

Winthrop Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 8, 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 Town Manager Jeff Woolston (Absent), Lee Bragg, Carl Swanson, Joyce Tillson

Recognition Reserve Officer John Bussell's service to the Town of Winthrop.

Reading of Constitution Week Council Resolution  
Bonnie Wilder and Councilor Sarah Fuller read the resolution as written.

Bonnie Wilder also spoke of two community announcements.

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

**Approval of August 4, 2014 minutes.**

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

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

**No representative from the requester; Chair recommends that this is not put on agenda again**

Motion: None taken  
Second:  
Discussion:

**Item # 67 – Public Hearing to consider changes to the Dynamic Braking provision of the Unnecessary Noise Ordinance**

Open public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Terry Trask spoke on behalf of those who signed petition. Carleton Pond Rd heading to Augusta and from Augusta to town line. Signs currently state 10 pm to 6 am. Requesting no Jake braking at all. Doug Thomas – Old Village Rd. Works from home; Jake braking

Richard Dalton Case Rd. More noise level in Winter. Joe Robbins – Case Rd. also hears from 1 mile up the road. 202 is a residential neighbor even though it doesn't look it and should be NO Jake braking. Councilors asked if trucks could still slow. Yes it is too small of a hill. No reason for Jake braking on that small hill. Councilor noted can also hear motorcycles all the way to Monmouth and will never get rid of all noise. There is belief that the rumble strip will create more noise. The speed reduction in

speed is out of Council jurisdiction. Council Fuller noted the ordinance reads in the case of an emergency.

Closed Public Hearing 7:21 p.m.

**Item #68 – Consider changes to the Dynamic Braking provision of the Unnecessary Noise Ordinance**

Motion: Fitzgerald to not allow Jake braking at all  
Second: Henry  
Discussion  
Vote 6-0 (Cookson out of room at vote)

**Item #69 – Review invitation to flag dedication and ceremony at the WWI Bi-National Monument at Glenside Cemetery**

Previously had approved raising funds for flag poles. This is the dedication ceremony.

**Item #70 – Consider Various Transfer Station and Public Works Bids**

Cookson explained the bid list as presented.

Fitzgerald asked about problem had years ago and is there differences in dump bodies; galvanized vs. stainless steel. This dump body is going on a 2004 and will outlast the truck.

**New Truck with Plow**

Motion: Sarah to accept lowest bid as presented  
Second: Henry  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 7-0

**Dump Truck Body**

Motion: Fuller to accept lowest bid as presented  
Second: Fitzgerald  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 7-0

**Siding**

Motion: Fuller lowest bid as presented  
Second: Fitzgerald  
Discussion: Fuller asked why difference between two bids? None seen; the scope of work is outlined as per MMA's direction. Henry; siding going to with stand salt. It will be galvanized. Buck; will door be on it? Yes.  
Vote: 7-0

**Transfer Station Concrete Repair**

Motion: Fuller to accept sole bid.  
Second: Fitzgerald  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 7-0

Transfer Station until next month. (Grinding & Compost)

Caprara to table until more information; Fuller agreed

**Item #71 – Consider Post-Issuance Compliance Policy**

Lee Bragg explained through IRS regulations there is a form that asks about policy; town must have this policy.

Motion: Fuller as written

Second: Ellis

Discussion: None

Vote: 7-0

Motion: Fuller to waive second reading

Second: Ellis

Discussion: none

Vote 7-0

**Item #72 - Consider Quit Claim Deeds**

Motion: Caprara to approve as presented

Second: Fuller

Discussion: Fitzgerald asked if up to date on other taxes owed. Not known

Vote: 7-0

**Other Business**

Chair Cookson explained he had asked Jeff Woolsten about an agreement with the town and Charles M. Bailey, \$300,000 to assist the library addition. The library continues to say they are going to pay the town. An agreement has been drawn up stating just that.

Paragraph 9 Cookson doesn't feel it is necessary. They are a quasi-department of the town; any other department that has had agreement to pay town hasn't had paragraph nine in it and would like to recommend it be struck out. Lee explained the Library Trustees haven't seen this agreement as yet. Lee explained the importance of the agreement yet if the understanding by the Trustees (which is a corporation under such name) it should be memorialized. The library may not raise enough; may raise some not all; the only ability town has to force collection of the money is in the annual budget request. This is the reason paragraph 9 was put in and to have all cards on the table. Once Trustees see the agreement there may be some revisions. Henry asked if needed? Fitzgerald thinks they will continue to fund raise; this is just drawn up due to when the High School was built there were some issues due to Performing Arts Center vs. Auditorium and what the state pays; fund raising was initiated to pay for the pieces that the state would not cover.

Lee suggests that this agreement be run by the Trustees. Caprara explained this is not a binding agreement and Council can decide to have in annual budget. Fitzgerald feels fund raising will slow once building is up and closed in. Chair Cookson explained. Caprara suggested that maybe a clause that the Trustees must come before Council at certain points and if reporting requirement then Council can be informed. Fuller agrees. Caprara suggest reporting on a quarterly basis around fund raising. Fuller asked for changes to be completed to agreement prior to going to Trustees.

**Manager Report**

Chair Cookson explained the report from MRC and it is for informational purposes and requires no action. Fuller made not about regional collaboration; re: KVCOC's survey.

Fuller also explained voting sheets for MMA purposes; Cookson asked if anyone wished to be that voting delegate. Fitzgerald offered to be alternate. Fuller will be voting delegate.

**Item #73 – Consider going into executive session in accordance with 1 MRSA, Section 405.6.E – Consult with legal counsel regarding town charter**

**Item # 74- Executive session in accordance with 1 MRSA, Section 405.6.E – Consult with legal counsel regarding union negotiations**

Motion: Caprara to enter exec. (both) At 8:04

Second: Fuller

**Executive session out: 8:50 P.M.**

Adjourn: