

Winthrop Town Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7 p.m.
Winthrop Town Office

Call to Order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

That the Winthrop Town Council meet to consider the following items:

Approval of September 8, 2014 Council meeting minutes

Motion: Fitzgerald

Second: Caprara

Discussion: item 54, vote line says 7-0, needs to be removed as no vote taken.

Vote: 6-0

Item #70 – Consider Transfer Station Brush and Debris Processing Bids

Jeff explained had 3 bidders; Marshall Grinding, Jones, and Re Energy.

Recommendation sent last month had Marshall with low price on clean debris wood; Jones on the brush and compost and Re – Engery on the dirty debris. Marshall's bid was all inclusive and why the price varies; if they don't get the brush bid not interested in others. Recommends that Re Energy get the debris and Jones get brush bid.

Council asked if there is a change from who was doing it. Jeff doesn't believe Marshall is doing anything. Councilor Buck feels should go with Jeff's recommendation. Bids slightly lower than what town is paying currently.

Motion: Fitzgerald

Second: Buck

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Item #75 – Consider Request for and Speed Bumps on Royal Street

Jeff explained that recent signs have been placed and there is a request for speed bumps. Citizens Kemptons lived on street for years; there is constant speeding and police have

been patrolling. Buck asked if it was both way traffic. Yes; incoming from 202 is worse yet both ways are offenders. There are currently 3 signs on street. Citizens are looking for temporary speed bumps. In the last week 2 speed signs have been added. Fitzgerald would be curious to hear from the Police Chief. Chief Young says not enough time to change habits and that is what this will take; time to change habit. Chief stated this is a very short street and complaints come from all over town. Speed bumps placed on other streets citizens have asked for the removal of them; and winter time they need to be removed. Not positive this would help. Chief would rather see PD do a little more enforcement. Council asked Chief if mobil speed sign had been used on this street. It has not. Could put from 202 end to Main St. end. Modify behavior and enforcement the Chief believes is the solution. Henry supports the mobil speed sign and Fitzgerald supports another sign facing the other way. Chief asked time frame; 8-9 and 5 pm and whenever train comes through. Chief will put enforcement in there and see if it may help. Would like the speed bumps being removed from Greenwood to be placed on skinny side of street. Caprara suggested give time with additional sign and come back if doesn't work. Council agrees more signs and more enforcement.

Motion: None taken

Second:

Discussion:

Vote:

Item #76 – Public Hearing to Consider a Special Entertainment License for the Pond Town Pub

7:16 Public Hearing Open

Chief has reviewed application and it is adequate for type of entertainment. There are no issues. Permit is for a year - runs concurrent with state liquor license. Type of entertainment is music, comedy, dancing, public speaking, readings. Will be low key; mostly music. Will be patron dancing mostly and not other forms of entertainment.

Closed Public at 7:18

Item #77 – Consider a Special Entertainment License for the Pond Town Pub

Motion: Caprara

Second: Ellis

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Item #78 – Consider Request to Sell Prints of Town's Photo Library by Winthrop Historical Society

Linda Huff representing the Historical Society updated Council on Society happenings.

Last year offered to digitize the town vaults materials; at same time were given permission to use material to promote Historical Society. The Bailey Library has developed an archival portal of old town photos and are interested in using anymore they may have. Would like to set up for people to purchase these photos for money. The town use to sell for about \$6.00 and no longer has time to do so. The Historical Society would be willing to take on this task if they can keep the profit for the Society. If prints are sold does the town want some sort of prohibition of use and reproduction. If so what would wording be? If not an issue or concerned will not need. Buck supports as does Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald asked if they are looking to take ownership or use of. Permission had been granted and they are before council asking permission to sell reproduction. Will be on Web site if Council would like. Fitzgerald encourages the sale and can not think of any restrictions. Caprara asked if legally can this be done; the exchange of money for town property? What happens if reproduced by the purchaser? Henry suggested a stamp stating it can not be reproduced with out town approval. Fuller agrees to checking with legal; and feels if it is it is a good thing for the Society to do. Fitzgerald stated if photos present a positive image, ok with it. Also asked that Jeff look also into if any restrictions were given to the town when photos were obtained. They were donated yet Jeff will check. If Gary – board member for Society stated the pictures were offered to a family and need legal wording if this is the way they go. If we do this there should be a stipulation can not be sold or reproduced commercially without written consent. Recommend legal consult.

Motion: None taken.

Second:

Discussion:

Vote:

Item #79 – MILFoil Status Briefing by Annabessacook Lake Association

SueNeal - President of Annabessacook Lake Association updated council on the milfoil. Reprints are still pending. Shared this report with the council and also the budget and where dollars were spent. Council thanked the association for their work. Is there any concern that the milfoil has spread? A lot of concern where the outlet comes in to Wilson and the stream from Maranacook to Annabessacook needs to be checked. Association supports hiring to have the real weedy places done.

Item #80 – Consider Hydrologic Study Bids

Wendy explained the proposals received and by extensive review by Winthrop and Readfield and a site visit at the dam, two companies interested due to time constraints did not submit bids and four did. North Star Hydro gave two bid options. An \$8,000 and a \$10,000. The committee recommends the \$10,000 as submitted. The company is local. Council agrees good grouping of bids and all around the same price range. How does the bid compare to what was budgeted? Budget for year for Winthrop and Readfield was \$25,000.

Motion: Fitzgerald as recommended.

Second: Buck

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Item #81 – Consider Council-Library Trustee \$300,000 loan Agreement

Jeff explained draft agreement in packet; Fuller stated the changes and legal have been made. Council likes this agreement much better. Call from Paul asked if do not need the total \$300,000 must they take it. The language states if prepayment no penalty. Jeff explained if not needed it would be left in reserve and the payments would be adjusted to actual withdrawal. Insert words up to before \$300,000

Motion: Fitzgerald to approve with added language of up before \$300,000 as indicated on last paragraph.

Second: Henry

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Item #82 – Consider Quit Claim Deeds

Jeff explained payoff of 2011 liens. Still over \$100,000 to come in for 2011 liens. Fitzgerald asked Jeff to bring to next meeting how many properties for 2011, 2012 and 2013 and update Council. Wants to see big picture. Caprara reminded that after November election to put legislation in concerning when the town takes property to give money back to tax payer with money above what is owed. Fitzgerald supports this also.

Motion: Fitzgerald as submitted; map 31- lot 65, map 26-lot 46

Second: Ellis

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Managers Report - \$2,300 to repair fences around cemeteries. This amount is less than the interest gained last year in the Cemetery Trust Fund.

Motion: Fitzgerald

Second: Ellis

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Other Business

Fitzgerald updated Council on MMA Convention he had recently attended. Rail safety was a concern with another town. Recommendation that communities that have rails in their towns should be aware.

Henry concerned property on Main St and debris all around; concerned with the bricks that are bowed out. Fuller explained the owner is working trying to get fixed.

Item #83 – Executive session in accordance with 1 MRSA, Section 405.6.E – Consult with legal counsel regarding union negotiations

Motion: Fitzgerald to enter executive

Second: Caprara

Discussion:

None:

Adjourn: 8:00 P.M.