



**Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes
6 PM Monday, April 22, 2024
17 Highland Ave.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4k0vcUF3N6k>

Call To Order – Roll Call

Chair Shannon McDonnell _x_, Vice-Chair Bruce Burns _x_

Councilor Linda Caprara _x_, Councilor James Steele _x_, Councilor Andy Wess _x_,

Councilor Roy Weymouth _x_, Councilor Aaron White _x_

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment

Item 028 (Taken out of order) Consideration of recommendations from the Appointments Committee tabled from April 1, 2024, meeting:

[Michael Deming](#), Zoning Board of Appeals, term exp. 12/31/2026

[Multiple applicants](#), Winthrop Utilities District Board of Trustees, term exp. 03/31/2025

[Don Holley](#), Winthrop Utilities District Board of Trustees, reappointment, term exp. 03/31/2027

Motion: Move to appoint Larry Merrifield (term exp. 3/31/25) and Roger Hanson (term exp. 3/31/27) to the Winthrop Utilities District Board of Trustees

Motion by: Weymouth **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 7-0

Motion: Move to table Michael Deming, Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by: Burns **Second:** Weymouth **Vote:** 7-0

Item 049 Public Hearing: Mineral Extraction Ordinance, first reading

Open: 6:13 pm

Close: 6:28 pm

Item 050 Consideration of first reading of the [Mineral Extraction Ordinance](#)

Suggested motion: Move to approve the first reading of the Mineral Extraction Ordinance as amended and to hold a second reading on May 6, 2024

Motion by: Steele **Second:** Caprara **Vote:** 7-0

Item 051 Public Hearing: Cable Franchise Agreement Contract Renewal

Open: 6:29 pm

Close: 6:33 pm

Item 052 Consideration of renewing the [Cable Franchise Agreement](#) between the Town of Winthrop, Maine and Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Carter Communications

Motion: Move to approve the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Town of Winthrop, Maine, and Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Carter Communications as presented

Motion by: Weymouth

Second: Wess

Vote: 7-0

Item 053 Discussion and consideration of the [updated Comprehensive Plan](#)

Motion: Move to approve the updated Town of Winthrop's Comprehensive Plan with the noted corrected errors, the added comments from Pat Ladd and the paragraph revision on page 28

Motion by: Burns

Second: White

Vote: 3-4 (Weymouth, Steele, Wess, Caprara)

Item 054 Recognition of Spirit of America Award winners

Item 055 Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2024-001, [reallocating tennis court reserve funds](#) to build a new fence at the baseball field, and skate park and tennis court reserve funds rebuild the beach boardwalk

Motion: Move to approve reallocating tennis court reserve funds to build a new fence at the baseball field, and skate park and tennis court reserve funds rebuild the beach boardwalk

Motion by: Caprara

Second: Wess

Vote: 7-0

Item 056 Consideration of Resolution 2024-002, [appropriating \\$100,000 from the assigned fund balance](#) for capital reserves to the capital reserve account for a townwide property revaluation

Motion: Move to approve appropriating \$100,000 from the assigned fund balance for capital reserves to the capital reserve account for a townwide property revaluation

Motion by: Burns

Second: Wess

Vote: 7-0

Item 057 Consideration of recommendations from the Appointments Committee:

[Richard Dorey](#), Planning Board reappointment from associate to full member, exp. 12/31/29

Motion: Move to reappoint Richard Dorey, Planning Board (term exp. 12/31/29)

Motion by: Weymouth

Second: Caprara

Vote: 7-0

Other Business:

Public comment

Town Manager's report

Adjourn

Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm

Motion by: Caprara

Second: Wess

Vote: 7-0