

Winthrop Town Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Town Office

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

Roll Call - Chairman Kevin Cookson, Councilors, Sara Fuller, Linda Caprara, Ken Buck Sr., Larry Fitzgerald, Don Ellis Jr., Richard Henry. Town Attorney Lee Bragg and Town Manager Jeff Woolston, Carl Swanson, Darlene Beaulieu, Finance Director were in attendance.

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

Approval of April 7 & 28 and May 5, 19 & 28 minutes.

Motion: Buck
Second: Caprara
Discussion: None
Vote: 6-0-1 (Fuller abstained)

Item #41 Public Hearing to consider liquor license
Pond Town Tavern

Chair Cookson 2 applications for one business. Previous owner for renewal and new owner to operate the Pond Town Tavern as the Pond Town Pub. Hearing is for both and Public Safety will make final determination.

Open public hearing at 7:08

Cookson – Asked Chief of Police if anything needed to be said in reference to Pondtown Tavern - nothing to report. Good business and fairly quiet. Nothing on new business. Cookson asked Mr. Pond; if council votes to approve, application says permits dancing and entertainment. Cookson – anyone from public have anything to say? None

7:09 public hearing closed

Motion: Fuller
Second: Buck
Discussion: Cookson – ask that an amendment that the Clerks approval is based on a record check of the
Motion: Fuller to amend
Second: Buck
Vote 7-0

Item #43 – Consider park bench for Mr. Jim Osborne

Jana Diket – came about based on last year's bench for Gretchen. Jana is proposing the cost is \$1900 which will be raised privately and includes installation. Looking to put bench in memory of Jimmy Osborne. Kathleen O'Clair did the mock up. Janet at Beliveau's would be making and installing the

bench. Fuller asked Jana to discuss who Jim was. Jana he was a daily fixture around the down town, called him Jimmy Grey hound as he jumped on busses and road around the state. Jana always wanted to see this town do a tribute to Jim. Downtown is where Jim always hung out and drank his Pepsi. Cookson – knew Jimmy and Jimmy made his rounds everyday. Jimmy always remembered everyone's name and spoke that name and commends folks for doing this as does Councilor Henry. Chief of Police – He had an incredible memory; Jim had a book one day with numbers in it and letters tied to it. Chief asked him what they were; Jim replied bus routes. Chief tested him one day; what is number such and such and Jim knew the route and time. A number of people use to call the PD and report that a man just jumped in my car; the audience in laughter said “Jimmy”. Thanks the police

Motion: Fuller preliminary approval

Second: Ellis

Discussion: None

Vote 7-0

Dale - Library to councilman for the \$300,000 to the bond so construction can continue. $\frac{3}{4}$ of mil has been raised. Being designed right now. Planning board meeting on Wednesday night; requires a condition of use permit. Believes it will go through. Plan to come back to council in July to put out to bid and hopefully start in August. Does council have any be there. Cookson – looking at blueprints and other pieces of the process. If any other questions councilors have now is the opportunity to do so. Fitzgerald – interested in the drawings. Longterm implications on Staff' heating and other items. Cookson – believes last years estimates were for two story. Dale – we will get that information for you; estimates but if for instance heating oil goes sky rocket the estimates would be way off. Henry – stick with oil heat. Dale – believes so. Engineer – Looking to keep with oil. Henry – wasn't sure if electric on demand? Engineer – gas on demand will be looked at but storage tank may not have enough room for. Priscilla Jenkins- has asked that they look at Geo thermo. Engineer – in order to work have to have the space for it. Dale – any questions give himself or Phil or a trustee a call. Cookson – has had several people ask if the project has gone dead. Dale – the old sewer line came out and wrapped around the Elks; the sewer line broke. Should be patched or replaced? Part of new building is to have it replaced so they are doing it now and taking out of the project. Russ Hazard – any provision for cost overrun? Talking about the existing contractor; what if it is 1 mil and they request more due to extra work; it is the Library goal to bring in at or under budget. Audience member – mentioned Dale has a lot of experience with cost and buildings.

Item #45 Public hearing on Municipal and School Budgets

Public hearing opened at 7:29

Cookson – when council started in April with municipal budget it was up 25%; Council meetings held and council feels they have maintained services; the budget sheet said draft on it. The reason is it always changes by the time we get to pubic hearing and the final budget isn't voted on until the public hearing. Due to advertising deal line. The draft sheet showed a 1.9 mil increase. That has changed. When you take the municipal; school' county; water shed. It is now 1.7 instead a 2.3 looking at on municipal side. School had proposed $\frac{1}{2}$ mil or 4 % and now is down to a little less than 4%. Opened up to audience and questions to municipal budget. Cookson – read the resolution as proposed;

Betsy – the mil increase what % is that on a \$1000; Fitzgerald 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Betsy what is that going to raise taxes. 1.47 per thousand. Judy – what is the bonding rate? Cookson – the bond the town took out about 10 years ago; it will expire in November of this year that is one reason the Council voted to do a new bond. The first payment not due until May of 2015. Council decided to make it less so did a 1.5 mil on a 7 year bond starting at 1.3 %. 1, 500,000 the pay back is 1,602,000. Audience member why is the towns business going up 22%, with ambulance, police and library. Cookson – that was with the old

sheets. As of last Thursday the municipal is up just over 9 or 10. Ambulance shows a drastic increase; that is of the total operation of ambulance service; look on the revenue side the ambulance will bring in 874, 000; divided by the revenue that comes in to all we provide service to that for a Winthrop tax payer would be little over \$18,000 a year. Audience member; this year quarter of a million dollars; going from 679 to 978 Cookson – increasing the paramedics pay (stipend) the emt's was \$1 per hour more to cut down on the transition of employees. The rest of the increase is on equipment purchases and infra-structure (oil lights and those we have no control over) audience asking chief of his increase. Chief last year took a cut of a position. \$40,000 for a server due to current one not being supported anymore. Audience also asked why County assessment up 1.2% the rest is last year's payment because of the change in billing and gave towns the option to spread payment over a period of time. Mr.. Turcotte – ambulance said they collected \$755,000 they projected \$874,000 . Cookson – doesn't have his figures all together. \$755,102 was the actual for what they brought in for revenue. Cookson believes it was a little under. Jeff said he would get back to Mr.. Turcotte as we still have a month left on this year. The ambulance usually gets in what they spend. Cookson – the ambulance usually low ball and usually comes in above. This year he is estimating \$874,308 for fy 14/15 and that increase is mainly because Winthrop is coving Monmouth. Monmouth does not bill the transport, Medicaid or Medicare and it goes back to the town. Mr.. Hazard -thanked Jeff for sending him figures. The mil stated to him was 1.479 and the estimated % would be 10.38 and to be careful with those figures was stated to him and would like it stated in the minutes. Also if the bond is over 7 years and divided you will have about a third of a mil? Cookson – the pavement 390,000 to maintain the roads to keep from deteriorating more than they already have, cut this out and include the first payment of the bond \$12,000. 218,000 for other payments, half of that will come from bond that is retiring in November. 127,000 currently pay. Because we will do all the paving of the worst roads in town, we wont have to put the 390 into the paving line every year and we will take the other half from that. Hazard agrees and applauded the council for coming up with that. It is Mr. Hazards understanding that the library will be paying the interest on the 300,000 they are bonding is there n=any written agreement that says they are liable for that portion of the bond. Cookson there will be an agreement once we apply which isn't until October and receive in April so done at that time. Until the council votes on the municipal budget there is no bond it is preliminary. If the budget gets cut the bond goes out the window. Hazard – presumably in 2016 there will be a re – eval of the town and that is a cost we will incur and people should be aware. Cookson – we are not required to do; the state recommends; and it was done because the water front properly was much lower than those that didn't live on the water. The state said we had to be more equitable and more balanced. Hazard, thanks the council and they have done a good job. Member – is library required to do the bond. Cookson – no; the chance that they will use 300,000 is pretty slim; the council decided to go with 1.5 because it was just under that and there are a couple more projects; like the big chunk of cement that sits in Maranacook lake. Council has asked Jeff to get estimates to remove this and hope to include in same bond. Fuller – explained that the library's 300,000 is to keep construction on schedule, due to for instance multi year pledges.

Hearing closed at 7:59

Cookson – Council you have budget in front of you.

Item #46 Consider Municipal Budget

Motion: Fuller as written in Resolution 102 – Part 1

Second: Ellis

Discussion: none

Vote: 7-0

Motion: Fuller to waive 2nd reading of Municipal budget
Second: Ellis
Discussion: None
Vote: 7-0

Public Hearing on School Budget; presentation by Superintendent

Close Public Hearing at 8:17 P.M.

Part 2 School Budget

Article #1

Motion: Henry
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #2

Motion: Fitzgerald
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #3

Motion: Caprara
Second: Fuller
Discussion: Ellis asked if State picks up tab, Yes.
Vote:7-0

Article #4

Motion: Fuller
Second: Fitzgerald
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #5

Motion: Caprara
Second: Fitzgerald
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #6

Motion: Henry
Second: Caprara
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #7

Motion: Caprara
Second: Henry
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #8

Motion: Fitzgerald
Second: Caprara
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #9

Motion: Buck
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #10

Motion: Henry
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #11

Motion: Buck
Second: Caprara
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #12

Motion: Fuller
Second: Fitzgerald
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #13

Motion: Fuller
Second: Henry
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #14

Motion: Caprara
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #15

Motion: Henry
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #16

Motion: Fitzgerald
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #17

Motion: Caprara
Second: Fuller
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Article #18

Motion: Fuller
Second: Fitzgerald
Discussion: None
Vote:7-0

Motion: Fuller to waive 2nd reading
Second: Ellis
Discussion: None
Vote: 7-0

Item #47 Determine the dates when property taxes committed during the 2014-2015 fiscal year shall become due and payable.

Motion: Caprara October 1, 2014 and April 1, 2015
Second: Fuller
Discussion:
Vote: 7-0

Item #48 Determine the rate of interest that shall be applied to delinquent taxes committed during the 2014 – 2015 fiscal year until those taxes are paid in full

Motion: Caprara -7%
Second: Fuller
Discussion: Buck; regulated by State
Vote: 7-0

Item #49 – Consider the rate of interest that shall be applied for over payment of taxes

Motion: Fuller
Second: Ellis
Discussion: None
Vote: 7-0

Item #50 – Public Hearing to consider accepting Micro-Grant funding
Open public hearing at 8:40; closed 8:40

Item #51 – Consider Accepting Micro-Grant Funding

Motion:

Second

Discussion: None

Vote 7-0

Item #52 – Consider Quitclaim Deed without Covenants

Motion:

Second:

Discussion: None

Vote 7-0

Item #53 – Consider Investment Committee

Tabled