

Winthrop Board or Committee Public Body Minutes

Councilor Millar, Chair
Councilor Dimes, Member
Councilor Romano, Member

Name of Public Body: Rules and Ordinance

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 6:30pm

Location of Meeting: Harvey Hearing Room

Called to order at 6:30pm by Councilor Millar

Roll Call Attendance: Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Millar, present

Public Comment Opened @ 6:34pm

- **Paul Reardon:** Suggests voice text only be stored on platform. Storage and cost are concerns.
- **Suzanne Swope:** Looking for meeting minutes that have been submitted but not posted. Where are they located? Concerned about special permits in addition to the use ordinance.
- **Pat Costigan:** Supports the motions for the change of language in 2(b) & 2(c).

Public Comment Closed @ 6:38pm

AGENDA

- Motion: All multiple member body meetings that have Zoom or other virtual attendance capabilities posted to online hosting or town website.

Discussion: Continued concerns about volume for recordings. Councilor Romano asked to add language to his motion to include, “member body meetings **and all policy making boards.**” Councilor Millar will send an email to Town Manager Marino to confirm with IT what the storage capabilities are. We will wait to hear back from IT before the motion language is amended. Every policy making board meeting should be recorded. Suggest that we have IT or Denise Quist at the next meeting to provide information.

Motion to Continue by Councilor Romano. 2nd by Councilor Dimes

Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

- Ordinance amendment 17.52.030 Use Variance

Discussion: Councilor Millar sent an email to BOA & Planning Board for information about the Use Variance. Next steps: Schedule a time for both to attend an R&O meeting to review Use Variance. Public Hearings to follow.

Motion to Continue by Councilor Dimes 2nd by Councilor Romano

Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

- Motion to amend Town Council Rules & Procedures Rule 2(b) & (c)

Discussion: Councilor Dimes concerned with a potential violation of Open Meeting Law with submittal by Thursday before next council meeting. With town hall closed on Fridays will this satisfy the 48 hour in advance posting of agenda items. Councilor Millar concerned with 4pm on Thursday being too late. Councilor Romano clarified that Rule already has this language. Councilor Millar read the definition of majority from Open Meeting Law for clarification.

Motion for a positive recommendation to amend Rule 2(b) made by Councilor Romano 2nd by Councilor Dimes Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

Motion for a positive recommendation to amend Rule 2(c) made by Councilor Dimes 2nd by Councilor Romano Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

- ORC Committee Recommendations on Town Ordinances
 - 10.04.010
 - 12.44.020
 - 12.44.050
 - 13.08.030
 - 13.08.040
 - 13.04.110

Motion for a positive recommendation for all made by Councilor Romano 2nd by Councilor Dimes Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

- New Ordinance 13.04.120 Removal of Lead/Required Material for Water Services

Motion for a positive recommendation made by Councilor Romano 2nd by Councilor Dimes Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

- New Ordinance 8.20.071 Motorized Scooters/Electric Bikes

Discussion: Further input needed from Chief Goodwin. Need further discussion to specify park areas, trail areas, French Square boundaries.

Motion to continue made by Councilor Dimes 2nd by Councilor Romano Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

- Motion: That the Town Council adopt the following Recommendation from the Tree Committee Ordinance 17.44.060 Amendment

Motion for a positive recommendation made by Councilor Dimes 2nd by Councilor Romano Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from 3/31/2026 made by Councilor Romano 2nd by Councilor Dimes Vote 3-0 in the affirmative

Motion to adjourn made at 7:37pm all in favor