

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2025

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 Aiello

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Swope

MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Belcher to Approve the Minutes of October 21, 2025, as circulated.

2nd by Councilor Swope

Absent: Councilor Tassinari, Councilor DaRos

Motion Passed

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Winthrop Police Offer Swearing in Ceremony:

- Jay Silva-Full Time Winthrop Police Officer
- Daniel Stone - Sargent
- Sean Delehanty-Lieutenant

Rob O'Dwyer from the Northeast Vocational Schools has rescheduled until the 11-18-25 Town Council Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Open Public Hearing

Town Council appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 to pay cost to replace water meters.

Discussion-

Public Hearing Closed

Public Hearing Opened

FY 26 Tax Classification

Council President Letterie refers the Tax Classification information to the Finance Committee

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marci Hamilton P2-Congratulates all the candidates. Discusses what is currently being done with broken pipes. This has been promised to be done, and she awaits information as to when this funding will be available.

Celeste Ribeiro Hewitt P1-Congratulates Kurt Millar and this is her official concession and congratulates all the candidates.

Karin Chavis P2-Comments that Rob O'Dwyer has not yet been to a Town Council meeting and looks forward to his being in attendance at our next meeting.

Kurt Millar P2-Thanks the Clerks Office for their good job on the election, thanks Celeste for a good honest campaign.

Jack Dowd P1- Comments the town voted overwhelmingly NO to 3A.

Erin Barcello's P5-Winthrop Food Pantry needs volunteers. Asks what our community will do for people in need. Winthrop still has a court case for an exemption and hopes we all work together on this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE- Received None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor DaRos reports on the motion for \$1,100,000 for the Meters that was voted on with a positive recommendation from the Finance Committee

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Currently in Union Negotiations

UPDATE POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES- Please see attached...

Town Council President formally thanks the Town Clerks Office for their hard work during the 11-4-25 Election and congratulates all candidates.

TOWN MANGER REPORT-Please see attached copy of report.

Town is in collaboration with Revere and Chelsea for any individuals not receiving their SNAP Benefits. Local markets have been asked for food donations to food banks.

Vice President Belcher has question on the Tips Project Parking. All updated information is on our Town Website.

Councilor Costigan asks about the detouring traffic in the Tips Project, and it must be reviewed and make sure all safe. Town Manager agrees and it is being carefully watched.

Councilor Swope requests information on a Tree Grant. Town Manager will get information.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation that the Town appropriates the sum of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000) (1) to pay costs to replace water meters, exercise water valves and replace water valves as necessary to the Town's water system, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and (2) to raise this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, as amended or any other enabling authority; or (3) to take any other action relative thereto.

No 2nd Needed

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Aiello, Councilor DeMarco, Councilor Costigan, Councilor Swope,

Vice President Belcher, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Aiello

Motion Passes

Update Lot 56-62 Crescent St.-

Town Manager Marino reports that a resident came forward requesting the town to sell this land, but there is a process for this if it were to happen, but discussions with the Town Manager and DPW Director Calla have determined that this land is in a low lying area and the town will keep this land and not consider selling.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 26 Tax Classification-Town Council President Refers this to the Finance Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Sacco P2-Discusses that the election for the school override did include funds for contract negotiations. He asks all to review the School Budget.

Kim Dimes P2-Asks about the sidewalks in reference to the Tips Project and that during the holidays and future, considerations are made for pedestrian use but economically for the businesses.

Erin Barcello P5-Reports that the intersection at Pleasant and Main needs to review for safety. It is very difficult and not safe to cross this street. Asks the Town Manager to please look into.

Karin Chavis P2-Has rave reviews for the Town Clerks Office during the election and thanks all for their work on this election and their time spent in the office not during business hours. Their efforts should be commendable.

Councilor DeMarco wanted to remind all of the High School Play...of which his daughter happens to be starring in....and the High School does a wonderful job on all plays.

Councilor DaRos comments on the Fires that have occurred within the last few months in his precinct. The most recent the Delehanty home on Shirley St., which was completely destroyed and have lost almost everything. We are asking the town to help support this family and their needs. Please contact Mary Crisafi...617-799-4538

Also please keep a yet out for their black and white cat....

Town Council President reiterates all our prayers are with the family....

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Swope at 7:15pm

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

UPDATED POLICY COMMITTEES AS OF 11-5-25

BOL-

The Board of License has begun the renewal preparation of all the towns Liquor Licenses and Common Victualler's. All current licenses expire on 12-31-25

Cinco de Mayo, has made a successful bid with the Mass DOR to purchase the liquor license from current owners of Piccolo Piatti. They have begun their application to apply for a full liquor license in Winthrop at this location to be reviewed by the Board of License.

Current Wine, Malt & Cordial Liquor License holders will be notified of the new law that they can apply for a full liquor license.

The Transfer of Liquor License for the new Owners of Osaka, Lucky Garden has been approved by the ABCC.

The Board of License will begin reviews on current Short Term Rental application new and renewals.

BOA-

The Board of Assessors has met on 210 Winthrop St. in reference to the application for variance on a 4 story/42 residential dwelling units with parking underneath.

This has been continued for further information.

95 Bowdoin St. has been approved for an Accessory Dwelling Unit be constructed

10-26 Somerset Ave. is currently being reviewed as the property is converting from apartments to condominiums. Parking is being discussed on this matter and case is being continued for further information.

WPB-

The Winthrop Planning Board is currently reviewing the parking in the CBD

Please review on our town website the Ordinances for the Short Term Rentals and Accessory Dwelling Unit procedures.