

ZOOM INFORMATION



WINTHROP TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

JULY 1, 2025

6:00 PM EXECUTIVE
SESSION

6:30 PM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HARVEY HEARING ROOM

RECEIVED

2025 JUN 26 P 5:55

TOWN CLERK
WINTHROP, MASS.

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

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1)—

To discuss a matter relating to a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; of which the Chair so declares that having the discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the public body.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO ADJOURN AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

ENTER INTO A MOMENT OF SILENCE

June 21, 2021 – 4-Year Remembrance of Ramona Cooper and David Green

1. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes June 17, 2025 as circulated

2. GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DCR / Yirrell Beach Update

3. PUBLIC HEARING

National Grid-WR# 31116656-North Sidewalk Main St.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinance Review Committee

FHBC

7. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

8. UPDATE POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

10. OLD BUSINESS

-Short Term Rentals

11. NEW BUSINESS

-National Grid-WR# 31116656-North Sidewalk Main St.

-Proposed Design and Review Board

-New Appointments / Re-Appointments

-Fire Hydrant Pole

-Regular Scheduled Town Council Meetings Held in Venue Fully Equipped for Zoom

-Abandonment Clause for Town Council

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

o Nomination Papers for the Local Election 11-4-25 Available Clerks Office-No One has pulled for P3

o Updates on New Fire Station-Town Website

14. ADJOURNMENT



TOWN OF WINTHROP

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1742

TOWN COUNCIL MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Aiello

Date: June 24, 2025

General Background: *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has astutely continued to enact and update guidelines that amend Open Meeting Law to allow for remote participation in meetings by both the public and members of the body holding the meeting, such as the Town Council. This flexibility allows situations that may preclude physical attendance at a meeting such as illness, professional obligations, travel, etc. to have no negative impact on attendance for Town Council members. The availability of remote participation also enables greater participation by the public.*

TEXT OF MOTION

I move to amend the Winthrop Town Council Rules and Procedures to include a rule that indicates that all special and regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council shall be held in the Harvey Hearing Room, or another such venue fully equipped with video conferencing technology that would enable a member of the Town Council to participate remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 and any subsequent updates to Section 20 of Chapter of the Acts of 2021 unless there is a majority vote of the council to select a different venue.



TOWN OF WINTHROP OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1742

TOWN COUNCIL MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Aiello

Date: June 24, 2025

General Background: *The Winthrop Town Charter sets forth an abandonment clause without defining in detail what constitutes attendance at a meeting. To avoid any misapplication of this clause by the current or any future councils, this ambiguity should be resolved.*

TEXT OF MOTION

I move that the Town Council respectfully request that the Town Manager, in consultation with the Town Attorney, conduct a comprehensive review of all applicable provisions within the Winthrop Town Charter, Town Council Rules, municipal ordinances, relevant statutes of the Commonwealth, and any pertinent administrative regulations in order to identify and clarify the legal standards that determine whether a Councilor is deemed to have officially attended a meeting of the Council—whether such attendance is in person or via remote participation.

The Council further requests that a written report be submitted outlining the findings of this review, along with any recommendations for action or amendment, to ensure alignment with current legal and procedural requirements.