

Minutes
Public Health, Safety and Public Works Committee
May 27, 2026. 4:30-5:45 Harvey Hearing Room

Attendees: Suzanne Swope, Chair
Paul Riordan, Vice Chair
Marty Finn, Member
Anthony Marino, Town Manager

This meeting focused on discussing the alignment of Winthrop's administrative staff on multi-year, interdepartmental planning to strengthen shared risk management. The conversation centered around infrastructure challenges, particularly water main replacements and pavement planning, with Tony Marino explaining how the town coordinates road work with utility replacements and leads line installations to avoid repeated digging. The committee discussed the high cost of water main replacements, with Winthrop Street project estimated at \$4 million, and explored ways to better align private development with public infrastructure needs. Key topics included the town's approach to managing tree-related sidewalk issues, the implementation of digital water meter readers to monitor usage and detect leaks, and challenges with staffing levels in the public works department. The discussion also covered coordination with surrounding communities on shared services like dispatch centers and the need for better communication about department activities and budget justifications to residents.

Documents: Five Year Capital Plan,
Water System Capital Improvement plan
Zoning and Development Plan. (600 pages, no electronic version)