Ferry Enterprise Fund, in the amount of \$20,000, to cover the costs that the fund has/will incur in FY25. Currently these expenses include insurance. The Finance Office will apply the funds to the various accounts where expenses are incurred; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
660-359000	Retained Earnings	\$20,000	Multiple	Various Ferry Accounts	\$20,000

Ferry Retained Earnings:	\$144,838
Amount Requested:	\$20,000
Ferry Retained Earnings after motion approval:	\$124,838



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Anthony Marino
Town Manager

MOTION

Submitted By: Anthony Marino, Town Manager

Date: 5-13-25

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: I move that the Winthrop Town Council adopt the following order:

ORDER: That the Town appropriates the sum of THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$38,500,000) for the demolition of the Old Middle School and Auditorium and for the design, engineering, constructing, equipping, and furnishing of a new Fire Station, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to issue bonds or notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority.



Hazard Ready Winthrop!

Public Presentation, May 20th, 6:30 PM

When: Tuesday, May 20th, 2025
6:30 PM

Where: Winthrop Town Council
Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Harvey Hearing Room

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86402877371?pwd=aEGFoS8tYq9iAM2eiqQSiPSXzHPM27.1>
Meeting ID 86402877371# / Passcode 549371 / Phone 1-305-224-1968

Winthrop experiences natural hazards that can affect residents and businesses, including flooding, coastal storms, and hurricanes.

The Town is updating its FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan to assess its vulnerability to natural hazards and strategies to increase resilience.

Join us on May 20 at the Town Council for a presentation about Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan



If you have questions or
comments, please email
WinthropResilience@mapc.org





Pride Ride 2025

Let's Ride & Roll for Pride

Saturday, June 7th 2025

Bike Decorating: 2 - 2:30. Ride Starts@ 2:30

Rain Date: June 8th 2025

**STRONGER
TOGETHER**



RESPECT

START/END: Ingleside Park, Brookfield Road

2025 Pride Potluck 6/7/25

START/END: 2 - 6pm @ Ingleside Park

Bring your blanket, chair, energy & positivity & appetite

2025 Pride Pub Crawl 6/14/25

START: 4 pm @ Drop Zone Brewery

Scan the QR code to RSVP for the Pride Pub Crawl



For more information on these amazing events: visit

www.winthroppride.com