

Winthrop Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Town Office

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call - Chairman Kevin Cookson, Councilors, Sarah Fuller, Linda Caprara, Ken Buck Sr., Larry Fitzgerald, Don Ellis Jr., Richard Henry (Absent) Town Manager Jeff Woolston, Carl Swanson, Joyce Tillson

- Pledge of Allegiance recited

Ordered that the Winthrop Town Council meet to consider the following items:

- A moment of silence was taken for Kelsey Stoneton

**Approval of July 7, 2014 minutes.**

Motion: Fuller

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

**Item #65- Consider bids for Library Addition**

Motion: Fuller, accept low bidder (SJ Wood Construction Company, Inc.) to construct the library addition.

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: Dale about the bids, \$920,000 left to spend. Bid award does not include contingencies. The Library Trustees have approved low bidder, fund raising will continue.

Vote: 6-0

**Item #54 – Consider Request to Close Downtown Public Parking Lot for Flu Clinic**

Fuller if bringing people into downtown, questions need to be answered. In favor of idea. Buck, why not their own parking lot. Jeff called to notify applicant of meeting – applicant was a no show.

**No action taken.**

**Item #61- Public Haring toConsider 2014 Capital Improvement and Capital Acquisition Project Order #157**

**Chair Cookson opened public hearing at 7:09 P.M.**

Chair Cookson updated Council on Municipal Bond; which requires a public hearing. The bond will be for Capital Improvements per Order #157. Fitzgerald questioned if doing it ourselves (selling on the open market) vs. bond bank is there a reason. Jeff explained that according to Lee Bragg it is a wash and money can be obtained sooner. He believes that the interest rate is about the same. If figures are as had been discussed in previous meetings; ok with it as is Caprara. Buck wants to know exactly if it is the same. Jeff informed that if Council approves we will find out. Caprara reiterated need for confirmation that it is exactly the same not somewhat the same. Jeff gave information as to selling in open market. Lee has been asked if this was the way to go. Jeff explained that \$10,000 has been

committed for the bond specialist to complete the process. If the council now chooses to use the bond bank Jeff believes the \$10,000 will be lost.

**Chair Cookson closed public hearing at 7:15.**

**Item #62-Consider 2014 Capital Improvement and Capital Acquisition Project Order #157**

Motion: Fuller as presented; to sell municipal bond as presented.

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: Buck; missing some of the packet paperwork. The rules and regulations are missing. It is posted per the public hearing.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Fuller Motion to waive second reading

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

**Item # 63-Consider accepting a \$500 dollar donation for Fire Department**

Motion: Buck

Second: Caprara

Discussion : None

Vote: 6-0

**Item #64- Consider a Petition to Stop Jake Braking Noise Pollution**

Terrence Trask explained he wanted the ordinance changed to include no Jake braking at all around the clock from Pine Point Road to at least little Cobbossee. Has spoken with the state and there is no need to be Jake braking but should go before the council. The Police Chief was asked if this was an issue; he did not give any numbers as he didn't know this was on tonight's agenda. Cookson explained the Council can only say yes they want a public hearing to move forward or no. Fitzgerald questioned if he could ask for more information from other departments. It was explained that could happen; it is up to the Council. Mr. Trask asked about the approved speed to be 45miles an hour 3 years ago and still not changed. Chairman Cookson explained this is all State of Maine Department of Transportation. Council only makes recommendations. Fuller would like to have more information on this and would like to hear from those that were at a past public hearing and whether the new signs and things have improved.

Motion: Fuller to receive more information and schedule a public hearing.

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Next Council meeting with be September 8, 2014, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for that date.

**Other Business**

Buck asked about the Truck bid.

**Manager's Report**

Jeff explained in packet the bids for 3 vehicles to release; would like to put the money towards new trucks.

Motion: Caprara to accept bids and put money towards new purchase.

Second: Fuller  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 6-0

Jeff notified that Pondtown has been bought by the Payson Tucker Hose Company, LLC. A quitclaim deed will clear all the paperwork. The former owners brought the property taxes up to date.

Motion: Fuller to approve Quit Claim Deed as presented.  
Second: Fitzgerald  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 6-0

**Item #66 Executive session in accordance with 1 MRSA, Section 401, Sub Section 6A(1)-  
Personnel Action**

Motion: Fuller to enter executive session at 7:30 P.M.  
Second: Ellis  
Vote 6-0

Out of Executive session at 7:46 P.M.

Addition to manager's report.

Jeff asked council if they liked the draft letter to MRC on the landfill. They collectively suggested to soften the tone from absolute support for everything MRC might be doing and send it back with an endorsement for the landfill and final solution that Winthrop can support.

Motion: Fuller to adjourn at 8:05  
Seconded by Buck