

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF July 1, 2025

President Letterie calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the

ROLL CALL TOWN COUNCIL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DaRos

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

John Domenico- A well respected Winthrop Athlete, Coach, Teacher

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Daros to Approve the Minutes of June 17, 2025, as circulated.

2nd by Councilor Swope

Motion Passed

CONGRATULATIONS !!

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DCR / Yirrell Beach Update-Liz Kiernan and Eric Seaborn answer questions

On Yirrell Beach and Winthrop Beach as for conditions of beach and misc. inquiries

Please see presentation on Town Website

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PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Open

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

Discussion

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Perrin P3- Discusses the last couple of Town Council meetings and feels it has been a low point in meetings. The public humiliation of a Town Councilor, his due process denied.

Hypocrisy of other Town Council members. The disrespect show for Karin Chavis.

Kim Dimes P2- Discusses the Coast Sweep Program. Volunteers are a huge help in cleaning our beached.

Jack Dowd P2- Feels there is nothing natural on our beaches. MWRA filled in our tide land and this is what has effected Yirrel Beach.

Lee Foley P6- Concerned with the construction happening on Revere St.

Marci Hamilton P2- Asks about the money for the improvement of flooding on Girdlestone and Tileston Rd.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinance Review Committee is meeting and will have their recommendations for the Town Council at the next meeting

FHBC-Public Input is requested and Architectural Firms are now bidding.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Discussion of School Budget and Congratulations to Shannon Reneri

TOWN MANAGER REPORT-See Attached Report

Please see copy attached.....

Thanks all involved with the Fire on Trident Ave and their professionalism, especially in their concern of the neighboring homes in which they worked so hard to avoid damages and their protection of these homes.

All Town Councilors thank all that was involved with this fire on Trident Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

Short Term Rentals-

Vice President Belcher discusses the new Short Term Rental Ordinance (See copy of new Ordinance on the Town Website)

**Motion by Vice President Belcher for the Town Council to approve the new Short Term Rental Ordinance
2nd by Councilor Tassinari**

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

**Yes: Councilor Aiello, Councilor DeMarco, Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Swope,
Councilor DaRos, Vice President Belcher, President Letterie**

Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council President to refer National Grid-WR# 31116656-North Sidewalk Main St. to the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Proposed Design and Review Board-Council President and Town Manager Marino will create this advisory board, which will have a project reviewed prior to the Planning Board, ZBA...

Applications are now being accepted

Motion by Vice President Belcher that the that the Town Council accepts the re-appointments of Charles Kubik and Andrew Reynolds to the Conservation Committee by Town Council President

2nd by Councilor Tassinari

Motion Passed Unanimously

Fire Hydrant Pole-Council President has a concern that the age of these poles has degenerated the fiberglass and they are causing harm to anyone that might touch these poles. Town Manager Marino will review and look into replacing these poles.

Motion by Councilor Aiello that the Town Council respectfully requests the Town Manager , in consultation with the Town Attorney conduct a comprehensive review of all applicable provisions within the Town Charter...(Please see copy of entire motion)

2nd by Councilor DaRos

Discussion

Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Aiello to amend the Winthrop Town Council Rules & Procedures to include a rule that indicates that all special and regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council shall be held in the Harvey Room, or another such venue fully equipped with video conferencing technology...

(Please see attached motion)

2nd by Councilor DaRos

Discussion

Motion by Council President to refer this motion to the Finance Committee and Rules & Ordinance

Motion by the Council President to amend Council Rules to re-scheduling the Town Council Meetings

2nd by Councilor Swope

Discussion

The following dates will the next Town Council Meetings:

July 22, 2025

August 12, 2025

September 2, 2025

Regularly scheduled meetings will continue going forward

Motion Passes Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Sands P5: Asks why there is not information in the Charter about removing a Town Councilor for their behavior.

Ellie Santiago P5-Discusses the incident involving ICE in our community and requests the Town Council to consider a Proclamation created.

Mark Sennot P2: Asks if there is a mechanism to determine the amount of illegal Air BnB's in our town.

Jeannie Maggio P6-Reiterates that the town has a Medical Reserve Core that is available to the town and the citizens whenever needed.

Mike Kinlin P2-Comments we will not be getting the grants available to help our town with Morton St. The residents should know now, there may be a debt exclusion vote needed.

Jack Dowd P1- Requests a report on the removal of the tree on Bowdoin St.

Tom Derderian P3- Asks community to help with watering the trees.

Collen Murphy P2-Discusses the trees on the sidewalks that are causing damage to the sidewalks and not ADA compatible.

Lee Foley P6-Constructinon going on outside of 3A has nothing to do with MBTA 3A.

Shannon Reneri-Feels the town can come together, work together and don't lose help.

Diane Sands P5-Asks if anyone that is monitoring the unification of construction

John Morgan P4-He made a complaint about a tree on Somerset Ave that did not meet ADA requirements and tree still not removed. His complaint was found valid. He is still waiting for appeal from the Town.

Vasili Mallios P5-Thanks the tree warden for giving the OK to water the trees. There is a video that should be reviewed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nomination Papers for the Local Election 11-4-25 Available Clerks Office-All
- Keep Informed of Updates on Fire Station-Town Website

- **TOWN COUNCIL WISHES ALL A SAFE HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Swope at 8:45 pm

2nd by Vice President Belcher

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
