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WINTHROP TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

MAY 19, 2026

6:00 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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

John Lyons – DPW Employee

Kevin Trainor-State Police Officer

ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a) (3)

To discuss strategy with respect to Litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Litigating Position of the public body if the chair so declares.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Continue Regular Schedule Town Council Meeting

1. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes May 5, 2026 as circulated

2. GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WPD-Officers Swearing In

Officer Michael Connolly Promoted to Sgt.

Officer David Brown Promoted to Sgt.

Meredith Hurley-Public Health Director

3. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Ordinance

Public Health Safety & Works Committee

Councilor Swope-Listening Post

7. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

8. UPDATE- POLICY MAKING COMMITTEES

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Council discuss Ordinance Amendment 17.52.030 Use Variance (*In Committee- Rules & Ordinance & WPB*)

Town Council vote to Approve Video Recordings of Committee Meetings to be Posted (*Rules & Ordinance*)

Motion to Amend Town Council Rules & Procedures Rule 2 (c) (*In Committee- Rules & Ordinance*)

Town Council Review Ordinance Committee Recommendations -Scooters (*Rules & Ordinance*)

Town Council Review Ordinance Recommendation from the Tree Committee (*Town Attorney*)

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

Town Council vote to appropriate Certified Free Cash/Revolving Fund Close out FY26

Town Council vote to authorize Unpaid Bills of Prior Year

Proclamation-Juneteenth-Councilor Tassinari

MBTA Letter – Councilor Romano

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

13. **PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**



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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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Anthony Marino
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

May 14, 2026

Fiscal Year 2026

Motion Summary

Title: Free Cash Appropriation to Revolving Funds
Motion ID: TCM26-012
Amount: \$160,000
Funding Source: Free Cash

Motion Details

Motion Type: Appropriate
Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager
Date Submitted: May 14, 2026

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to appropriate Certified Free Cash to the below Revolving Funds to assist in closing out Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Funding Source			Funding Destination		
Account	Description	Amount	Account	Description	Amount
	Free Cash	\$ 160,000.00	723	Pauline Street Revolving(Gym)	\$ 80,000.00
			724	EBNewton Revolving	\$ 80,000.00

Free Cash Remaining : \$779,388
Less FY27 Capital Plan : \$500,000
Less Amount Requested : \$160,000
Free Cash after motion approval : \$119,388



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Anthony Marino
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own Council Motion

May 14, 2026

Fiscal Year 2026

Motion Summary

Title: Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year

Motion ID: TCM26-011

Amount: \$20,232.45

Funding Source: Current Year Departmental Budgets

Motion Details

Motion Type: Budgetary

Submitted by: Anthony Marino, Town Manager

Date Submitted: 05/14/2026

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to authorize Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year to be paid from current year departmental budgets as noted below; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

See next page.



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VENDOR	INV DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT	ORG-OBJ	AMOUNT
Vestis	10/16/2024	Clothing Cleaning	DPW	90144051-519300	\$60.43
Vestis	8/30/2024	Clothing Cleaning	DPW	90144051-519300	\$81.27
Pine Ridge Technologies	9/26/2023	Electrician	DPW	0142052-521104	\$1,689.50
MEC Motion Elevator	5/14/2024	Elevator repair	EB Newton	72472452-524100	\$1,060.00
Verizon	6/4/2022	Phone Alarm	EB Newton	72472453-534100	\$22.00
National Grid	3/7/2023	Gas	Harbormaster	75229552-521100	\$212.75
Lan-Tel Communications	6/27/2023	Key Fobs	Harbormaster	75229557-579100	\$623.48
Myrecdept	6/1/2023	Annual subscription	Parks & Rec	67163053-534100	\$1,055.00
Greater Boston Police Council	12/10/2024	membership renewal	Police	0121057-573100	\$1,750.00
Robert Rich Auto Repair	1/14/2023	Car repairs	Police	0121052-524106	\$143.40
National Grid	9/6/2024	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$151.27
National Grid	10/7/2024	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$295.63
National Grid	11/3/2024	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$312.24
National Grid	12/6/2024	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$1,035.06
National Grid	1/8/2025	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$2,465.25
National Grid	2/6/2025	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$1,251.02
National Grid	3/10/2025	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$1,850.94
National Grid	4/7/2025	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$949.50
National Grid	5/7/2025	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$604.26
National Grid	6/6/2025	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$425.83
National Grid	7/7/2025	Gas	Police	0121052-521200	\$262.62
Independent Newspapers	6/3/2023	Legal ad	Town	0111053-530402	\$60.00
Independent Newspapers	4/26/2023	Legal ad	Town	0111053-530402	\$50.00
Independent Newspapers	6/28/2022	Legal ad	Town	0111053-530402	\$60.00
Independent Newspapers	6/28/2022	Legal ad	Town	0111053-530402	\$60.00
Amplix	4/1/2023	Telecom	Town	0142553-534100	\$500.00
Kelley & Ryan	6/30/2023	Parking tickets	Treasury	0129353-530800	\$3,201.00
				Total	\$20,232.45



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MOTION

Submitted By: Councilor Tassinari

Date: May 10, 2026

Motion for the council to approve the following proclamation recognizing June 19th, 2026, as Juneteenth National Independence Day in Winthrop.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, federally and locally observed annually on June 19th, commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom—more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is recognized as the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, and stands as a symbol of the long and continuing struggle for racial equity, justice, and the celebration of African American culture, heritage, and achievement; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth is an opportunity to learn, contemplate, and reenergize the values of community, cooperation, and inclusivity, which are cornerstones to the Town of Winthrop; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winthrop celebrates the diversity in our residents and recognizes that the impact of our African American neighbors on the vibrant fabric of our community is indelible and deserving of recognition, acknowledgement, and commitment to ensure continued equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winthrop recognizes the importance of acknowledging this significant date in American history and affirms its commitment to fostering a more inclusive, unified, and just society;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Winthrop Town Council does hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth National Independence Day in the Town of Winthrop; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in honor of this day, the Juneteenth flag shall be flown at the E.B. Newton Cultural Center in accordance with Town Ordinance on Friday, June 19, 2026, as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, and unity.



To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today to express concerns that many Winthrop residents have about the proposed MBTA bus route changes, particularly those residents who live beyond the Winthrop landing, a part of town that is known as Point Shirley. Currently the 712/713 routes directly serve Point Shirley and much of Winthrop, connecting residents to Orient Heights and the Blue Line. Existing buses already run roughly every 30–60 minutes on weekdays depending on the time of day. The MBTA redesign proposal claimed replacement routes connected to Revere would improve frequency to every 30 minutes or better. However, many residents were concerned the redesign would reduce direct coverage in Winthrop and push service farther from Point Shirley residents.

Winthrop's geography makes public transit especially important because the town is isolated and many residents rely on buses to reach the Blue Line, jobs, schools, and medical care. For residents near Point Shirley, moving the practical endpoint to the Winthrop Landing creates longer walking distances and less accessibility. These residents at Point Shirley already live in the most remote part of town, so they rely on bus service and public transportation the most. If these changes would go through, the MBTA would be abandoning thousands of Winthrop residents. The increased frequency this proposal gives is not as helpful if buses no longer reach the neighborhoods that depend on them most. The 712/713 routes have historically been described as a "lifeline" for Winthrop residents because of the town's unique geography and dependence on transit access. There has to be a better way where we do not abandon some residents in favor of others.