



Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023

6 PM Executive Session

7PM Open Session

17 Highland Ave.

this meeting can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0d1TMiyCXe0&t=16s>

Call To Order – Roll Call 7:02 pm

Chair Andy Wess _x_, Vice-Chair Shannon McDonnell _x_

Councilor Bruce Burns _x_, Councilor Linda Caprara _x_,

Councilor Elizabeth Peters _x_, Councilor James Steele _x_,

Councilor Roy Weymouth _x_

6 p.m.-7 p.m.: Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) personnel matters

Motion: Move to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss the six-month evaluation of the town manager and to discuss a potential partnership with a neighboring community involving the public works director.

Motion by: Burns

Second: McDonnell

Vote: 6-0 (Caprara absent)

Motion: Move to exit executive session at 7:00 pm.

Motion by: Caprara

Second: Steele

Vote: 7-0

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment

Item 215 Discussion of [Maine Downtown Center's Municipal Membership program](#)

Item 215 postponed.

Item 216 Discussion and consideration of [Kennebec Valley Gardening Club](#) fundraising proposal

Item 216 was not discussed (no representation present).

Item 217 Consideration of awarding a contract to RJD Appraisal in response to a [Request for Proposals for assessing services](#)

Item 217 postponed.

Item 218 Discussion and consideration of proposed [amendments to the Marijuana Ordinance](#)

Motion: Move to approve amendments to the Marijuana Ordinance as presented

Motion by: Steele **Second:** McDonnell **Vote:** 5-2 (Burns, Peters opposed)

Motion: Move to waive the second reading of the approved amendments to the Marijuana Ordinance (approval requires a five-sevenths majority)

Motion by: Caprara **Second:** McDonnell **Vote:** 6-1 (Burns opposed)

Item 219 Consideration of [Zoning Ordinance amendments](#) to meet the requirements of LD 2003 ("An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions.")

Motion: Move to approve on second reading Zoning Ordinance amendments to meet the requirements of LD 2003 as presented

Motion by: Peters **Second:** Caprara **Vote:** 5-2 (Wess, Burns opposed)

Item 220 Discussion and consideration of [amending the Town's Tax-Acquired Property Policy](#)

Motion: Move to approve proposed amendments to the Town's Tax-Acquired Property Policy as presented

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

Item 221 Consideration of disbursement warrants

Motion: Move to approve the disbursement warrants as presented

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

Item 222 Consideration of recommendations from the Appointments Committee

Motion: Move to confirm the recommendation of the Appointments Committee to appoint [Corrinne Michaud-LeBlanc](#) to the Conservation Commission

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

Motion: Move to confirm the recommendation of the Appointments Committee to appoint [Ellen OBrien](#) to the Village Revitalization Committee

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

Motion: Move to confirm the recommendation of the Appointments Committee to appoint [Penny Pray](#) to the Village Revitalization Committee

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

Motion: Move to confirm the recommendation of the Appointments Committee to appoint [Gilles Soucy](#) to the Village Revitalization Committee

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

Other Business:

Public comment

Town Manager's report

Adjourn

Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 7:59 pm

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