

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

ROLL CALL TOWN COUNCIL

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

Absent: Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Daros

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Swope

Council President discusses the Fall Forum and our meeting is scheduled for an hr. as the Fall Forum will begin approx. 7 PM

MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Belcher to Approve the Minutes of October 7, 2025, as circulated.

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passed

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Citation for Police Officer Mary Crisafi who has retired Mary was unable to attend, but we thank her for all her service with the Winthrop Police Dept. for 29 years.

Massport Presentation:

Michael Vatalaro, Sara Dennechuk, Steve Sulprizo

Please see entire presentation on our Town Website

<https://www.winthropma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2583/MASSPORT-PRESENTATION10-21-25>

There are several complaints about the work hours during the construction being 7 days a week. There were several discussions on why this has to be and, in the future, can this be discussed?

There was a discussion on the soundproofing of homes in Winthrop that will be done in the future. Please review presentation to request updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Morgan P4-Thanks the town and all involved with the dedication of the Path to Jerry DeFranza

Joe Ramano P3-Discusses the importance of the new Aeronautical and Airport Committee

Marci Hamilton P2-Discusses the CZM Report that will be discussing to hopefully address our town's flooding issues and review any funding that might be available.

CORRESPONDENCE- Received None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORC – Still reviewing Town Ordinances

Public Health & Safety- Councilor Swope discusses the meeting which included Comcast Services to 210-214 Winthrop St. This motion was voted with a positive recommendation from the committee.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council President reports still ongoing negotiations with the Teachers Union.

Presentation by Tom Derderian, Tree Warden of trees wanted planted within school grounds.

UPDATE POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES- None to Update

TOWN MANGER REPORT-Please see attached copy of report.

The PowerPoint Presentation with the MBTA is on our website.

Circulated Proposal for Zoom Service at the Senior Center

Reached out to state about Bond Funds

Vice President Belcher believes when MBTA does analysis due to Winthrop being a smaller community, it is good to do monthly reports.

Councilor Swope asks if the bus size can be reduced? Town Manager reports he asked this question and due to the handicap requirements, the larger buses are needed at this point due to staffing.

Councilor Aiello requested the letter to the MBTA to be voted on and have it sent.

Town Manager did get an email from the MBTA and was promised 2-3 shelters per community. He will check if we are 2 or 3.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Public Health and Safety Committee voted with a positive recommendation that Comcast can add service to 210-214 Winthrop St.

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

Town Council appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 to pay cost to replace water meters-**Referred to the Finance Committee**

Motion by President Letterie that the Town Council approve the appointment of Carol Mietzch to the Aviation and Nautical Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2028

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

Motion by President Letterie that the Town Council approve the appointment of Debbie Chavis to the Board of License Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2028

2nd by Councilor Swope

Passed Unanimously

Motion by President Letterie that the Town Council approve the appointment of Andrea DeSouza to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on June 30, 2028

2nd by Vice President Belcher

Passed Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

FY 26 Tax Classification (November 5th)

11-4-25 Local Election Ballot Questions Review-

Council President Reviews the Charter Questions that will be on our 11-4-2025 Election.

Motion by Councilor Aiello to approve the letter written by Vice President Belcher to the MBTA in reference to the Bus Route Schedule

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Celeste Ribiero Hewitt P1-In reference to the Massport Presentation and the funding from them to the Winthrop Foundation, she would like a more detailed explanation of funding from Massport to the Winthrop Foundation.

Karin Chaviz-Requests Rob O'Dwyer, the representative for Winthrop for the Northeast Vocational, to attend a Town Council meeting to update on the school.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

10-24-25-Trunk or Treat –Behind ATC- 5-7 PM

10-25-25-25-Winthrop Bike Halloween-Ingleside Pk. 10-3

10-31-25-Halloween Haunt-Winthrop Center – 4-6 PM

11-4-25- Local Election 7 AM to 8 PM

Call Town Clerk Office 617-846-1852 for Information on Absentee and Over the Counter Voting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Belcher at 7:10 pm

2nd by Councilor DeMarco

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