

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2026

President Letterie calls the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room

ROLL CALL

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Councilor Dimes

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Romano to Approve the Minutes of June 2, 2026, as circulated.

2nd by Councilor Swope

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karin Chavis P2-Comments on the Finance Commission and the FY27 budget. Reports that 8 departments came into discuss their budget and the major rolls these departments had with their budgeting.....

Library construction interior, exterior, including handicap construction.

Council on Ageing-Able to purchase a new mini van.

Veterans Services-Very appreciative of the service each veteran.

Enterprise Funds-Rink, ADA compliance.

Parks & Rec-Have proven themselves with so many issues they faced.

Harbormaster now included and ran by the WPD.

DPW-Always hard working and get things done.

Requests that more departments visit the finance meetings.

Very Proud of the FY27 Budget Book and advises all to review.

OLD BUSINESS

FY 27 BUDGET

Councilor Tassinari thanks the Finance Commission, along with Town Manager Marino, Robbie Powers, Sarah Johnson for their hard work on the FY27 Budget. Councilor Tassinari reads each motion in completion into the record.

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Annual General Fund Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Councilor Swope has a question on fixed cost and discretionary costs of budget of which Sarah Johnson reviews

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Annual Revolving Budgets for Fiscal Year 2027

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

**Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Annual Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2027
2nd by Councilor Romano**

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Larson Rink Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Recreation Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Harbormaster Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Adopt Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council Appropriate Funds to the Educational Stabilization Fund

2nd by Councilor Romano

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

Town Council Review and Vote on Massport PILOT agreement

Town Manager Marino discusses the Massport Pilot along with a presentation

Please see Presentation on the Town Website

- Councilor Costigan believes we should have negotiated to increase the numbers. Does not feel the Council had adequate time to review, but are now in a predicament that we must vote on this agreement.
- Councilor Tassinari thanks Councilor Costigan especially for the health concerns with the ramifications of the active airport, but let's not forget this is a PILOT Program, we can tie the next mitigation agreement with the current parking garages being constructed. We must focus on this agreement.
- Councilor Millar believes there is a misunderstanding between a pilot program and a contract and it is not up for negotiation and wishes there was more time to discuss but believes these numbers are very beneficial.
- Councilor Dimes believes a 42% increase is beneficial and grateful we received this amount.
- Councilor Romano is concerned that this increase will not keep up with inflation and hopes that in the course of the 15 years we get a fair rate. This could be the best, but he would have liked more time to review.
- Councilor Reardon discusses the relationship with the Town and Massport. He feels once this pilot goes through wants them to follow up with their agreements.
- Councilor Finn agreed with all and pleased this program was agreed upon.
- Vice President Swope feels this is not the best deal but thanks the Town Manager for his hard work and negotiations. She does not think Massport is acting fair with these numbers.

Motion by Councilor Tassinari that the Town Council accept the 15 Year Massport PILOT Agreement

2nd by Councilor Dimes

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano Councilor Finn, President Letterie

No: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Romano, Vice President Swope

Motion Passes

Committee Appointments- New / Re-Appointments

Councilor President discusses his review of how each appointment is re-appointment, discusses each candidate, discusses whether they requested to be re-appointed, contacts the Chair of each Committee to discuss the members

Council President reads his motion for Non-Policy Making Committee Re-appointments

The Town Council accept the Re-appointment(s) made by Town Council President Letterie to the following Non-Policy Making Committee's; or take any other action thereto

AIR POLLUTION, NOISE AND AIRPORT HAZARD COMMITTEE

HANNAH BELCHER

COLIN KENNEDY

BOARD OF APPEALS

JOHN YOUNG

JASON WRIGHT-ADVANCE TO FULL MEMBER

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

PETER GILL

COUNCIL OF AGING

LINDA CRONIN

COMMISSION OF DISABILITIES

ANDREW CARR

JOHN MORGAN

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

HANNAH BELCHER

VANESSA FLAVIN

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

JUDI BUONO

Motion by the Council President to appoint Christian Buonopane to the Board of License

2nd by Councilor Tassinari

Discussion

Councilor Romano reads from the Charter of Re-appointing Policy Making Committee Members.....

Discussion on Re-Appointments and which Boards are considered Policy Making Committees per the Town Charter and the Town Council President must present his choices and the Town Council also vote on these. Per the Charter, The Board of Appeals and the Board of Assessors are considered Policy Making Committees

Councilor Romano would like each re-appointment to also include a new application and a resume.

The Town Council considers per the Charter, the Boar of Appeals and the Board of Assessors are considered Policy Making.

Councilor Tassinari approves Christian Buonopane on the Board of License as he is now on the Finance Committee and has proven his effect on this committee.

Vice President Swope also believes each candidate, whether new or a re-appointment should have a record on who the Town Council has been approved and voted on to be appointed.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Councilor Costigan, Councilor Tassinari, Councilor Millar, Councilor Dimes, Councilor Romano, Councilor Reardon, Councilor Finn, Vice President Swope, President Letterie

Motion Passes

Town Council accept the appointment made by Council President of Stephen Machinski to the Conservation Committee

2nd Councilor Dimes

Discussion

Councilor Romano uses Council Privilege

Council President does ask for a legal opinion on Policy Making / Non Policy Making Committees for clarification. He believes Board of Appeals and Board of Assessors are Policy Making Committees

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13, 2026 Strawberry Festival

June 13, 2026 Winthrop Pride Pot Luck Dinner

ADJOURNMENT

**With no Further business for the Town Council, the Town Council President Adjourns
Meeting at 8:45 PM**

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

