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WINTHROP TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 7, 2026

6:30 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HARVEY HEARING ROOM

Town Council Members

Town Council President James Letterie

Precinct 1 Councilor Costigan

Precinct 2 Councilor Dimes

Precinct 3 Councilor Romano

Precinct 4 Councilor Swope

Precinct 5 Councilor Reardon

Precinct 6 Councilor Finn

Councilor at Large Millar

Councilor at Large Tassinari

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes March 24, 2026 as circulated

2. GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Town Council Appropriate Retained Earnings in Waterway/Harbormaster Enterprise Fund/Repair & Maint. Floats

Town Council Vote to Modify General Funds Budgets for FY26

Amendment to Add New Ordinance 8.37.00-Land Disturbance and Erosion Control

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS-Finance - Finance / Public Health & Works, / Listening Post /Rules & Ordinance

7. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

8. UPDATE- POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

10. OLD BUSINESS

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Town Council discuss Ordinance Amendment 17.52.030 Use Variance

National Grid Installation Pole 22 Pauline St.

Town Council vote to Approve Video Recordings of Committee Meetings to be Posted

11. NEW BUSINESS

Town Council vote to Adopt the Retirement Boards recommendation to increase the Retirees COLA from \$14,000 to \$16,000

Town Council suspend TC Rules & Procedures time of April 21, 2026 Council meeting to begin at 6:00 PM

Appointment(s)

MBTA 3A-Discussion and potential next steps

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Rabies Clinic-April 11, 2026 at the Town Landing Harbormaster Building 10-12pm

Town Council Spring Forum on Budget-April 21, 2026-WHS Shapiro Auditorium 7:00 PM

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3)—

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation of which the Chair so declares that having the discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the public body.

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO ADJOURN AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT ONLY

ROLL CALL



TOWN OF WINTHROP

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 Telephone: 617-846-1077 Fax: 617-846-5458

Anthony Marino
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

March 19, 2026

Fiscal Year 2026

Motion Summary

Title: FY26 General Fund Inter-Budgetary Transfers
Motion ID: TCM26-008

Motion Details

Motion Type: General Fund Inter-Budgetary Transfers
Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager
Date Submitted: 03/19/2026

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote modify the following General Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 to better facilitate current budget needs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
0132053-532500	Northeast Regional Voc	59,403.63	0111253-530500	Consulting Services	7,500.00
0132053-532502	Northeast Regional Voc Debt Service	58,096.37	0114551-511100	Personnel(Treasury)	20,000.00
			0114555-558700	Materials(Treasury)	20,000.00
			0115557-579100	Software Annual License Cost(MIS)	10,000.00
			0122052-524106	Repair/Maint Vehicles(Fire)	40,000.00
			0122053-530702	Training Services(Fire)	20,000.00
0132053-532502	Northeast Regional Voc Debt Service	55,300.00			
0193058-584133	Fire Dept Generator	39,700.00	0196058-588198	Pumper Engine	95,000.00
0193058-584170	Police Tasers	22,000.00	0193058-584122	Police Station Repairs	22,000.00
Total		234,500.00	Total		234,500.00



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Town Council Motion

March 19, 2026

Fiscal Year 2026

Motion Summary

Title: Marina Float Repairs

Motion ID: TCM26-007

Amount: \$40,000

Funding Source: Waterways/Harbormaster Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate

Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager

Date Submitted: March 19, 2026

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council appropriate from Retained Earnings in the Waterways/Harbormaster Enterprise Fund, the amount of \$40,000, for extraordinary repairs and maintenance of the floats in the marina; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
752-359000	Retained Earnings	\$40,000	75229552-524107	REPAIR/MAIT OF INFRASTRUCTURE	\$40,000

Water Ways Retained Earnings Balance: \$137,979

Amount Requested: \$40,000

Water Ways Retained Earnings after motion approval: \$97,979



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MOTION

Submitted By: President Letterie

Date: 4-2-26

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: That the Town Council vote to add Chapter 8.37.00 Land Disturbance and Erosion Control to the Town' current Ordinances



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MOTION

Submitted By: President Letterie

Date: 4-2-26

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: That the Town Council vote to amend the current 17.52.030 Use Variance Ordinance

Recommendation No. 3:

Should Multiple Member Bodies, e.g. Board of Licensing or Planning Board be required to nominate and elect/re-elect a Chairperson as a first order of business in the first meeting after the start of the fiscal year?

ORC votes: 9 to 0 in favor of Recommendation.

Recommendation No. 4: *Can be approved with 2/3 vote of Town Council to adopt.

Should Ordinance Chapter 17.52.030, which currently permits Use Variances, be changed to disallow Use Variances.

ORC votes: 8 to 1 in favor of Recommendation.

Recommendation No. 5A:

Should the Charter be amended to add a provision that will allow for the recall of an elected official through a citizen's initiative?

ORC votes: 7 to 2 in favor of Recommendation.

Recommendation No. 5B:

If yes, should the recall language include the reasons or grounds for which an elected official may be subject to recall?

ORC votes: 5 to 4, rejecting Recommendation.

Recommendation No. 6:

Should the Charter be amended to include that, if there is a dispute between this Charter and Council Rules, Charter is binding.

ORC votes: 9 to 0 in favor of Recommendation.

Recommendation No. 7:

Should the Filling of Vacancy Language on the School Committee, Housing Authority or Board of Library Trustee, as set forth in Charter Section 5-1(h), be amended to mirror the vacancy process for the Town Council.



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MOTION

Submitted by: Town Council President

Date: 4-2-26

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: That the Town Council vote to grant permission to National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Pauline St. beginning at a point approx. 237' Northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Pauline St. and Fremont St. and continuing approx. 24' in a South direction. National Grid to install 45' class 2 pole on Southern sidewalk of Pauline St. in front of 22 Pauline St. This pole is needed to install new OH XRFM that will be feeding new apartments at 22 Pauline St. and because existing nearby poles are at capacity.

The following are the streets and highways referred to:
Plan # 31226970-Pauline St. National Grid

Questions contact - Rafael Kerguelen (781) 388-5101 or
Rafael.kerguelenstrepo@nationalgrid.com

PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

To the Town Council
Of Winthrop, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Pauline Street - National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Pauline Street beginning at a point approximately 237 feet Northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Pauline Street and Fremont Street and continuing approximately 24 feet in a South direction. National Grid to install 45' class 2 pole on Southern sidewalk of Pauline Street in front of 22 Pauline Street. This pole is needed to install new OH XRFM that will be feeding new apartments at 22 Pauline Street and because existing nearby poles are at capacity. Winthrop, MA.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Pauline Street - Winthrop, Massachusetts.

No.# 31226970

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a
NATIONAL GRID *Nick Memmolo*

BY _____
Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY *[Signature]* _____
Manager / Right of Way

March 6, 2026

Questions contact – Central Design, Rafael Kerguelen (781) 388-5101 or
Rafael.kerguelenstrepo@nationalgrid.com

ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

To the Town Council of Winthrop, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 3rd day of February, 2026.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – Pauline Street - Winthrop, Massachusetts.

No.# 31226970

Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Pauline Street - National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Pauline Street beginning at a point approximately 237 feet Northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Pauline Street and Fremont Street and continuing approximately 24 feet in a South direction. National Grid to install 45' class 2 pole on Southern sidewalk of Pauline Street in front of 22 Pauline Street. This pole is needed to install new OH XRFM that will be feeding new apartments at 22 Pauline Street and because existing nearby poles are at capacity. Winthrop, MA.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the

Of the City/Town of _____, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____ 20 ____.

City/Town Clerk.
20 ____.

Massachusetts
Received and entered in the records of location orders of the City/Town of _____
Book _____ Page _____

Attest:

City/Town Clerk

I hereby certify that on _____ 20 ____, at _____ o'clock, M

At _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of
Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND,
INC. for permission to erect the poles, wires, and fixtures described in the order herewith recorded,
and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of
said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment
for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Company is permitted to erect
Poles, wires, and fixtures under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

City/Town Clerk.

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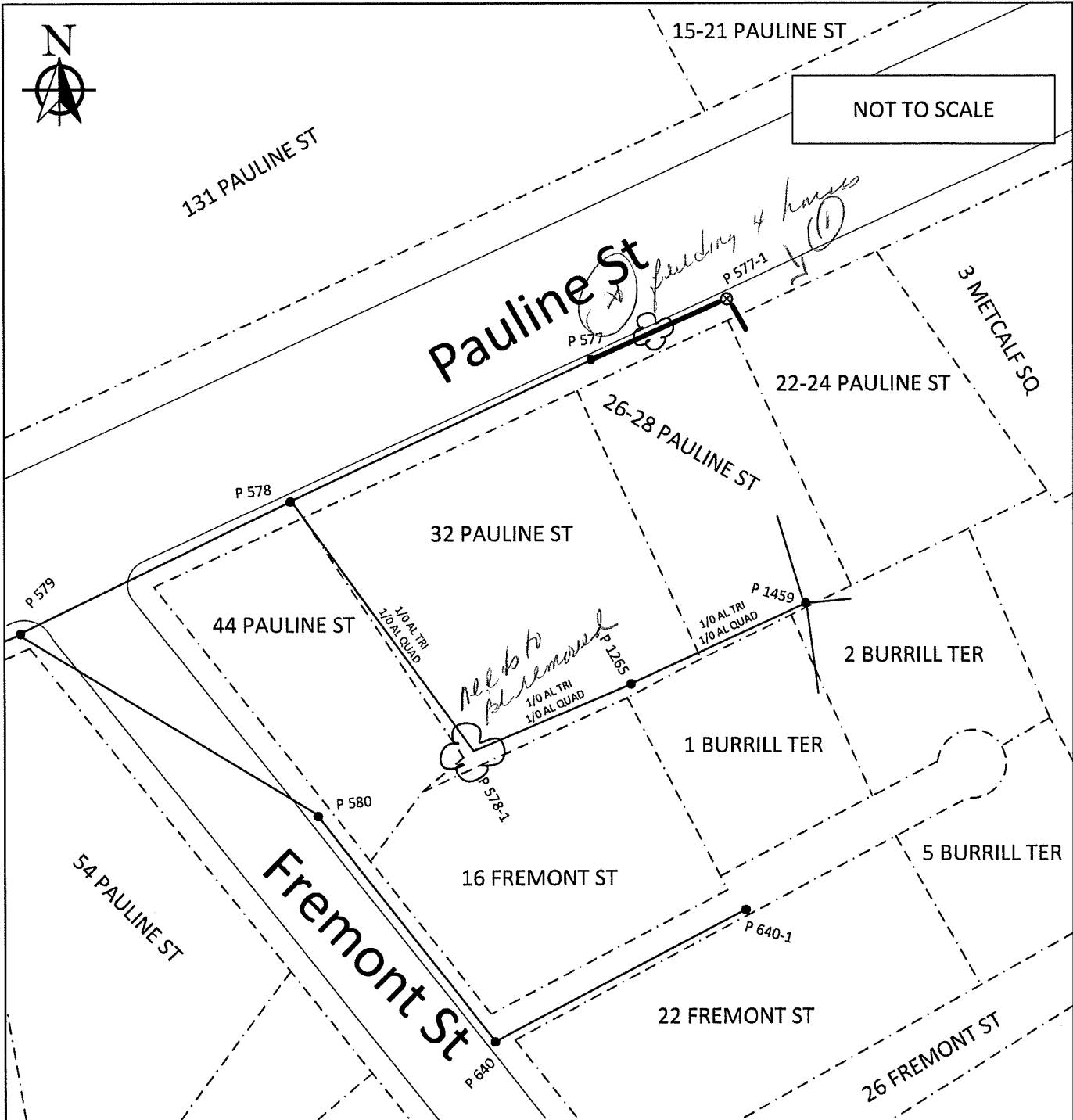
Board or Council of Town or City, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the location order and certificate of
hearing with notice adopted by the _____ of the City of _____
Massachusetts, on the _____ day of 20 ____ and recorded with the records of location
orders of the said City, Book _____, and Page _____. This certified copy is made under
the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest:

City/Town Clerk



LEGEND

	OH Existing Wires		Existing Pole
	OH Proposed Wires		Proposed Pole
	Property Line		Existing Tree

OH PETITION SKETCH

Owners:

RELLEN ENTERPRISES LLV
5 Bellevue Terrace
Winthrop MA 02152

Address:

22 Pauline St
Winthrop MA
02152

SKETCH TO ACCOMPANY PETITION:

Proposed Installation of 45' Class 2 Pole # 577-1 with OH XFRM on it to be located on southern sidewalk of Pauline St in front of 22 Pauline St that will be feeding

Date: 02.03.2026

WR #: 31226970

Designer: RAFA KERGUELEN

nationalgrid



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MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Romano

Date: March 19, 2026

MOTION

Motion: I move that the Town Council vote to approve that all multiple member body meetings that have Zoom or other virtual attendance capabilities shall be recorded and posted to an online video hosting platform or to the town's website within 72 weekday hours after said meeting takes place, whenever doing so is reasonably possible



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Anthony Marino
Town Manager

MOTION

TEXT OF MOTION

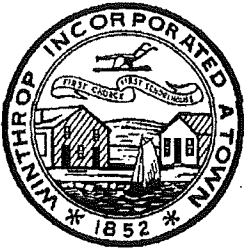
Submitted By: Town Manager Marino

Date: 3-25, 2026

Subject: Retirees Cola Increase

TEXT OF MOTION

Motion: That the Town Council vote to adopt the Winthrop Retirements Board recommendation to increase the Town's retirees COLA base from the current \$14,000 to \$16,000;or take any other action thereto



TOWN OF WINTHROP OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

MOTION

Submitted By: Council President Letterie

Date: 4-2-26

TEXT OF MOTION

MOTION: That the Town Council vote to suspend Rule 2 (a) of the Town Council Rules & Procedures to amend April 24, 2026 a Special Town Council Meeting to begin at 6:00 PM; or take any other action relative hereto.
